



AGENDA

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 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

DISTRICT 6 – BRENT BLACKABY

DISTRICT 7 – CECILIA LUNAPARRA

DISTRICT 8 – MARK HUMBERT

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting, however, if you are feeling sick, please do not attend the meeting in person. The City Council may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.

Pursuant to the City Council Rules of Procedure and State Law, the presiding officer may remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting. Prior to removing an individual, the presiding officer shall warn the individual that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and that their failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal. The presiding officer may then remove the individual if they do not promptly cease their disruptive behavior. “Disrupting” means engaging in behavior during a meeting of a legislative body that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting and includes, but is not limited to, a failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by a legislative body, or engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force.

Government Code Section 84308 (Levine Act) - Parties to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use are required to disclose if they made contributions over \$500 within the prior 12 months to any City employee or officer. Parties and participants with a financial interest are prohibited from making more than \$500 in contributions to a decisionmaker for the 12 months after the final decision is rendered on the proceeding. The above contribution disclosures and restrictions do not apply when the proceeding is competitively bid, or involves a personnel or labor contract. For more information, see Government Code Section 84308.

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.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: *Up to ten persons will be selected to address matters not on the Council agenda. If five or fewer persons are identified to provide non-agenda comment, each person selected will be allotted two minutes each. If more than five persons are selected to address matters not on the Council agenda, each person selected will be allotted one minute each.*

In-person attendees wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Council agenda during the initial ten-minute period for such comment, must submit a speaker card to the City Clerk in person at the meeting location and prior to the moment that the Presiding Officer calls for public comment on non-agenda items. Remote attendees must raise their hand in the videoconference application when the Presiding Officer calls for non-agenda speakers. The first five raised hands on the videoconference application will be selected to speak and the first five cards drawn at the meeting will be selected to speak. The number of in-person and remote speakers selected may be adjusted by the Presiding Officer if fewer than five speakers from either format are identified.

The remainder of the speakers wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items will be heard at the end of the agenda.

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.*

Additional information regarding public comment by City of Berkeley employees and interns: Employees and interns of the City of Berkeley, although not required, are encouraged to identify themselves as such, the department in which they work and state whether they are speaking as an individual or in their official capacity when addressing the Council in open session or workshops.

Recess Items

- 1. Increase Spending Authority to Create Purchase Orders Against Contract No. 31900270: Dell Computers, Inc. for Continued Hardware, Software, and Related Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to increase spending authority for purchase orders to Contract No. 31900270 with Dell Computers, Inc. for the purchase of hardware, software, and related services utilizing the County of Riverside Agreement 8084445, for an additional \$2,900,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$11,097,733 for the period of November 1, 2019, through October 31, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500

Recess Items

2. **Contract No. 32600016 Amendment: Team Ghilotti South Cove West Lot Repaving Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during the City Council recess authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32600016 with Team Ghilotti for the South Cove West Parking Lot Project, increasing the amount by \$335,740 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$2,220,381.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
3. **Increased Spending Authority: East Bay Regional Communications System Authority Project Operating Agreement (Contract No. 31900111) for Public Safety Radio Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager to increase the spending authority with the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority for public safety radio communications services, increasing the amount by \$2,600,000 for a total not to exceed of \$6,819,482 and requiring Council reauthorization by December 31, 2031.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jaime Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Consent Calendar

4. **Loan Administration Board Dissolution; Repealing BMC Chapter 3.72**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,032-N.S. repealing Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.72. Loan Administration Board enabling legislation, thereby dissolving the Loan Administration Board.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
5. **Minutes for Approval**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of July 6, 2026 (closed), July 7, 2026 (regular), July 14, 2026 (special and regular), July 20, 2026 (closed), July 24, 2026 (closed), and July 28, 2026 (regular).
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Consent Calendar

- 6. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on September 29, 2026**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.
Financial Implications: \$17,585,000 - Various Funds
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 7. Adopt Resolution Approving Publicly Available Pay Schedule**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a publicly available pay schedule effective September 15, 2026, pursuant to the Public Employee's Retirement Law (PERL), Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), and Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
- 8. Appointment of Director of Police Accountability**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the appointment of Mary Opler as Director of Police Accountability and approving an employment agreement effective October 5, 2026, at an annual salary of \$230,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
- 9. Contract: Agile Occupational Medicine for Occupational Health Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Agile Occupational Medicine for Employee Occupational Health Services for the period of January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2030 for a total not to exceed of \$150,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
- 10. Contract No. 32100138 Amendment: AnchorCM for On-call Waterfront Project and Construction Management Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32100138 for AnchorCM, for on-call Waterfront project and construction management services, increasing the contract amount by \$1,000,000 for a total Not-to-exceed amount of \$3,000,000 and duration by twelve months, from December 31, 2026 to December 31, 2027.
Financial Implications: \$3,000,000 - Various Funds
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Consent Calendar

- 11. Contract No. 32400043 Amendment: Elavon, Inc. for Online Credit Card Processing Services for Recreation Programs and Facilities**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to contract 32400043 with Elavon, Inc. for online credit card processing services for Recreation programs and facilities by \$125,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$485,000.
Financial Implications: \$485,000 - Various Funds
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
- 12. Donation: Memorial Bench at the Berkeley Waterfront in Memory of Mike Parker**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation in the amount of \$3,400 for a memorial bench to be placed at the Berkeley Waterfront in memory of Mike Parker.
Financial Implications: \$3,400 - Donation
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
- 13. Amendment to BMC Chapter 2.99 to Establish Surveillance Technology Vendor Accountability Requirements and to Revise the Annual Surveillance Technology Reporting Schedule**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt the first reading of an Ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 2.99 to require enforceable violation, sanction, and termination provisions in agreements with surveillance technology vendors; to change the annual Surveillance Technology Report to a calendar-year reporting period due to the City Council at the first regular meeting in March, beginning with a report in March 2027 covering October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026; and to conform references to the Police Accountability Board.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
- 14. Contract No. 31900143 Resolution Amendment: Passport Labs Incorporated for Parking Citation and Permit Management System (CPMS)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 72,068-N.S., to clarify the total contract authority required to execute and operationalize the contract with Passport Labs Inc. for a Parking Citation and Permit Management System. The amendment reflects a total contract authority of \$9.3 million for the initial three-year term, from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029, with the option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods, provided that the final extension shall end no later than August 31, 2031.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

Consent Calendar

- 15. Contract No. 32400003 Amendment: Cooke & Associates Background Investigations**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Cooke & Associates, a background investigation services provider for public safety personnel, to increase the contract amount by \$350,000 to a total contract of \$930,000 expiring on July 31, 2028.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
- 16. Grant: Fiscal Year 2027 Alcohol Policing Partnership (APP) Grant**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, to execute a grant contract and any subsequent amendments with the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in the amount of \$97,330 for fiscal year 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
- 17. Revenue Grant: Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) Acceptance**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or their designee, to accept the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments with the California Highway Patrol. The total grant amount is \$90,629.70 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
- 18. Alameda County Transportation Commission Comprehensive Investment Program 2028 and One Bay Area Grant 4 Applications**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt Resolutions of local support for Alameda County Transportation Commission Comprehensive Investment Program (CIP) 2028 and One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 4 grant applications submitted on July 27, 2026, for the Sacramento Crossings Improvement Project and the North and West Berkeley Safe Routes to Schools Project; accept the funds; and execute any resultant agreements and amendments.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Consent Calendar

19. **Contract No. 32600193 Amendment: Bay Construction Co. for Transfer Station Aboveground Storage Tank Specification No. 25-11733-C**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32600193 with Bay Construction Co. for the Transfer Station Aboveground Storage Tank Project, increasing the contract amount by \$110,964.00 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$765,600.00, for the contract term beginning June 23, 2026, through December 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
20. **Contract: IDAX Traffic Data, LLC for On-call Traffic Survey Consulting Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with IDAX Traffic Data, LLC, for on-call traffic survey consulting services for an initial three-year period in the amount not to exceed \$240,000, with an option of up to two, one-year extensions.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
21. **Contract: One Workplace Construction LLC dba Vantis for 1947 Center St. Window Replacement Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving plans and specification for 1947 Center St. Window Replacement Project (Specification No. 26-11762-C); and 2. Accepting the bid of One Workplace Construction LLC dba Vantis as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or change orders until the Project is completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications for an amount Not To Exceed (NTE) \$1,764,620.00, including a contingency of \$294,100.00, for the term of November 1, 2026, to September 31, 2031.
Financial Implications: \$1,764,600.00 - Various Funds
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
22. **Contract: Shaw Integrated and Turf solutions, Inc., for Civic Center Building, Fourth Floor @ IT Department Carpet Replacement Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Accepting the California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) bid procedures; 2. Approving the CMAS Contract with Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions, Inc. for Carpet Replacements at the Civic Center Building; and, 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreements with Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$90,542, which includes a contingency of \$11,810.
Financial Implications: \$90,542 - Capital Improvement Fund
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Consent Calendar

- 23. Expenditure Contract: AMCS GROUP, INC. for Online Refuse Payment Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with AMCS GROUP, Inc. for AMCS Pay, which provides online refuse payment services, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the term of October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2031.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 24. Grant Acceptance: Alameda CTC TFCA Adeline Quick Build**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting \$1,000,000 of Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) funds from the Alameda County Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Adeline Quick Build Project and execute any resultant agreements and amendments.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 25. Purchase Order: Braun Northwest, Inc. for One 2027 Ford F-450 North Star Ambulance Body Remount to a New Chassis**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Braun Northwest, Inc. for one 2027 Ford F-450 North Star ambulance remount to a new chassis in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.
Financial Implications: \$260,000 - Public Works Department Equipment Fund
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Council Consent Items

- 26. Referral to the City Manager to Develop An Updated Cross Departmental Program Plan and Strategic Asset Management Plan Per the Realize Vision 2050 Plan to Address the City's Long-term Infrastructure Needs and Maintenance Schedule and Provide Semi-Annual Progress Reports to City Council**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to develop an updated cross-departmental Program Plan and Strategic Asset Management Plan as set forth in the Realize Vision 2050 Plan to address the City's long-term infrastructure needs and maintenance schedule, and provide semi-annual progress reports to City Council.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Council Consent Items

- 27. Cal Sailing Club's Final 2026 Open House: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember, including \$1,000 from Councilmember Taplin, to support Cal Sailing Club's Final 2026 Open House in October.
Financial Implications: Councilmember's Discretionary Funds - \$1,000
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
- 28. Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to Support the Restoration of "Sinbad Voyage"**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including contributions of \$500 from Councilmember Igor Tregub, \$250 from Councilmember Terry Taplin, \$100 from Mayor Ishii, and \$100 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett, and inviting all Councilmembers to contribute to support the restoration of Mokhtar Paki's "Sinbad Voyage" mural.
Financial Implications: Councilmembers' Discretionary Funds - \$1,000
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
- 29. Honoring Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution honoring September as childhood cancer awareness month.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160
- 30. United Against Hate Week 2026 Resolution**
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution declaring October 18 – 24 as United Against Hate Week in Berkeley.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

Council Consent Items

31. **Music in the Elmwood Festival: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Humbert (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$14,000 per Councilmember including \$14,000 from Councilmember Humbert to the Elmwood Business Association for the Music in the Elmwood Festival in the years 2027 and 2028, with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Humbert and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: Councilmember's Discretionary Funds - \$14,000
Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180
32. **Reaffirmation of the Sister City Relationship Between the City of Berkeley and the City of Palma Soriano, Cuba**
From: Councilmember Humbert (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution reaffirming the long-standing Sister City relationship between the City of Berkeley and the City of Palma Soriano, Cuba, and reauthorizing the Berkeley–Palma Soriano Sister City Committee to resume work on clean water, environmental, cultural, and educational projects in partnership with the Palma Soriano community, at no direct or indirect cost to the City of Berkeley.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

Action Calendar

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action. 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 during the Action Calendar public comment period on the item

The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak line up at the podium, or use the "raise hand" function in Zoom, to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time. 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.

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. 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.

If ten or fewer persons are interested in speaking during a public hearing, 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.

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.

33. California Municipal Finance Authority Bond Financing for Ashby Lofts Project From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct the public hearing on September 29, 2026, under the requirements of Tax and Equity Fiscal Responsibility Act ("TEFRA") and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and upon conclusion:

Adopt a Resolution approving the issuance of the Bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority ("CMFA") for the benefit of Ashby Lofts LP, a California limited partnership (the "Borrower"), to provide for the financing of Ashby Lofts (the "Project"). The adoption is intended to solely satisfy the requirements of TEFRA, the Code and the California Government Code Section 6500 (and following).

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

34. Adoption of San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion:

1. Adopt a Resolution: a. Considering an Addendum to the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR) together with the previously certified EIR and finding that none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR have occurred; b. Adopting the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan and San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Design Standards Document; c. Approving and adopting General Plan and University Avenue Strategic Plan map and text amendments to redesignate certain parcels and update certain land use designations to be consistent with the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan; and d. Rescinding the West Berkeley Plan and San Pablo Avenue Public Improvements Plan; and
2. Adopt the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Berkeley Municipal Code to create the San Pablo Commercial District (Chapter 23.202.160) and additional conforming amendments to other sections of the Municipal Code.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action Calendar – New Business

- 35. Affordable Housing Preference Policy: Pilot Assessment and Policy Update**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 70,960-N.S. to revise and update the Affordable Housing Preference Policy for new residential housing units created via the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and Below Market-Rate (BMR) programs.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
- 36. Surveillance Technology Ordinance Submission for Mutual Aid Air Support, Pursuant to Council Action of July 14, 2026**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to accept the Surveillance Acquisition Report and approve the Surveillance Use Policy (BPD Policy 1308) for Mutual Aid Air Support, pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code (B.M.C.) Chapter 2.99.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

Information Reports

- 37. Restaurant Inspection Audit Status Report**
From: City Manager
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
- 38. Update: HR Response: Audit Recommendations for Comprehensive Domestic Violence Policy to Support City Employees**
From: City Manager:
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
- 39. Response to City Council's Motion Regarding Refinements to the Telegraph Multimodal Corridor Project Design Approved at the October 28, 2025 Meeting of the Berkeley City Council**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 40. Planning Commission Fiscal Year 2026-27 Work Plan**
From: Planning Commission
Contact: Alisa Shen, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Adjournment

NOTICE CONCERNING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS: If you object to a decision by the City Council to approve or deny a use permit or variance for a project the following requirements and restrictions apply:
1) No lawsuit challenging a City decision to deny (Code Civ. Proc. §1094.6(b)) or approve (Gov. Code 65009(c)(5)) a use permit or variance may be filed more than 90 days after the date the Notice of

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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### **9<sup>th</sup> and Camelia/4<sup>th</sup> and Camelia**

1. Jimena Jimenez
2. Rebecca Ramirez
3. Chia Zau
4. Michele Turnerhill
5. Crystal Turnerhill-Dawkins (3)
6. Lisa Brown (2)
7. Jorge Lopez
8. Nikhila Pai (2)
9. Stephanie Chang (2)
10. Josh Jacobs
11. Or Dobrin
12. Louis Basel
13. Daniel Isaacson
14. Jacob Couture (3)
15. CC Miksza (2)
16. Kevin Hughes
17. Gunnar Madsen
18. Kendra Hypolite
19. Fitzann Reid
20. Leah Cabugos-Mendez
21. Lauren Kaneko-Jones
22. Tatiana Davis
23. Michelle Wolfson (2)
24. Oliver Davis
25. Paul Gundelfinger
26. Tong Li
27. Araxi Gundelfinger
28. Robyn Papathakis Shannon
29. Daniel Gerber
30. Maddie Goldman-Rogers

**Encampments**

- 31. Adelaide Jenkins
- 32. Meryl Siegal
- 33. Barbara Fisher

**1820 University Ave**

- 34. Nathaniel Goldstein

**Berkeley Tax Measures**

- 35. Bob Brewer

**Ashby BART**

- 36. Mickey Butts
- 37. Elaine Magree

**Safety Lights for Berkeley Crew**

- 38. Matthew Smith

**Request**

- 39. Diana Bohn

**Discarded Bicycles**

- 40. Sas Colby

**Gravel Parking Systems at Spinnaker Way**

- 41. Todd Jersey (2)

**3050 College Ave**

- 42. Kamal Azari

**Class Cancellations and Refund Request**

- 43. Alyssa Cauble May

**Parking Meters**

- 44. Jenny Josephian

**Flock Concerns**

- 45. Betsy Bigelow-Teller
- 46. Janice Schroeder (2)
- 47. Summer Brenner
- 48. Jacqui VanLiew

**Updates from Berkeley Speaks**

- 49. Boona Cheema

**Cigarette-Filter Waste Concern**

- 50. David Neese

**2012 Channing Way**

- 51. Tim Donnelly
- 52. Grace Smith

**Berkeley Tuolumne Family Camp**

- 53. Claire Patterson and Lamont Rodriguez

**Smoke Advisory**

- 54. Dorothea Dorenz

**Hayden Act Concern**

- 55. Francesca Agrusa

**Berkeley Indigenous People's Day**

- 56. John Curl

**Meeting Request**

- 57. Yasir Rizvi

**Marina Ave Stop Sign and Safety**

- 58. Kenny Yu

**Aquatic Park Wetlands Letter**

- 59. Susan Schwartz

**Caltrans Truck Access Study Findings**

- 60. The NoBigRiggs580 Committee

**Insight Housing Concern**

- 61. JLucus916

**Hopkins**

- 62. Robert Kehlmann
- 63. Donna DeDiemar

**Ceremonial Matters Request**

- 64. Leslie Maxie

**South Cove Parking Fee**

- 65. Paul Kamen

**Marina Concerns**

- 66. Rachel Bradley

**College Ave and Derby St. Concerns**

- 67. Eidit Choochage

**Late Penalty Concern**

68. Summerlea Kashar

**Chancellor's Grant Listening Study**

69. Nageene Mosaed

**Coalition Next Steps**

70. Carol Denney

**Zoning/Upzoning**

71. Warren and Lorna Byrne

72. Debra Busta Moore (2)

73. Olivia Grimes (2)

**Urban Gardens**

74. Steven Hesh

**Documentary**

75. Joel Ng

**Dorothy Day House Concern**

76. Blaire Wally

**Comment Concern**

77. Stephen Alpert

**Proclamation Request**

78. Arya Devanath

**Infrastructure Bond**

79. Judy Ziajka

**URLs**

80. Russbumper (3)

81. Sam Holtzman

**E-Scooters**

82. Robert Borghese (7)

83. Antonio Vargas

84. Deven Mitchell (2)

85. Carson Lepre (3)

**Forwards**

86. Eid Abdallah (12)

87. Russbumper (2)

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