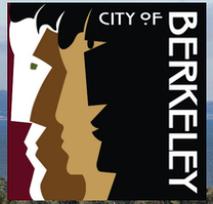


Maudelle Shirek Building The Seat of Berkeley's Democracy



Old City Hall as New City Hall

The City of Berkeley, with strong support from its community, aims to return robust civic activity to the historic Maudelle Shirek Building.

Completed in 1909, this building served as the meeting place of the Berkeley City Council for 109 years and is Berkeley's First Landmark Building. During that time the City enacted ground-breaking progressive policies and developed a well-deserved reputation as a city of firsts. Now, due to seismic safety concerns, the building is no longer in use by the City and continues to fall into disrepair.

The Berkeley community was asked to envision what the Maudelle Shirek Building might become. Through surveys, events, and workshops, the community spoke clearly: The Maudelle Shirek Building should return to being the city's seat of democracy, with flexible hearing and meeting rooms for government and community use, and accommodate vision-aligned service non-profits whose missions amplify and record Berkeley's evolving story.

20+ Neighbors & Affiliated Groups '22-23

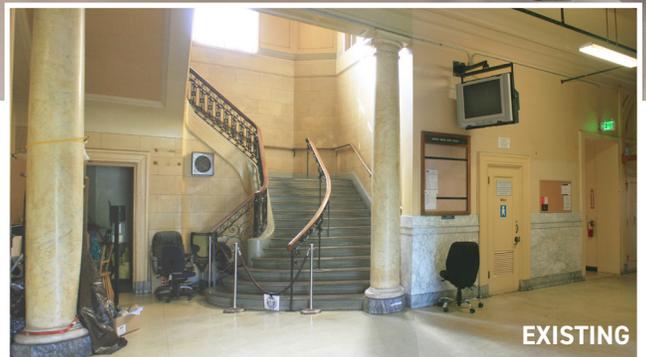
654 Online Survey Respondents Dec '22-Jan '23

32 Youth Work-session participants Feb 2023

40 Participants at Open House Nov 2022

200+ Written Comments on Postcards Nov 2022

Slower and Safer Streets
Anything else you want to share with us?
BETTER LIGHTING AFTER DARK IS A MUST! AND SLOWING TRAFFIC DURING THE DAY TO IMPROVE SAFETY IS VERY IMPORTANT AS WELL. MAINTAINING THE EXISTING IS GOOD BUT CONSIDER HAVING SOME NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO CHECK TRAFFIC LIGHTS.
City of Berkeley



A laboratory of new political ideas since its founding, Berkeley has long advanced the concept of community through policy development. Investment in the rejuvenation of the Maudelle Shirek Building will re-establish its historic role as a state-of-the-art vessel for in Berkeley's political discourse, honor the legacy of one of Berkeley's political heroes, and support the values its community lives by.



Historic Hearing Room with 'Berkeley - The City and its People,' a mural by Romare Bearden, completed 1972.

Returning civic functions to the Maudelle Shirek Building will require improvements, including:

- Seismic retrofits to protect the historic resource and its functions
- Restoration and repair to the historic building
- A modern addition at the rear of the building to serve the community's meeting and governance needs with a new state-of-the-art meeting chambers
- Accessibility and egress improvements to provide universal access throughout the building
- Electrification, renewable energy and energy storage to align with the City of Berkeley's Electrification Strategy and provide resiliency
- New mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems to meet current efficiency and operations standards

The project is pursuing multiple funding pathways to meet its expected \$51-62M construction budget, including:

- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Extreme Heat & Community Resilience Grant - California Governor's Office of Land Use & Climate
- Bond Measures