



Office of the City Manager

REVISED AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 2

Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

Item Number: 38

Item Description: Placing a General Obligation Bond Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot for the Acquisition or Improvement of Real Property for Public Infrastructure and Facilities

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Staff are proposing revisions to the ballot measure language to reflect the recommendation by the Environment and Climate Commission and the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, and Environmental Sustainability (FITES) policy committee of the City Council to add language related to all-electric construction standards.

Section 1. Findings

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WHEREAS, the issuance of the Bonds to finance the infrastructure and facilities needs documented in the City's Capital Improvement Programs and the City's Vision 2050 Framework is part of the City's comprehensive approach to identifying and addressing the City's infrastructure and facilities needs, and the Improvements are related as a result of such approach; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements will include all-electric new construction and the replacement of existing natural gas infrastructure with electric systems, in alignment with the City's All-Electric Standards for Municipal Projects, except in limited circumstances in which City Council grants an exception; and

WHEREAS, the Improvements may include any public art integrated into the Improvements consistent with Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 6.13; and

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Section 2. Object and Purpose of Bonds.

This measure (the "Measure") authorizes the issuance of the Bonds, the object and purpose of which is to finance, by the City of Berkeley or a third party, as applicable, the acquisition or improvement of real property for the Improvements. The Improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Emergency (including Fire Department) response facilities;
- City's parks and recreation facilities and infrastructure;
- Accessibility improvements in the City;
- Seismic and climate resiliency upgrades;
- All-electric new construction and the replacement of existing natural gas infrastructure with electric infrastructure, except when an exception is approved by City Council in alignment with the City's All-Electric Standards for Municipal Projects;
- Facility modernization and reliability improvements; and
- Construction of or improvements to other City infrastructure, including renovation, replacement, or reconstruction for public benefit.

The Improvements (as defined above) will be completed as needed, and each is assumed to include its share of costs, including planning, program management and construction costs. The final cost of each Improvement will be determined as real property is purchased, plans are finalized, construction bids are awarded, or projects are completed. In addition, certain acquisition or improvement funds are expected from non-bond sources, including funds which have not yet been secured. Therefore, the City Council cannot guarantee that the Bonds will provide sufficient funds to allow completion of all needed Improvements.

Proceeds of the Bonds may be used to reimburse the City for expenditures on the Improvements that are paid before the date of execution, delivery or issuance of the Bonds.