



## AGENDA

### BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

6:00 PM

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

COUNCILMEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI

DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN

DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT

DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

DISTRICT 5 – SHOSHANA O'KEEFE

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## Preliminary Matters

### Roll Call:

**Land Acknowledgement Statement:** *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*

**Ceremonial Matters:** *In addition to those items listed on the agenda, the Mayor may add additional ceremonial matters.*

**City Manager Comments:** *The City Manager may make announcements or provide information to the City Council in the form of an oral report. The Council will not take action on such items but may request the City Manager place a report on a future agenda for discussion.*

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**Public Comment by Employee Unions (first regular meeting of the month):** *This period of public comment is reserved for officially designated representatives of City of Berkeley employee unions, with five minutes allocated per union if representatives of three or fewer unions wish to speak and up to three minutes per union if representatives of four or more unions wish to speak.*

## Consent Calendar

*The Council will first determine whether to move items on the agenda for “Action” or “Information” to the “Consent Calendar”, or move “Consent Calendar” items to “Action.” Three members of the City Council must agree to pull an item from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar for it to move to Action. Items that remain on the “Consent Calendar” are voted on in one motion as a group. “Information” items are not discussed or acted upon at the Council meeting unless they are moved to “Action” or “Consent”.*

*No additional items can be moved onto the Consent Calendar once public comment has commenced. At any time during, or immediately after, public comment on Information and Consent items, any Councilmember may move any Information or Consent item to “Action.” Following this, the Council will vote on the items remaining on the Consent Calendar in one motion.*

*For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again at the time the matter is taken up during the Action Calendar.*

**Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only:** *The Council will take public comment on any items that are either on the amended Consent Calendar or the Information Calendar. If ten or fewer persons are interested in speaking on an individual agenda item, each speaker may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Presiding Officer may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes. The Presiding Officer may, with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue, allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue. A speaker may only speak once during the period for public comment on Consent Calendar and Information items.*

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## Consent Calendar

### 1. **Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 684**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,002-N.S amending the Berkeley Municipal Code Titles 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and 23 (Zoning Ordinance) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 684 by establishing: 1. A ministerial, SB 684–compliant path for small-lot subdivisions and related housing; and 2. A local Parcel-Map path for lower-density projects that meet minimum residential density requirements but do not qualify under SB 684.

**First Reading Vote:** Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – O’Keefe.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

## Consent Calendar

- 2. Re-Establishment of the Downtown Berkeley Property and Business Improvement District (DPBID)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution declaring intent to establish the Downtown Berkeley Property and Business Improvement District (DPBID) for the ten-year period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2036, with operations to occur over the ten-calendar year period beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2036. Set a public hearing for May 19, 2026, on establishment of the DPBID, and direct the City Clerk to conduct all necessary proceedings for establishment of the DPBID.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
- 3. Ashby BART East Lot Transit Oriented Development Request for Proposal Framework**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) and Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit proposals from development teams (comprised of developers, service providers, and architects) regarding their plan, capacity, experience, and interest in developing the currently Bay Area Rapid Transit Agency (BART)-owned, future City-owned property known as the East Lot located at Adeline Street and Woolsey Street in South Berkeley.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
- 4. Contract No. 32300149 Amendment: mySidewalk, Inc. for HHCS Web-Based Population Health Data Platform**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300149 with mySidewalk, Inc. for an additional \$50,618 for a total not to exceed amount of \$207,928, and to extend the contract term end date to April 24, 2027.  
**Financial Implications:** \$50,618 - Various Funds  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
- 5. Filling Human Welfare and Community Action Commission Public Sector Vacancies**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of Catherine Gelsing to the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC).  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

## Consent Calendar

6. **City Contracts: Outdated Process Led to Non-Competitive Contracts**  
**From: Auditor**  
**Recommendation:** We recommend City Council request that the City Manager report back by Fall 2026, and annually thereafter, regarding the status of our audit recommendations until reported fully implemented by the Finance Department and other relevant departments. The audit includes 13 recommendations to clarify for staff when non-competitive contracts and amendments are appropriate, as well as to improve transparency and efficiency in the contracts process overall. The City management agreed or partially agreed to our findings and recommendations. Please see our report for their complete response.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750

## Council Consent Items

7. **Entertainment Zone Ordinance** (*Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*)  
**From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Refer for drafting to the City Attorney an ordinance enabling entertainment zones in Berkeley: Refer to the City Manager for the initiation of a merchant stakeholder engagement process and develop entertainment zone management plans for potential zones in the vicinity of the following locations and organizational leads: Downtown: Downtown Business Association, Gilman: Gilman District Merchants Association, South Side Telegraph Business Improvement District San Pablo University Avenue Association  
*Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation to encourage staff discretion in determining additional zones for entertainment.*  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

## Council Consent Items

8. **The Berkeley Rule: Artificial Intelligence Municipal Framework** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*  
**From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Author)**  
**Recommendation:** 1. Adopt a Resolution which affirms Berkeley’s commitment to innovation in service of liberty, dignity, and the public good. 2. The City hereby endorses “The Berkeley Rule” and encourages City staff, commissions, and community partners to consider its Ten Principles in the planning, evaluation, and oversight of artificial intelligence systems. The Berkeley Rule: Put Residents First; Modernize City Services; Empower the Community; Ensure Transparency and Accountability; Standardize Operations; Certify Ethical Use; Protect and Prepare Our Workforce; Defend Civil Liberties; Social Advancement and Accessibility; and Catalyze Civic Wealth. The principles are meant to encourage the Artificial Intelligence (AI) industry to develop products and services aligned with these goals.  
*Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to Council with a positive recommendation, and that items 3 and 4 in the recommendation be amended to be less prescriptive.*  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
9. **Referral: Strengthen Berkeley’s Micromobility Regulatory Framework to Improve Public Safety, ADA Accessibility, and Operator Accountability** *(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee)*  
**From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager and Transportation and Infrastructure Commission the development of recommendations to enhance safety and eliminate or reduce conflicts between shared micromobility devices and pedestrians/wheelchair users on Berkeley’s sidewalks.  
*Policy Committee Recommendation: To forward the item to Council with a positive recommendation.*  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
10. **Resolution Opposing Bureau of Land Management Oil and Gas Leasing and Drilling on California Public Lands and Parks**  
**From: Councilmember Tregub (Author)**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution opposing the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) proposed oil and gas leasing and development on approximately 1.6 million acres of California public lands, including areas adjacent to Bay Area parks such as Mount Diablo State Park, Pinnacles National Park, Henry W. Coe State Park, and Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve; and refer to the City Manager to send a letter to the BLM Central Coast Field Office, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and California’s Congressional delegation urging withdrawal of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements and cessation of all new oil and gas lease sales on California public lands.  
**Financial Implications:** Staff time  
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

## Council Consent Items

- 11. Citywide Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*  
**From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager to develop official, citywide guidelines for the secure, ethical, and effective use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools by City of Berkeley employees. The policy should align with Berkeley's values, promote innovation and progress, and safeguard privacy and public trust. The City Manager should review policies adopted by other California cities and develop Berkeley-specific principles to guide staff usage of AI. The following principles should form the foundation of Berkeley's policy: 1. Create safeguards against introduction of bias through use of AI systems 2. Protect data privacy and ensure cybersecurity compliance 3. Maintain human oversight and accountability 4. Explore opportunities to integrate AI into operations management 5. Foster collaboration and cross-departmental exchange of AI knowledge 6. Ensure transparency and compliance with Public Records Laws 7. Periodic review and improvement  
Developing a clear and responsible AI policy will help the City of Berkeley harness emerging technologies to better serve the community while upholding equity, integrity, and public confidence in city operations and services.  
*Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to Council with a positive recommendation.*  
**Financial Implications:** Staff time  
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
- 12. Berkeley Free Clinic Critical Renovations: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**  
**From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Vice Mayor Lunaparra's discretionary fund, \$500 from Councilmember Taplin's discretionary fund, and funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, to the Berkeley Free Clinic for critical renovations at its new location at 830 University Avenue, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

## Council Consent Items

- 13. Project to Increase Telegraph and Claremont Housing (PITCH) Rezoning**  
*(Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)*  
**From: Councilmember Humbert (Author), Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Author)**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager the Project to Increase Telegraph and Claremont Housing (PITCH) as a standalone rezoning effort to proactively and equitably increase housing stock in southeast Berkeley's high-resource areas. This project would seek to: 1. Rezone the Telegraph Avenue corridor south of Parker Street to the Oakland border at Woolsey Street from the current C-C (Commercial-Corridor) district to the C-T (Telegraph Avenue Commercial) district (or similar), allowing for taller mixed-use housing development, with a goal of base zoning of 8 stories/85 feet. 2. Identify and upzone specific auto-oriented C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) parcels in the Claremont and Ashby area (near Domingo Avenue) from their current 2–3 story limits to 4–6 stories using existing or new zoning districts. 3. Allocate funding from the District 8 office budget to begin required planning and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for the proposed zoning changes.

*Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation with the following amendments: 1. Provide a more precise description of where the balance of the proposed funding would come from. 2. Look at a variety of density bonus scenarios for projections related to units and stories. 3. Clarify that the boundary runs from south of Parker Street to the Oakland border.*

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

## Action Calendar

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*Action items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair with the consent of Council.*

*The Presiding Officer may open and close an additional comment period for Action items on this agenda (excluding any public hearings, appeals, and/or quasi-judicial matters), at the start of the Action Calendar. Those who speak on an item during this comment period may not speak a second time when the item is taken up by Council.*

## Action Calendar – Public Hearings

*Staff shall introduce the public hearing item and present their comments. For certain hearings, this is followed by five-minute presentations each by first the appellant and then the applicant. For appeals of special assessment tax liens, time shall be provided for public comment for persons representing both sides of the action/appeal and each side will be allocated seven minutes to present their comments on the appeal. The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak line up at the podium, or use the "raise hand" function in Zoom, to be recognized and to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time.*

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*When applicable, each member of the City Council shall verbally disclose all ex parte contacts concerning the subject of the hearing. Councilmembers shall also submit a report of such contacts in writing prior to the commencement of the hearing. Written reports shall be available for public review in the office of the City Clerk.*

- 14. Amendments to BMC Title 23 (Zoning) to Update the Regulation of Nonconforming Lot Coverage, Floor Area Ratio and Density for Residential Uses in Selected Zoning Districts**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt the first reading of an ordinance amending BMC Title 23 Section 23.324.050 to update the regulation of nonconforming lot coverage, FAR and density for residential uses in the Residential Multi-Unit 1 (R-1), Residential Multi-Unit 2 (R-2), Residential Multi-Unit 2A (R-2A), and Mixed Use-Residential (MU-R) Zoning Districts.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
- 15. Amendments to the Berkeley Election Reform Act Regarding the Return of Unspent Public Matching Funds, Reuse of Campaign Materials, Campaign Expenditures and Cost of Living Adjustments**  
**From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission**  
**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt an ordinance amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act, BMC Chapter 2.12.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950
- 16. Appeal of Special Assessment Tax Lien and of the Need for Abatement Action at 2750 Cedar Street**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the property owners' appeal of a special assessment tax lien and of the necessity and cost of City abatement actions and allowing the special assessment lien for \$24,831.37 for 2750 Cedar Street (APN 058 221102001) to be recorded with the County of Alameda.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

## Council Action Items

**17. Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department's Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement** *(Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)*

**From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution rescinding Berkeley Police Department's current required notification process for reporting pepper spray via the Berkeley Police Department Use of Pepper Spray Report after each incident. Further, maintain the recording of pepper spray use within the existing use of force reporting system to minimize the administrative burden on staff. The department's current transparency measures already provide the public with detailed data on all use of force incidents.

*Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item with a qualified positive recommendation to Council that includes 1) inviting Police Accountability Board review, 2) reaffirming the existing reporting requirements that remain in effect, and 3) direction to the Berkeley Police Department to work to maximize the availability of the reports through the Transparency Hub and the Annual Report.*

**Financial Implications:** None

Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

## Action Calendar – Old Business

**18. City of Berkeley's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform** *(Continued from February 24, 2026)*

**From: Mayor Ishii (Author)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the City of Berkeley's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

## Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

### Adjournment

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### **Item #17: Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department's Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement (Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)**

1. Kat Larrowe on behalf of the Human Welfare Community Action Commission
2. SEIU 1201 CSU/PTRLA Union Chapter Officers
3. Jacqui VanLiew
4. Office of the Director of Police Accountability

### **Use of Tear Gas and Flock Cameras Concerns**

5. Andrew Jess
6. Anne-Lise Francois
7. Carol Denney
8. Becca Schonberg
9. Kelly Hammargren
10. Zan Turner
11. Margot Smith (2)
12. Allison Baxter
13. Nish Parker
14. Deborah Cohan

### **Police Accountability Board**

15. Shenandoah Titus
16. Wendy Alfsen (2)
17. Christopher Kroll
18. L Carol Christopher

### **Ordinance Request**

- 19.9 Similarly worded form letters "I'm so sorry to bother."

### **Overnight Construction Noise**

20. Anthony

### **Identify Consumer Fraud**

21. Lydia Shiozaki

### **Environmental Health Concerns**

22. Sheila Collier
23. Fran Haselsteiner

### **8<sup>th</sup> and Harrison**

24. Molly Miller

**Billboard Support**

- 25. Natalie Aguilera
- 26. Emily Seelenfreund
- 27. Ryan Nolan

**BART Board Meeting**

- 28. Henry Symons

**Data-Driven Accountability**

- 29. Parsa Shabani

**2026 New Star Pop-Up Street Fair Series**

- 30. Brilliant Star Society

**Office Hours**

- 31. Dorothea Dorenz

**Administrative Appeal**

- 32. Andrew Marowitz

**2109 Virginia**

- 33. Gregory Kalkanis

**Hopkins Street**

- 34. David Gilbert

**Proclamation Request**

- 35. Monica Torres
- 36. Dolores Martinez

**North Branch Library**

- 37. Glen

**A Note for You**

- 38. Leonard Pitt

**211 and Available Shelter**

- 39. Jesse Sheehan

**Settlement Fund Request**

- 40. Marcus von Engel

**Lunar New Year**

- 41. Joel Ng on behalf of Falun Gong Practitioners in Berkeley

**Upzoning**

- 42. Summer Brenner
- 43. Jacqueline Beth

- 44. Howard Hertz
- 45. Micky Duxbury (2)
- 46. John J. Parman

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 47. Kelly Hammargren

**Crosswalk Illumination**

- 48. David Lerman

**Group Picture**

- 49. Ararety Garewal

**BHS Teacher**

- 50. Jim Lutz

**Elementary Reading Program**

- 51. Ruth Stern

**BUSD Fix-It Fest**

- 52. Linda Currie

**Parking Permits**

- 53. Cristina Estrada

**RV Concerns**

- 54. Eric Mason

**Housing Voucher Concerns**

- 55. Michelle Cortez

**Traffic Enforcement**

- 56. Margaret

**Berkeley Downtown Library**

- 57. Jacqueline Fried

**Big Oaks Learning Center**

- 58. Raquel Balingit

**Occupied Property**

- 59. Raj Sahai

**BHA Grievance**

- 60. Michelle Cortez

**ADA Grievance**

- 61. Jonnyruel

### **High-Rise Apartments**

62. Pauline Bondonno Cross

### **EPA New Funding Opportunity**

63. Chris Cullander

### **Resolution Request**

64. Musa Tariq

### **Acton Courtyard Tenants Union**

65. Yasmin Jenkins (3)

### **Forwards**

66. Russbumper (2)

### **Newsletters**

67. Visit Berkeley (2)

68. Downtown Berkeley Association

69. Margots999

70. Berkeley Art Center

### **I-580 Truck Ban**

71. Nate Miley

72. Brandy Olson

73. Shannon Rogers

74. Laura Gardner

### **URL**

75. Russbumper

### **E-Scooters**

76. Moni Law

77. Robert Borghese (9)

78. Carson Lepre (9)

79. Wahid Amiri

### **Supplemental Communications and Reports**

*Items received by the deadlines for submission will be compiled and distributed as follows. If no items are received by the deadline, no supplemental packet will be compiled for said deadline.*

- **Supplemental Communications and Reports 1**  
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- **Supplemental Communications and Reports 3**  
Available by 5:00 p.m. two days following the meeting.

