

Correspondence

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Planning Commission

From: aimee baldwin <junk.menagerie@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2026 2:47 PM
To: Klein, Jordan; Planning Dept. Mailbox
Cc: Planning Commission
Subject: seeking data: Affordable BMR housing numbers for RHNA goals

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Dear Jordan Klein and Planning Department,

I would appreciate it if you could send the information that shows real numbers and data used to demonstrate how the city is progressing towards our affordable Below Market Rate housing RHNA requirements, and what mechanisms are most effective at getting BMR units built.

I am trying to see how much the city relies on use of the State Density Bonus to get BMR unit numbers, where are the trends in where BMR housing is getting built, and what we can expect realistically from In-Lieu fee development.

PROVIDE NUMBERS for affordable Below Market Rate units achieved using the State Density Bonus (SDB) vs IN-LIEU FEE SYSTEM including this information:

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- RHNA housing requirement numbers
- at each income level for both current 2023-2031 cycle, and the previous cycle
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- Numbers of housing units that were
- achieved in the previous RHNA cycle, and what we have so far for the the current RHNA cycle including all of the following information for all housing both previous and current RHNA cycles:
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 - Site address/location, name
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 - Number and percentage of Units at
 - each development at each income level including market rate and all affordability requirement levels
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 - Status: completed (previous cycle
 - and current); for current cycle: approved in-progress, approved but not started

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- Number of On-site BMR units as a
- part of the SDB: both previous and current RHNA cycles
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- What percent SDB was applied, base
- unit count, final total unit count
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- In-Lieu fee paid: unit count equivalent
- numbers and percentage of base project, actual dollar amount collected per unit and
- total, both previous and current RHNA cycles
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- Number of in-lieu fee funded
- completed housing units,
- income level breakdowns, locations, for all housing completed using in-lieu fees;
- previous and current RHNA cycles
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- If possible include: Estimated number
- of units we could expect to build, using the In-Lieu current funds (plus what is this dollar
- amount this quarter) and at current development costs (include what dollar amount cost
- was used to make the estimation)
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I found two old documents somewhat related, from 2021/2022, but no in-lieu fee info.

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/Properties-with-Below-Market-Rate-Units.pdf>
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1okRlynMA_PddIRtGOInRGqYuvv-Ko1iE/view?usp=sharing

I noticed that the Jan 30, 2023 letter from the State requiring revisions to the initial draft of the Housing Element requires an Mid-term Evaluation on page 3, so I assume the city normally tracks most of this information somewhere, even if it is not published (or I just can't find it). <https://newspack-berkeleyside-cityside.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Berkeley-Subsequent-Draft-Housing-Element-Letter.pdf>

If any of this data was included in the San Pablo Ave Specific Plan or the CZU, please direct me to where to find it. I didn't see any reference to this detailed data in those zoning proposals, where I would normally expect to find supportive data (I may have just missed a footnote or link).

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Aimee Balwin
Beautiful San Pablo

Planning Commission

From: Carol Denney <cdenney@igc.org>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2026 12:46 AM
To: Planning Commission; All Council; City Attorney's Office
Subject: difficulty communicating

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Carol Denney
1970 San Pablo Avenue #4
Berkeley, CA 94702 - 510-548-1512 (landline)

Hello,

None of my apartment neighbors got any notice of the upcoming public hearing. We live at the corner of University and San Pablo Avenue. We would seem to have been entitled to notices about this San Pablo Avenue up-zoning issue, but had no chance to hear a thing about it. I would like to request any relevant material at this time.

Our newspaper boxes were confiscated long ago. And the efforts the city made to post the mandatory public hearing notices were all torn down on their first day by either the local fellow who just hates all posters or the City of Berkeley's ambitious anti-poster crew which never appears to check the dates on upcoming theater shows or yard sales; we have no chance to stay ahead of their serious war on posters. The few city posters which survived this purge were found in shreds all over the sidewalks for about a mile.

The only kiosks are now the electric IKE things that look like giant cellphones and have no way to simply help spread the word about one's yard sale or lost dog.

I believe that we were supposed to have been given notice. Could someone please check and see if any notice was mailed to me?

If not, could the city please re-schedule this meeting so that those of us most affected, the tenants and property owners along San Pablo Avenue, get the mandated opportunity to learn what is being proposed, to speak to our neighbors about the proposal, and to prepare our thoughts for presentation at an appropriate hearing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carol Denney
1970 San Pablo Avenue #4
Berkeley, CA 94702, 510-548-1512 (landline)

Planning Commission

From: Asmara Beraki <asmarag@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 9:03 AM
To: Planning Commission; Horner, Justin; Shen, Alisa; Klein, Jordan
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE 1
Attachments: Formal Correspondence 1.pdf; ashby-bart-clean-auditable-comments.xlsx; ashby-bart-community-comments.xlsx

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

To the City Planning Department:

Please accept and include the attached texts as **Correspondence** to be put in the Initial Packet for the upcoming October 7th 2026, Planning Commission meeting.

Please confirm receipt of this email and integration into the Commissioner's packet. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues accessing the attachments.

Kind regards,
Asmara Marek

FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE

October 7th, 2026

Berkeley City Planning Commission Meeting

by: Asmara Beraki Marek

After repeated inquiries over the past months, I am pleased to report that Adeline Alliance Partners in collaboration with Healthy Black Families, Inc. released the South Berkeley community data on the Ashby BART development. Justin Smith of Relequity sent an email to some community members on Sunday, September 27th, 2026 sharing a revamped website with links to the research. Hooray! We now have access to 782 community comments. The entire data set is available for download (<https://hbfbashbybart.communitymode.org/>).

The chart they share buckets the responses into five categories available here (<https://adelinealliance.com/community#community-data>): *Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage* (27%), *Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design* (24%), *Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design* (19%), *Community Engagement and Inclusive Process* (17%), and *Safe Infrastructure and Transportation* (13%). I arranged the data in a different way that I'll share below using qualitative coding and theme-alignment analysis. I think it is important not just to collect data, and share it, but also implement it into the project design.

Now, it is unfortunate it took community members (such as me) publicly taking them to task, although it showed how quick and effective one focused individual can be — I, along with other community supporters, put together a chart of community feedback in a week — for transparency to happen. We appreciate the sharing nonetheless. While Planning Commissioners serve as volunteers, fulfilling this role requires a commitment to remaining thoroughly informed. The public expects commissioners to review the complete evidentiary record rather than relying on last-minute summaries presented under pressure. In fact, this community data should have been made available to all of you months ago in order to be efficiently informed, so all this did not have to take place in a last minute rush, under a barrage of in-person Public Comments at the Planning Commission meeting on September 16th, 2026.

Now, collecting data is one thing. Using it to justify decisions claiming “the community was consulted” is another, and thirdly is adeptly implementing this feedback into the TOD (Transit-Oriented Design). That’s where my volunteerism comes in. I attempted to do so, as a local resident and designer, and while of course my bucketing the community feedback I heard into six community amendments may not be perfect, it is so far the only design oriented implementation of community feedback for the Objective Design Standards (ODS) that we have. The City Planning Department and Adeline Alliance Partners (intentionally, I would say, along with Healthy Black Families, Inc.), dropped the ball, or rather, shall we say, hid the ball, in order to pass the ODS without community input or oversight. This was a grave error, because word eventually gets out, people get upset, and conflict ensues. Plus, it is simply a more mature and effective design practice to incorporate feedback into the design.

The result here is a loss of community trust in the integrity of the above-named entities as regards the Ashby BART development.

But, I am getting off topic. Back to the feedback. What I did was use an AI model to parse it into two categories. By the way, the responses were already “massaged” by website posters’ own model, to create full statements out of partial responses etc—it is noted on the website (<https://adelinealliance.com/community#community-data>). One pie chart represents feedback directly aligned with the six proposed ODS amendments, while the second captures broader feedback—such as traffic, parking, and public process concerns that also may relate to the ODS (for example, traffic and parking is important but I chose not to address that as it is not my expertise and requires broader analysis). People stated they want their feedback incorporated into the design. Of course! They don’t want to spend their valuable time merely to justify developers’ due diligence and a non-profit’s billing invoice to witness something being built that completely ignores all the head nods they were bamboozled with at a performative meeting.

The chart is as follows, and I am also including a revamped Excel sheet with the newly parsed comments. No, it is not perfect. I did this quickly. And I will include it as an attachment in my Correspondence submission and request it be sent to the Planning Commissioners by email as it is too bulky to print for the online PDF. But here are the charts:

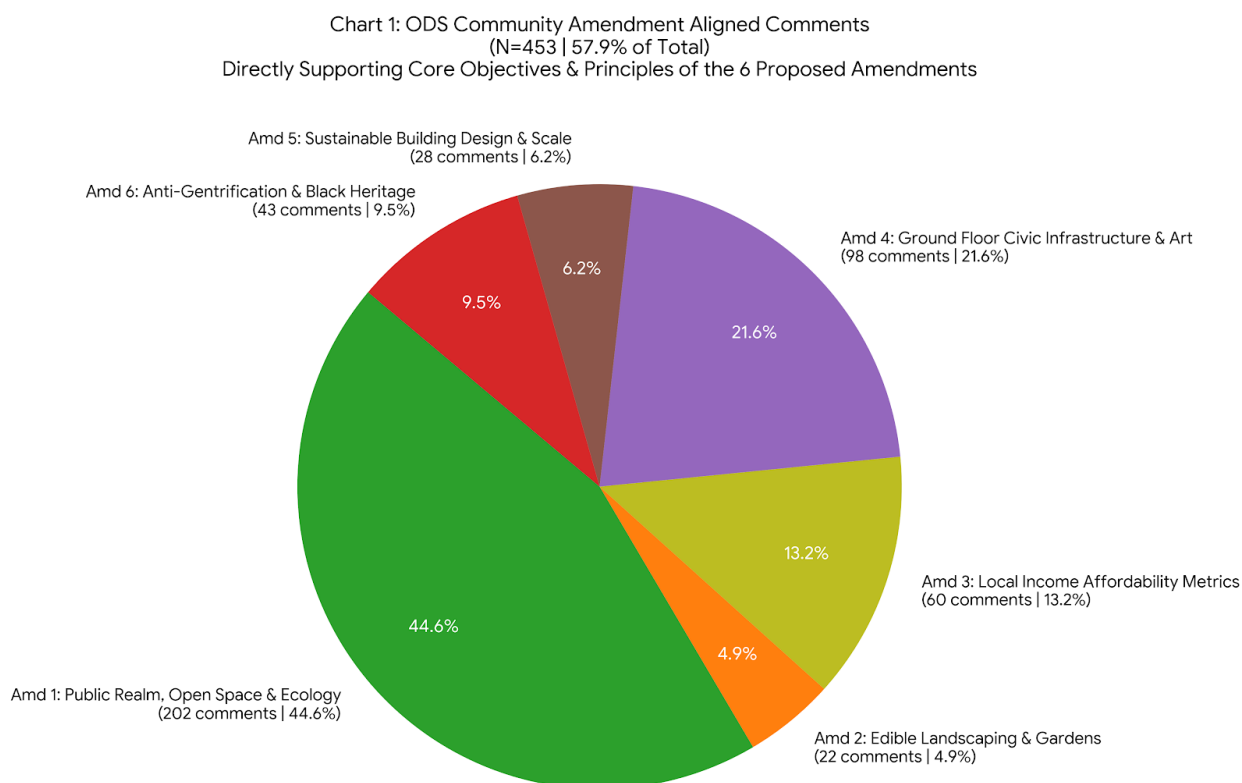
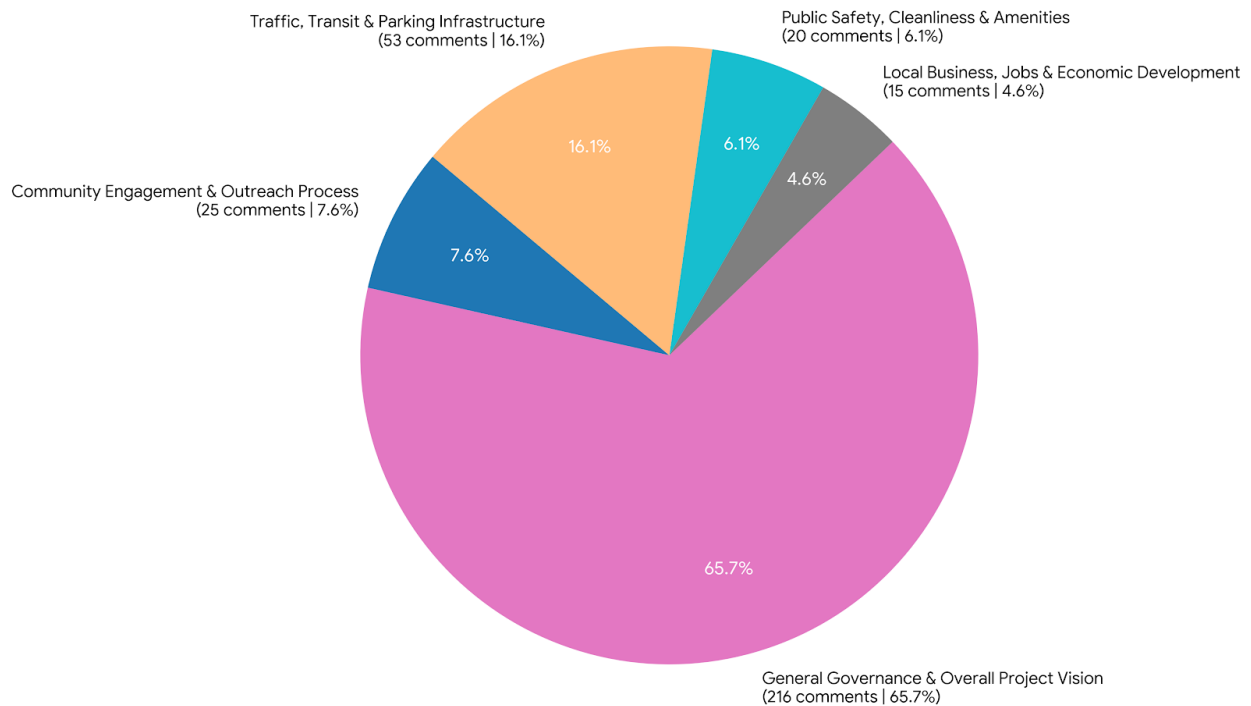


Chart 2: Other Comments (ODS Aligned and Non-Aligned)
(N=329 | 42.1% of Total)
Categorized by General Civic, Transit, Economic & Governance Themes



SUMMARY:

- **Chart 1: ODS Community Amendment Aligned Comments (453 Total Comments / 57.9% of Dataset)**
 - **Amendment 1 (Public Realm, Open Space & Ecology):** 202 comments (44.6% of Chart 1 / 25.8% overall)
 - **Amendment 2 (Edible Landscaping & Gardens):** 22 comments (4.9% of Chart 1 / 2.8% overall)
 - **Amendment 3 (Local Income Affordability Metrics):** 60 comments (13.2% of Chart 1 / 7.7% overall)
 - **Amendment 4 (Ground Floor Civic Infrastructure & Art):** 98 comments (21.6% of Chart 1 / 12.5% overall)
 - **Amendment 5 (Sustainable Building Design & Scale):** 28 comments (6.2% of Chart 1 / 3.6% overall)
 - **Amendment 6 (Anti-Gentrification & Black Heritage):** 43 comments (9.5% of Chart 1 / 5.5% overall)

- **Chart 2: Other Community Themes (329 Total Comments / 42.1% of Dataset)**
 - **General Governance & Overall Project Vision:** 216 comments (65.7% of Chart 2 / 27.6% overall)
 - **Traffic, Transit & Parking Infrastructure:** 53 comments (16.1% of Chart 2 / 6.8% overall)
 - **Community Engagement & Outreach Process:** 25 comments (7.6% of Chart 2 / 3.2% overall)
 - **Public Safety, Cleanliness & Amenities:** 20 comments (6.1% of Chart 2 / 2.6% overall)
 - **Local Business, Jobs & Economic Development:** 15 comments (4.6% of Chart 2 / 1.9% overall)

The purpose here is to demonstrate that the six community amendments directly reflect acute community needs and priorities expressed during public outreach. By including the second chart, I preserve transparency and am not forcing or misrepresenting data to fit a narrative. The Excel table is provided to show how the comments were categorized and what the comments made were, to allow the public to audit and verify the above.

I am submitting two Formal Correspondences. The second is summarized here: on September 21st, 2026 I submitted a Formal Notice of Procedural Defect regarding the September 16th, 2026 Planning Commission meeting. The verbatim record confirms the Commission approved a working proposal subject to mandatory subcommittee integration returning to the *full Commission on October 7th*, not a final draft ready for City Council transmittal. I formally demand that staff correct the official minutes, agendize a consolidated re-vote by the full Planning Commission for October 7th, 2026, and integrate these auditable community standards prior to any transmittal to the City Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Asmara Marek

South Berkeley Resident

September 27th, 2026

Berkeley, California

DATE	EVENT TITLE	LOCATION	COMMUNITY COMMENTS	THEME
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to practice deep listening.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The community has to be involved in every step of the developer's building operations.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We should go door-to-door to ask South Berkeley residents for their input.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We should explore ideas without the expectation of fixing things.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Public funding should be allotted to survey community demographics and needs.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Create a communications plan to reach people whose families were displaced from this area.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Train community members to be involved in operations and decision-making after construction.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make avenues open for feedback and input that are inclusive of and prioritize houseless and low-income neighbors.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to be rooted in our shared history but driven by a compelling vision for the future, daring to dream big and imagine.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We should get to know and talk to our neighbors to build community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We should attend council meetings, voice our stories, use word of mouth, and conduct social media and street outreach.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We as a community need to be active participants in the future stages of the development, and I hope for constant updates.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There needs to be honest dialogue.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Keep asking this question in the community over time as democratically as possible.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Do not expect the BART project to solve the problem, but let the project be a positive next step.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be a variety of types of communication and engagement.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Create space for stakeholders, such as the Flea Market.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We should keep the community clean and up to date, focus on the interests of the community, and keep communication up to date to inform the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	New students coming into the Berkeley area to live need to know what to expect.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to have meetings and discuss what everyone wants for the neighborhood.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The Black South Berkeley Community needs to be involved in the decision making, idea generation, and construction process before, during, and after ongoing development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Have someone take notes and record what was done at the meeting.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to meet with the housing developers.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to take care of each other as neighbors, like in the old days.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need a community press and flyers to hand out to inform the community about the process and updates.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be plenty of meetings for people to speak their voice and for the city and BART to hear.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to spread the word among neighborhood associations.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We all need to get involved and not be passive.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The attention should be on the whole neighborhood.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to say hello to each other and build cross-coalition relationships.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to listen to the communities that are most affected.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	I want to know why I should be hopeful about this project.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Developers should be present in the breakout sessions.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be local hiring.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be local training and hiring.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The minimum income of workers should be increased to \$25.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be a lottery or allotment for funding for businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Help the developer employ those within the community with jobs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Support local shops, businesses, and the flea market so they are not displaced, consider earmarking housing units for locals, and put safeguards in place to prevent demolition before construction.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make sure that the developer follows the prevailing wage law and provides apprenticeships.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Hire a majority of community members from the neighborhood in building, operations, retail, and other areas.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Invest in and support Black businesses so they can return.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be training classes available.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Hire local people for labor to ensure jobs stay in the community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	I have been a business owner in this community for over 30 years and feel our corridor has not benefited from aid for basic needs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make sure input channels are accessible to disabled, unhoused, and elderly neighbors.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Center the voices of African American members of the South Berkeley community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make sure Black residents are present and speak at any community meetings about the project.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Provide the right of return and reparations funding for Black people who were already displaced.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Development should be paired with deep investment in existing and emergent Black businesses, community organizations, and public art.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be Black and community ownership of property, not just rentals.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	BART needs to acknowledge the harm it has caused.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There must be Black leadership at every stage of the process.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Use public banks and mutual aid to fund the building of 100% affordable units for the unhoused or those at risk of becoming so.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Those who are most affected by the displacement, such as the unhoused and those who were displaced, need to be at the core of this development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to power and activate change through voting and democracy, prioritizing equitable, multigenerational, and community-oriented development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	In a historically Black working-class community, any development must include the voice of present residents and an intergenerational partnership working together for mutual growth.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be wrap-around services provided.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There needs to be Black ownership and capital.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There must be legal protection.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There must be reparations.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be a public apology and reparations.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Provide ample unrestricted funds so the community can decide what is needed.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Taxes or money should be collected from billionaires.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The project should be for the people, not for profit.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The process must be inclusive of Black voices, leadership, ideas, needs, and wants.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need people who really want and care about equity.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to offer reparations for displaced and under-resourced groups.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Provide free access to community resources at the development for Berkeley residents.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	People with the most money and privilege should step back and listen.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Because of legal constraints, get people who experienced or whose ancestors experienced harm to apply for the designated housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	What can the developer do to ensure equitable development?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need better school sizes for growing families and better information provided to current residents.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be affordable and safe child care.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Pass a city or county-wide policy that requires approval from a community-run people's assembly.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Create a community-selected board to review and approve all plans and changes based on community feedback.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Create and pass a people's budget that allocates funds towards community needs.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Allot public funding to maintain a people's council.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need updates from the administrator budget.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We must hold those in charge accountable.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need great leadership from people who have done this before and lived here.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There must be persistent and focused community pressure on developers and elected officials, replicating the Dudley Street project model from Boston.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Everyone needs to vote.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The development must be purpose-driven and community-focused.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There must be honest implementation of what the community stakeholders say they want, not what is forced on them.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There needs to be transparency in information and intent.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Berkeley projects should be self-funded for the benefit of its constituents.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to boldly change policies and vote for more equitable ones.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	It is time for developers to give back some of the money they have already made to make housing equitable.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be a community oversight commission.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We will never see it until it is closed.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The neighborhood must fully approve of the development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to expose and eject deep-pocket absentee investors to prevent corruption.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There must be true oversight of the developer after the project is completed.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Give the power of decisions to local residents and small business owners.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be an accessibility community advisory board, but appointed boards do not work.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need honest decision-makers. There should be checks and balances from stakeholders who have knowledge of the historical value of South Berkeley and intelligent design.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There needs to be transparency regarding the financial impact.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be a community center and daycare open from 5 AM to 9 PM with meals, where seniors can take care of kids and resource each other.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to stand up to the city council and big developers together.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Displaced Berkeley families should have the right to return and priority for affordable housing.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Create a registry of people who have been displaced in their or previous generations to contact them for input.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Do not kick anyone else out, and give homes back to families who were displaced.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Stop gentrifying businesses from opening.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be inherited intergenerational affordable housing, not just for the head of household, to target the cycle of displacement.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Prioritize extremely low and low-income individuals for AMI.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Housing and apartments should be accessible via a lottery in enough numbers to satisfy the population until a better equitable system arises.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	If there is a hub, art live-work units should be above it.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Affordable housing units should be distributed throughout the development.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Prioritize applicants who were displaced from the neighborhood and prioritize free housing for those applicants.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	All units should be the same quality regardless of the rent.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need to fight for truly affordable housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Affordable housing preferences should apply to all units.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The community has issues with the possible height of the buildings.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We need housing that the people can afford.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be live-work spaces.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Equity means affordable rent should equal 30% of income.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make it all public housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We must address people displacement.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There needs to be truly affordable rental housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There needs to be affordable housing for purchase.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	See if any dispossessed persons from South Berkeley are in any housing assistance programs, ensure funds are set in stone for equitable housing, and provide affordable housing for 99 years.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Provide real opportunities for people to own homes if they choose.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Locate family members who were or are affected by this displacement.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Put a rent cap in all contracts to keep it affordable.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Create a property owners list predating the Ashby BART Station.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Locate family members who were or are affected by this displacement.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There needs to be low-income housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Housing is a human right for people, not for profit.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be accessible, ADA-compliant, and green units.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make the apartments large enough so that they feel like a welcoming place.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Sublease apartments for people who are descendants of the displaced.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Protect the South Berkeley Flea Market at BART.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	It would be very nice to keep the Flea Market, as it has been there for many years and should remain a part of the community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The historical Flea Market must remain and become more affordable for the vendors, as it has been a delight since I was a teen.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	I would like to see a wall built for the community.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be an art space and a socialized area for aunts and uncles.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Include a cultural base in the development.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The historical context must be maintained.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Culture counts.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make more buildings historic.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be a community center and daycare open from 5 AM to 9 PM with meals, where seniors can take care of kids.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There needs to be proper lighting, maintenance of trees and shrubbery, and support for pre-existing businesses.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Clean up the neighborhood and make it lighted and safe.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make space for art produced by the community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Provide garden space for people who want to garden.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	All appliances should be zero net carbon and electric.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The development proposal should include anticipated emissions from the project.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
			Consider the redwoods and other trees that were planted with intention by the people of South Berkeley prior to BART.	
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We want the building to be eco-green and conscious of having no toxins or harmful chemicals.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There needs to be a focus on sustainability.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	The development requires intelligent design.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	There should be an inner courtyard with edible food gardens, fruit trees, and flowers.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	We must respect Mother Earth by including plants and space to breathe for the community.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make BART free.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-03-13	Community Education Session	Lemat Restaurant	Make BART free for all residents.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
			I WALK TO BART MOSTLY, ALTHOUGH I DO BIKE	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	ENTRANCE NEEDS TO BE OPEN AND WELL LIT.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
			Charging hubs	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We can do better!	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need to focus on the station entrance because it is currently not clear where to go.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be more open air space.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Do not spare the taxpayers' money, and provide visible signage.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
			We need traffic control to prevent car accidents at Ashby and MLK, stop people and police from speeding on MLK and Adeline especially late at night, and secure the crossings at Ashby, MLK, and Adeline.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families		Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The space should be accessible and include murals, art stations, shops, restaurants, and clean seating with covered shelters.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need a fun and safe San Francisco-style trolley around the block and to downtown Berkeley, trains that run 24/7, and police that actually take action.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	It would be fun to have an alternate, low-cost form of transportation between South Berkeley and downtown, such as a trolley.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
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			It would feel like walking into the East Lot to the sounds of African drums, feeling safe because the entrance is open, well-lit with greenery, providing access to train departure times, and showing that my community is still here.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be places to sit and wait that feel safe.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be an East-facing, open-to-view BART entrance, less obtrusive LED lights to see the stars, flowering trees instead of shrubs, less transit lane clutter, and theft-proof bike parking for those walking along Tremont and Harmon.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There is no change machine at BART.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The area should be clean and well-lit.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Affordable homes should be made for those who need them the most and will stay around.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
			There should be security, accessibility, and affordability in housing, especially for Black and Native displaced communities, with the entire building kept affordable and run by the communities that fought for it, allowing stable families to thrive without worrying about rent, and maintained by hiring local people.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We must prioritize displaced families.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The developer, BART, and Berkeley can keep their promises by publicly stating them in writing based on community priorities, maintaining regular and transparent communication, and creating ways to help people buy their own homes and build financial wealth.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There must be honest communication about economics and tradeoffs to set realistic expectations while inspiring visionary thinking.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A percentage of housing should be dedicated to long-term Berkeley residents and Black families or individuals, given the history of the neighborhood.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Community organizations such as CIL, BORP, Berkeley Center for the Blind, La Pena Community Arts, Black Rep, Shotgun Players, Berkeley Flea Market, Resource Tool Library, and the South Berkeley Senior Center should be included.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	In ten years, the neighborhood should have places for people of all ages and abilities, as well as more green space.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Building relationships with various organizations connected to Berkeley and South Berkeley will provide insights that bring about an intersection of strategic ideas and solutions.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families		Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The city needs to consistently support and fulfill the completion of the African-American Holistic Resource Center and continue holding community meetings to track its progress.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I would feel trust if the developers and the city came to us and implemented our ideas.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Trust is built when community promises are kept through ongoing engagement, proof of listening, and resolving community needs by applying them to the development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	In ten years, the neighborhood should be an economic engine for its own community, with streets that tell the story of its past, present, and future.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should survey community members, host street celebrations like Juneteenth to bring current and former neighbors together to share information, and gather data on who lives here, how long they have stayed, and what skills they bring.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be new affordable homes for returning families of color, elders of color, and other families who need a home.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be saturated outreach to all residents within a 0.15-mile radius of Ashby BART using multilingual flyers, door-to-door canvassing, and social media, as well as a gathering space like the Flea Market for people to share resources and sell items.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The city has a bad history of keeping promises, where people with power make things happen while powerless people fight only to get disappointed.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should have an active, beautiful commons where people can congregate in comfort.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The housing preference policy is important to maintain South Berkeley's diverse population of different races, incomes, and ages, and ensuring this lasts for more than ten years is a mandate.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	People have moved to the suburbs, leaving the area divided by architecture and void of agricultural flora, and La Pena cannot hold the fort alone.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need a banner marking the arrival of the Lorin Business District.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	What is missing are schools, spaces for children aged zero to ten, and trees.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	For healthy living, there should be play spaces next to garden plots, trees, and colorful playgrounds.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need an environment that grows, welcomes everyone, and does not deteriorate.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	In the Ashby BART neighborhood, we do not want many tall buildings; instead, we would like to see nature, recreational spaces, and a community garden.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Designers should identify whether their ideas are intended for public or private spaces.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be walkable shops and a park, as every other neighborhood has one and Greg Brown Park is too small and used by Big Oaks Learning.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The space should include gardening areas, plenty of children's play areas, exercise options for seniors and caregivers, considerations for attracting or deterring wildlife, and a focus on ecological organisms.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
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2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Public open spaces should feature natural gardens and areas.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The design should center on open space since it is currently at a deficit, and open space should be tiered within the building.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There is an opportunity to create a center for neighborhood needs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There is an opportunity for the plaza design to provide neighborhood centers.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be outdoor screening for MLK.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There needs to be more patio space and larger windows in the living rooms, and while the ADA unit size is okay, tenants should have separated kitchens and living rooms.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Sidewalks should be lined with beautiful local flora, creating a meandering path connecting various Ashby BART spots like entrances, meditation areas, art homages to Black heritage, playgrounds, and business kiosks.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need food trucks, entrepreneurial services, accessible financial services, community events to encourage local patronage, security to mitigate theft, and vibrant ways for introverts to feel connected.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The space should create opportunities for people to gather with a welcoming, colorful design featuring comfortable seating, intentional landscaping, transparent glass for ground-floor businesses, safety measures, maintained crosswalks, and streetlights.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be shops and services owned and patronized by local residents, serving as a testament to the neighborhood's African-American heritage.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	To support community life and local businesses, we need gathering spaces, green areas, and potentially a new park or pool, along with community-building events and student patronage.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I question whether having 600 homes is a goal and what the justification is for high-rise buildings beyond profit reasons.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	While Berkeley Bowl prevents a food desert, Walgreens is in poor shape, and we need good restaurants and retail without permits killing small businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be active streets, farmers markets, walkable access, and design support to encourage customers.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We want small, aesthetic, European-style curved spaces for locally owned shops, pharmacies, cafes, and childcare, rather than chain stores.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be restaurants and cafes with below-market commercial rents, more bicycle and pedestrian traffic, and community events in gathering spaces.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be funding for the flea and farmers markets, fairs, and festivals, as well as built-in kiosks for small businesses and rooftop gardens.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Local retail should be activated to support a diverse community, preserving the cultural legacy of the area by offering affordable businesses and a community center that cater to the people's needs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Although I used to visit the Flea Market every weekend long ago, this is already a diverse and lively neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a Trader Joe's, banks, a movie theater, pushcart vendors, and very low fees for vendors living within five miles of Berkeley.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a farmers market and flea market vendors.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be local retail and an entertainment area managed by a local retail group.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Affordable housing residents should have large front porch areas on the first or second stories along quieter streets where they can greet neighbors, rather than just cafe tables that close early.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There needs to be a good representation of how to configure the flea market along Adeline for vending.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Providing free tax help, low rent, and cheap healthy food would allow businesses to stay.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I would love to see more vendors at the South Berkeley Farmers Market, more residents, and big, tall, healthy street trees to form a canopy.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be affordable taxis with universal taxi strips and paratransit services that can be called sooner than three days in advance.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a reasonable and affordable farmers market that accepts EBT.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need more opportunities to be involved with the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be pop-up sidewalk sales, more food and grocery options, an ATM, sliding scale rent, and activities for all ages connected to the senior center, library, lace museum, and Shotgun Theater.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	It is important to have tables and places to sit, gather, and eat.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The Berkeley Flea Market is historical and cultural for the Black community, and to help small diverse businesses grow, we need safe parking lots and bike spaces.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be kiosks for small businesses, grant funding to train people to run them, and a cultural arts hub with live-work housing above it.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be shops and services owned and patronized by local residents, serving as a testament to the neighborhood's African-American heritage.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The neighborhood needs a nail salon and a cluster of cafes open for lunch, supported by more residents to help small local businesses thrive.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	To help businesses stay, there should be workshops for food prep and repairs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A mix of small businesses offering food, cosmetics, retail, and art supplies, similar to Valencia in SF or College and Ashby Avenues in Berkeley, would be great.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be clean streets with maintained garbage and recycling cans, places to window shop, multi-ethnic slow food shops, and fewer permits required for small businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be free two-hour parking, small non-franchise businesses, a makerspace, a reuse storefront, and spaces for people to work in gardens and walk dogs, alongside the Berkeley Flea Market.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The City of Berkeley pushed for South Berkeley to be an opportunity zone, allowing wealthy outsiders to buy up displaced Black families' lands to make a profit.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The Berkeley Flea Market is a beloved space that supports an international business community and creates a gathering place, and I miss when it was vibrant and thriving.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should interview surrounding business owners about their needs and provide financial and management support to ensure BIPOC-owned small businesses can benefit and improve.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be good shade and welcoming, peaceful spaces for laying out and inviting friends.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Businesses that are useful to daily life would grow and stay.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be quiet, shady outdoor spaces where people can relax.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The design should center on open space since it is currently at a deficit, and open space should be tiered within the building.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I do not think these new developments are for low-income, immigrant, or working-class families, as the high prices exclude people of color with low salaries.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a park setting with cafes or kiosks like in Stockholm or Paris, and flower gardens like in London.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be shaded seating areas, spaces to lie in the sun, trees, hammock swings, a farmers and flea market with music and vendors, a walkway like the Brazil Cafe, and a little library.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be art displayed around by local artists.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be places for crafts markets, flea markets, and farmers markets.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a place to visit repeatedly with flexible seating, activities, events, and protection from the sun and rain.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I like the idea of open-air spaces to gather, eat, and share food, as well as an outdoor theater.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a lawn to hang out and listen to music, or versatile performance spots.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I would love to see a vibrant, colorful open space where kids can play and enjoy themselves.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should avoid blank walls on the edges and maximize ground floor activity.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Outdoor open spaces should feature natural lighting, cultural events, and support for BIPOC-owned small businesses, ensuring they have priority licenses and are not pushed out by new businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The community needs support for the Black Rep, increased education about Black South Berkeley history, and the sharing of stories from people who have lived here over the last century.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be murals, dedicated spaces for community events and markets, space for local vendors, and opportunities for local artists to perform and show their art.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A plaza would feel like it belongs to the community if it is a colorful, creative space with music, community events, and vendors or artists of color selling their goods.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Outdoor spaces should be more curvilinear than rectilinear, working with nature rather than against it.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Since plazas can often feel vacant and inhospitable, an active park with trees would be much better than another plaza.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Regarding food trucks, the Black community is grossly underrepresented in ownership, so we must ask how many will represent the traditional African American community that is most at risk.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a market space similar to Faneuil Hall.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	This project needs a park, pool, or playground, as we shouldn't miss the chance to provide new green space to the southeast part of Berkeley.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be places for crafts markets, flea markets, and farmers markets.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	It should be a beautiful, welcoming, and accessible space with thoughtful plant and furniture selection, designed for kids, elders, wheelchair users, and mothers.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be spaces to relax with sunshine, shade, plenty of comfortable seating, and built-in activities.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Community outdoor spaces should include artwork paying homage to local history, play areas, gathering spaces, picnic spots, a community garden, class spaces, a farmers market, and an outdoor performance area.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The space should have beautiful aesthetics with joyful colors and graphics, a safe environment, and comfortable, ergonomic seating.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The parking lot will be missed.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The design should include permeable hardscapes, rainwater harvesting, affordable eateries, trees, picnic tables, BBQ stands, and a place for performances and events like Juneteenth.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The space should be appealing to all ages, with places for children to play and wide, safe walkways for seniors.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We can turn neighborhood trauma into community unity with a love museum, shared food, celebrations, and drama and poetry performances.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a flea market with a children's play area, a food truck night, and a nearby youth art gallery and performance space.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A successful community design is needed.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Greenery and trees are important to make the site and new plaza welcoming.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be something intriguing happening or opportunities for discovery.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design

2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be lounge and gathering spaces with rounded architecture that matches the community, and shaded areas for crop swaps, food trucks, and markets.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We want a farmers market, but will it actually be there?	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We like the representative images B12 and B8.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be overhead elements or canopies for the flea market vendors.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a large electronic synchronized water fountain at the concert space, similar to Downtown LA.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The city cites my teaching garden for overgrowth, and the proposed 600-unit building will block my sunlight.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be the ability to engage in impromptu play.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The rent needs to be made affordable.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should bring back a San Francisco-style trolley.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Include a cafe near the station access plaza, possibly near Mabel Howard Plaza.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be an interactive sunken fountain for kids to play in.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Community outdoor spaces should include people of color, Black community music, native species, pollinators, and accessible walking paths, providing opportunities for stewardship rather than just serving new transplants.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A nice community space includes lounging and gathering areas, nature, and a community garden for resources and crop swapping.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The space should feature decorative shade, outdoor gathering areas, a food forest, and a flea market with a play area and community performance space.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Robbery and theft are reported, so we need safe spaces for a bank, Trader Joe's, an ice cream shop, and street vendors.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a buffer between bike lanes and parking, as abutting them makes exiting a wheelchair van very dangerous.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The area should include playgrounds, elder outdoor spaces, daycares, street speed limits for bikers, visible signs, and community stores.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Building tall to maximize apartment units changes the neighborhood's character and blocks the sky, as most surrounding buildings are only two or three stories.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Balconies with built-in gardening beds and watering systems would bring nature in and allow everyone to grow food.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
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2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be affordable rent, trees, plants, gardens, a playground, and a welcoming community atmosphere.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be an outdoor green corridor or promenade.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should encourage neighborhood activity through green space connectivity.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be shade, a water feature, diverse flowers, and patches of grass for laying down.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A community garden should have more native plants to attract pollinators.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Outdoor spaces should be peaceful and restorative with various activity nodes and areas free from noise.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be areas encouraging multigenerational interaction, big tree canopies, colorful play areas, and artistic seating for seniors.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The design should feature tall buildings with ground-level trees, art, and community activation, incorporating creative simplicity and frontal artistic decor honoring African heritage.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Outdoor spaces should be peaceful and restorative with various activity nodes and areas free from noise.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There are not enough trees, and it is unclear how the building interacts with the plaza.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be areas encouraging multigenerational interaction, big tree canopies, colorful play areas, and artistic seating for seniors.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The buildings are too square and should have some roundness, especially in courtyards, along with balconies featuring flower and tree boxes.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The design should feature tall buildings with ground-level trees, art, and community activation, incorporating creative simplicity and frontal artistic decor honoring African heritage.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	If tall buildings are built around the streets leaving room in the center, will there be enough space so people do not feel boxed in?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need affordable but high-quality mid-rise, spacious units with beautiful aesthetics, good maintenance, large windows, balconies, and a legacy of Black wealth and influence.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The design should be beautiful, open, colorful, well-landscaped, and welcoming.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Building tall to maximize apartment units changes the neighborhood's character and blocks the sky, as most surrounding buildings are only two or three stories.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Balconies with built-in gardening beds and watering systems would bring nature in and allow everyone to grow food.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The buildings should be no taller than four stories, feature windows and businesses, and have lots of light and open space. Tall block buildings make good targets, the times are changing, and there should be parking with solar and electric charging.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need public yards to feel welcoming, rather than grand palaces, and the front space should be useful to passers-by.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Natural light is very important, but using only glass material seems too sterile and exposed.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The community is missing, and we need trees, plants, flowers, benches, African American culture, large windows that open, gardens, courtyards, and townhomes that are no more than three stories, along with outreach to the entire community.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be tall buildings along Adeline and shorter buildings at Martin Luther King.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The buildings should not be overly tall, and the heights should be staggered throughout the project without any hulking towers. There should be nice outdoor space with greenery and places to sit and visit with neighbors.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be wood facades.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Have you considered indoor air quality, the ability to have fresh air windows, and natural sunlight?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be sufficient space, and definitely not a high-rise building of more than five or six floors.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be lots of natural elements incorporated into the building, such as hardwood, boulders, plants, lights, and colored glass, and it should not be higher than eight to ten stories maximum.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The proposed building is too big, not fit for anywhere in Berkeley, and 600 units is too many.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The buildings around here are stucco and wooden, and there should be no rats, shaded windows, and greenery or space for it.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	What is missing is a parking lot, more greenery for after-dinner walks, and health clinics, as a lot of buildings with no parking would be a headache.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Light is extremely important, so the buildings have to have bigger windows, and the square footage should feel like people have space to move.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be various building heights and step backs, and cultural elements with purple, metal, and accent colors to make it more dynamic.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be three-story townhouse-style buildings along MLK to face the houses there, and rounded buildings similar to the front of HBF.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The building size should be two to three stories maximum with no more than 200 units, and it should include garden space, play space for kids, outdoor exercise equipment, walking pathways, parking, laundry, community rooms open to neighbors, art installations by BIPOC artists, and lots of open green space.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The building feel should not be like CIL which did not become an active plaza, and Adeline is too grand with a street that is too wide.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be no big giant boxes, but rather a variation of height clusters with tall and short buildings.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I would like to see a really big arch entrance to a performance space or green area, but grass requires maintenance so that is off.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be communal front porches and verandas on half of the facades where residents and neighbors can see the world go by.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The examples are too boxy and flat, so art, recessed windows, and details matter.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I like a pyramid building with an open plaza.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The concept images look standard and monotonous, so daylight, natural light, murals, large windows, and garden boxes are really important.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need to understand how we activate the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The buildings should be under four stories, 600 units is too many, and there should be greenery, parking, and health clinics.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I would not want a big boxy building; different heights and variety are more pleasing, along with some interesting angles in the structures.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should avoid boring designs, but they should not be interesting for no reason.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

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2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Wood is a soothing natural material with softer lines that breaks the linear monolith and is inviting and not sterile.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Every single unit needs to be affordable, especially if it is more than four stories.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be entry doors outside for neighborhood growth, garden boxes for food, food forests, and open balconies.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be community gathering spaces.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should carefully look at existing historic sites and aesthetics to incorporate them into the new building, along with daylight, visibility, openness, and connectivity.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The height should complement what is already existing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I want to be able to see the Berkeley hills and not have the sun blocked out from my home by buildings, and there should be open space with natural light and trees that do not litter the streets.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The design should be bright and light.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The plans for community revitalization should address mental health care and drug use recovery through access routes, community spaces, and open space.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Gardens should be designed to function, grow food, and make watering and tools available.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be low-cost or free mental health support and medical services, exercise classes for all ages, large green open space, and an urban garden open to neighbors.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a rooftop pool, wellness space, wellness provider shops, lots of places that receive sunshine, and garden boxes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The physical, mental, and spiritual health of the community should be supported with pretty, comfortable, shaded spots with seating, and the rich history of the Black community in South Berkeley should be highlighted.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Healthy living priorities should include gardens, a water element like a reflecting pool, a labyrinth or zen garden to walk and meditate, signage about native plants and animals, and layers of grass to lie down on.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families		Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a medical facility, pool, sauna, and hot tub access for the community, and buildings should not be put right next to each other.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be space for community-generated public art by local artists, culturally relevant educational art for youth and adults, and showcasing the vibrant history of Black Berkeley.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be small and large gatherings in parks and gardens to learn our stories and hopes, celebrate, and share our hopes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should encourage small interactions and random moments to say hello.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I passed out flyers for a South Berkeley Neighbors BBQ and met two women who told me they were without steady housing.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should keep Juneteenth on Adeline.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A strong community needs open space, and the brick building on Ashby and Adeline needs to be a park.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families		Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should create gathering places that lots of people in the South Berkeley neighborhood would visit.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be murals reflecting African American and Asian culture, housing for low and moderate-income families and single folks, a new council that cares for the community, and culture included in the design.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be public art, murals, churches, public restrooms, and more community buy-in.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	In ten years, we want no vacant storefronts, sidewalk storytelling, financial support for arts organizations, and homes for all income levels.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	This neighborhood used to be called New Berry and was agricultural until the 1906 earthquake, and the buildings should be shorter.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The development should honor the history of the neighborhood by highlighting the African-American and Japanese-American history and contributions through visual art pieces or murals.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	In ten years, there should be drumming, cultural experiences for residents, and places to protest.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	This neighborhood should have a renovated Black Rep and other renovated buildings, and it should be easy to walk in.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The area was built for small business owners, and after the railroads arrived, Black families could afford to move here, though many struggled to keep their homes over time.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	In ten years, Black children should have a place to play and call home, with green space, clean air, and clean water.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Black political and cultural organizations should be consulted, and the spirit of Juneteenth and the Black Rep Theater should be lifted.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should continue to provide funding to arts and community organizations that help to hold space and support cultural arts in the South Berkeley neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need to keep neighbors here with the opportunity to grow their future generations if they wish.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a history plaque documenting the history of the displaced Ohlone, Black, and Japanese people.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The development should honor African and Asian history.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should honor South Berkeley via murals reflecting its history and music, and create spaces like a mini museum for learning about the history with large photos.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should sponsor a community Peace Wall with tile mosaics hand-painted by different groups on multiple building facades as local, small-scale community art.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should engage and include youth intergenerationally, ensure the Black community has a strong stake, feature murals and placards with neighborhood heroes, and have a lot of programming like gardens, bikes, lectures, and cooking classes.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A wound should be healed and a red line erased, but remembered.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need to see community leaders explicitly involved in the planning stage, with the planning committee adding several seats for community organizations and leaders.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	In ten years, we want to see kids going to college or starting a trade career, equity gaps eliminated, and people feeling proud to live in a tight, joyful, and inspired community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should create space for community events such as concerts by locals, flea markets especially for Black vendors, and community workshops and classes.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should not push out or reduce the ways folks create community, but rather support a thriving space like the Ashby market with drums playing in the BART station.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be frequent markets and events to create the feeling of an invigorated neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	This should be a place where future histories can be made.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	It should be a bustling fun center with safe streets.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should keep the Flea Market, provide affordable housing, and ensure it does not become "Project Life".	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The focus should be on healthy Black families.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Black people are missing from the process, and we need all of it.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be more active storefronts encouraging walking, a big park with tennis courts, and better connections between open spaces throughout South Berkeley.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be art classes, spaces, and performances.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The Martin Luther King frontage should maximize community interaction.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
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2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The Martin Luther King frontage should maximize community interaction.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A space like D3 would be nice for kids, and a diversity of activities would be nice.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be locally run shops and businesses like a butcher, cobbler, hardware shop, small pharmacy, childcare, and coffee shop.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be places for Tai Chi, water pools, streams, play structures, climbing rocks, trees, community gardens, dog parks, and playgrounds.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be art by local artists and a performance place.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be places to sit and read.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a wild, green, native garden with rocks for sitting.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be wide sidewalks to make for easy passing.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be places to play chess and checkers.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be bird houses and owl boxes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be free sunrise and sunset yoga, Tai Chi, and meditation classes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be ways to encourage fitness, such as places to stretch and do pull-ups.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A park encourages activity, and a dog park would be wonderful.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be local shops with local talent, an affordable grocery store, health and wellness services, and an affordable gym.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a First Friday in Oakland type of gathering for local businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should celebrate music.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be an amphitheater that could rotate through kid theater performances, a book mobile, and exercise classes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	What is missing are art galleries and a building with a community arts hub and artist live-work units.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	South Berkeley is an example of Black entrepreneurship that needs to be preserved and valued, and there should be shops and outdoor spaces where neighbors can meet.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be fresh, affordable produce stores, fewer smoke and liquor stores, and more Black-owned businesses like repair shops, clothing shops, daycares, art centers, and tutoring centers.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be free music concerts, a fix-it clinic, and one-day craft classes to bring the community out.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be thriving local businesses, mom-and-pop shops, and pop-up markets.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I grew up at the Berkeley Flea Market, paid for my school clothes by working there, and we honored my mother's life and the flea market when she passed.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The Berkeley Flea Market is the heart and soul of South Berkeley, and there should be affordable groceries, cultural centers focusing on Black and Brown culture, educational support, and summer recreation and jobs for kids.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be stores like bookstores with book signings, a hardware store, a bakery, and repair resources.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The Berkeley Flea Market is important and historic but needs better leadership, funding, activation, and a business strategy, perhaps by having BHS students volunteer and a business school consult.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should lower the barriers of entry for permits, decriminalize home-based businesses, and provide more street vending opportunities.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should encourage people to shop locally, support inexpensive food centers for small local business owners, maintain a vibrant community with small businesses, and include more Black residents without pushing them away.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a place to play games like checkers, chess, hopscotch, and to kick a ball around.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a used bookstore, hardware store, farmer's market, and music store.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A neighborhood feels alive when there are street fairs, music, cultural events, arts, and family-friendly activities.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The Berkeley Flea Market is historic and cultural for the Black community, and we need diverse stores for different cultures, as well as parking lots and safe bike storage to help small businesses grow.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The flea market represents culture, socializing, vendors, music, food, and various cultures.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Life would be better if there were healthy food cafes in the neighborhood and if traffic was slowed down between Alcatraz and Ashby.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Small businesses need resources, funding, and safety, and there should be festivals with vendors focusing on culture and health, integrating artists into the space.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be affordable food and cafe options that feel friendly and encourage interacting with people, not machines.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should create incentives for local business owners.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a street festival featuring Black artists and organized by Black community leadership.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be faces from historical Black Berkeley, musical and dance spaces, native trees and plants, and pollinator fruit trees.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be opportunities to learn about the culture and history of the neighborhood through plaques and walking tours.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be structures and food trucks on Adeline.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be Black grassroots businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should celebrate music.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be opportunities to learn about the culture and history of the neighborhood through plaques and walking tours.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should acknowledge Ohlone history and the present crisis, as well as every culture of the world's oppressed communities.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The buildings should have personalities that honor the history of this area, including murals of the legacy.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should create a space for small conversations where youth can speak to non-youth about what could make their lives better and their dreams come true.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a tribute to historically significant contributors and people.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

			Black and Brown business owners and workers from the community should be hired and centered, and there should be Black restaurateurs, public art, storytelling, a mix of generations, and game zones.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families		Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should highlight South Berkeley history and the history of demographic groups here. We want to see more Black people, Black children being treated as kids, and communities volunteering their time to help elders and celebrate each other.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be celebrations and activities for all ages, shaded areas, public restrooms, water fountains, and public art.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Elders have stories of impromptu jazz concerts on the grassy median on Adeline Street, so we should have green spaces for music.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The design should not be too modern but should add character similar to what is existing, with beautiful design, openness, colors, landscaping, and a welcoming feel.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be shelter from the weather for bus stops.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Crossing MLK can be dangerous, so there should be more nighttime lights near walking areas.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There needs to be better crosswalks and bike lanes, as the lack of bike lanes discourages biking.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Safety should be improved with speed bumps, bike lanes, lights for pedestrian crossings, and signage, along with street murals, a living garden wall, a fountain, and plaques with local heroes.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	To feel safe, Martin Luther King and Ashby need a left traffic lane to make safe turns, and there need to be bus and bike lanes, as well as new entertaining connections for the younger generation.	
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families		Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be bike lanes and buffers between the bike lane and the road.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be signage, banners, or permanent markers showing that you are arriving in the South Berkeley Lorin District.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should hire and train the residents of the building to maintain it, including management and plumbers.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be better and safer pedestrian crossings, as well as interesting and natural play equipment.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The city should be careful with improvements like speedy bike spaces, which are convenient for bikes but dangerous for the sight-impaired or mobility-limited.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be trees, sidewalks, benches, lighting at night, traffic calming, safer pedestrian crossings, and the removal of the slip lane at Ashby and Adeline.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	It is important to integrate maintenance into the plan.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Half of the ground-level square footage should be available for small low-cost startups, canopies, the flea market, kiosks, and storage, managed by the Local Flea Market Board.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Safety, easy and accessible access to the BART station, and clear wayfinding to the elevator would make me want to come back.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be covered bus stops, public phones, shading from the weather, and a dancing water fountain with music.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Safety, easy access to the BART station, and clear wayfinding to the elevator would make me want to come back.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should minimize the amount of artificial turf and concrete around the site and consider the longevity of play structures.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be safe, comfortable, and casual encounters with neighbors.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	I hate the protected bike lanes because they are unsafe.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	It should be green and beautiful with plenty of space to sit, including movable chairs so people can group them for visits and chats.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be holidays where people can ride for free, and the space should allow for cultural celebrations.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Bike and pedestrian access should not be close to one another, and there should be a performance space and area.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A welcoming BART entrance would be Gaudi-inspired.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should have Black residents by making paperwork easier, have affordable produce stores, maintain clean spaces, and keep teens and kids engaged in community-led activities and after-school programs.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a trolley from midway points and more parking to make connections to the BART station easier.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be accessible bathrooms with protective toilet covers and high-quality toilet paper.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Cycle track lanes are dangerous for disabled and older pedestrians, so there need to be better and safer crossings at large streets like Adeline.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be good lighting, pedestrian access, signage, stores, restaurants, parks, bike lanes, and road diets to slow vehicles down.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Safe biking should not impede sight, especially for people in wheelchairs who need to be able to enter and exit safely.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Access and resources are currently not good and need to be improved.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should enliven the BART entrance with drum circles and a museum.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be good bike and pedestrian infrastructure, including a traffic circle and bike access from the west side of Abbey Avenue.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need photos of Adeline on the boards, and for access, it is important to have safe crossings, being mindful of the crossing location on Adeline.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be clear and visible signage.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The walk from downtown Berkeley to South Berkeley should be made easier and more pleasant, with a mix of buildings so everything does not become cold and shadowed.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be pushcart vendors with low or no permit rates, and the issue of police not responding to bicycle thefts needs to be addressed.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be open passages, welcoming lighting, music, a better way to cross the Ashby-Adeline intersection, and clean sidewalks.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should change traffic signals to have four-way light signals at intersections like Ashby and MLK, and provide mobile crisis support for people experiencing mental health challenges.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be reliable elevators and no hills, as walkers have wheels that catch on everything.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be bike lanes that are safe for everyone, including people with disabilities.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The development should be built for people with disabilities.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	A welcoming station entrance should have disability access, plants and green space to keep the area cool, and a pleasant space to wait for the bus.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be access to equipment.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be safe, off-street circulation.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	All ages should be able to move with ease, and we need to address long-term maintenance issues like cracking sidewalks.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be accessible, walking-friendly sidewalks and a small workout area.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be rails, lights at crosswalks, lots of fruit trees, planter gardens, butterfly habitats, and hydroponic gardens so residents have food security and can sell produce.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Buildings should enhance walkability and allow natural shortcuts to other walkways, with streams, rocks, bike racks, and play areas for kids.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Utilities should go green with solar and radiant heat options.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The size should be big enough to support public transit and get people out of cars, featuring curved, rounded buildings.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	While some older buildings are quaint, we need big street trees and quirky, interesting designs with a sense of discovery for higher density buildings.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The outer walkways on lower floors should be made wide enough to pull up chairs without blocking doors or wheelchairs.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need to consider transportation and parking.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	People need parking spots, which should be underground, to prevent tenants from parking on neighborhood streets.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The buildings should not be higher than seven stories with 80 units each to make it feel acceptable for the neighborhood.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	The focus should be on the street-level experience and Affordable Human-Scale taller buildings, avoiding flat, plain boxes by using a variety of materials.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be open walkways and warm, welcoming wood, but not huge open spaces on the bottom floor that are too overwhelming.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be generous, tree-lined sidewalks with front porches and calm traffic on perimeter streets, as Ashby, MLK, and Adeline are busy and unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	More nature along sidewalks would make the walk feel more inviting, and bike lanes would help encourage biking.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should use native plants because they require less water and support pollinators.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be quiet, rich, green spaces like roof and lawn gardens for health and food access, including gardens farmed by youth.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be community gardens with access to water and playgrounds made with natural materials and colors, with trees for shade.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be green space and the ability to see the horizon.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design

2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be less concrete and more natural greenery like trees to absorb CO2 and relieve the urban heat island effect.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be beautiful, low-water plants and flowers that are continuously maintained, pruned, and kept clean, along with well-maintained butterfly and bee gardens.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should improve the parks in the neighborhood and include gardens, garden boxes, and walking space.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a terraced design with outdoor gardens on one level alternating with indoor living space on the next.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be vertical gardens, a food forest, and upper-story gardens with good light up all walls.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be big trees, naturalistic play equipment, and gardening.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be an outdoor chess playing plaza and retail outdoor cafes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Every unit should have a terrace with a garden.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a playground with swings and a climbing structure.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be veggie garden boxes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be big trees, naturalistic play equipment, and gardening.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be different kinds of trees and greenery.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Trees should grow through the parking structure, similar to in Singapore.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be native plants to attract pollinators, connect the urban space to nature, and reflect Indigenous cultures.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be beautiful plants and vegetable boxes for growing food.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Nature in a neighborhood should be diverse and native to soften the built landscape and support the land and wildlife.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Greenery and trees reduce tension, so there should be maintained green space in the middle of the development.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be a diversity of vegetation, not just grass, including a community garden, seating amongst trees and flowers, and a variety of colors in the landscape.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Nature and greenery provide an opportunity to rest, reset, and be invigorated.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	There should be an herbal garden where folks can take herbs to cook dinner.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We should preserve the traditional trees which the residents planted on purpose long before the BART station.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	We need more intimate spaces and to activate the area with greenery and trees along Adeline.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-12	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Healthy Black Families	Green space always helps with the feeling of the building in the neighborhood.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We need more places for seniors to be able to be outside in the sun.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We need places for people in mobility wheelchairs that are large to be able to get around and easily maneuver in public space.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We need well designed buildings for seniors that have multiple places for social gatherings.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We need easy access to healthy and natural food within the neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We want our buildings to be sustainable and made of healthy materials and we want heating and cooling and indoor comfort.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We want solar energy and renewable energy to power our buildings.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We need the ability for caregivers and other caregiving organizations to be able to pull up their vans and pick up members of the community.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We need public restrooms and bathrooms to be frequent and available and maintained for the community.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We need apartment buildings that can accommodate pets and easily accommodate other animals for personal health.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Seniors need a place where family members or other guests can come to visit that are not just in their apartments, but are in semi private social spaces that are throughout the building and throughout the entire site.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Seniors need a place where they can do indoor and outdoor exercise activities for personal and community health maintenance.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Universal design and maximize the inclusivity and access for people with all different abilities in the public realm and in all public spaces is essential.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We need more landscaping and trees and outdoor healthy green spaces to find calming and mental health peace.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Some seniors have small businesses and need a small place to be able to sell their crafts as a hobby and as a business and as a community contribution.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Seniors need social spaces where they can gather, but also experience performances and other events such as guest performers or resident performers.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Yoga, and other body and health movement, activities and services are essential to the well-being of aging populations. New ground floor space that allows for community gatherings that are for movement health and body health and mental health are essential for aging senior populations.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Seniors need clear, access and wayfinding to get to and from transit entry points entrances and exits as well as safe street crossings.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Seniors need many places to be able to pause and rest and sit in the public realm and within their neighborhood building.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Senior Saffen do not ride bikes easily and often rely on vehicles for personal transport, including hobbies and employment. Parking for seniors and especially the disabled community is essential.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Make sure there is a simple place for food, deliveries and other package deliveries for communities that often order food online and often order furniture or other necessities via the Internet	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Having a few local places to eat on the ground floor would be great.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We love the Flea Market, and we need the Flea Market to thrive, and we want to make sure that their operations and their community is supported throughout the entire process of construction and beyond.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Seniors are very, very vulnerable to even minimal rent increases or utility increases or maintenance fees or other types of additional fees because living on a fixed income is all we get. We need fries predictability for food, transport, rent, and all additional utilities and fees so that we can manage our financial futures.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	Sleep is essential to health and well-being and seniors, especially need apartments that provide a safe and quiet place to rest which includes windows that have soundproofing and are also insulated to save energy costs.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	In general, seniors need a little bit more free space to move in the public space and in the corridors and also need places to pause like handrails seats, and other design items that help them rest while in transit.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We need spaces that work well for people that are visually impaired so that way finding and ease of maneuvering, especially within the building and during commuting or being in the public realm.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-05-26	Community Listening and Design Visioning	Harriet Tubman Terrace	We would like ground floor spaces that serve the needs of seniors such as arts organizations, and other well-being organizations such as yoga movement, tai chi, Chi gong, and other types of organizations that promote longevity and health.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	Senior citizens have stories to tell.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	We need the ability to organize the people.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be local retail from the community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be community inclusion.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be public art.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	We should highlight the history and culture.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be more trees, like willows.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be recreation and nature.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be more accessible bathrooms.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be small-scale neighborhood retail with density.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be designated loading zones or spots for drivers who may not want to or have access to a garage, as it is very unsafe.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be places for teens to hang out both indoors and outdoors.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	There should be teen and family programming.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-13	Community Listening	Berkeley Flea Market	Make sure the flea market stays open and has a home.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We would like to see diverse greenery, including trees and various plants.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	The design should accommodate all the people walking through the BART station.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	The ground floors need to feel open and welcoming, not gated off.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	The urban design needs to be welcoming and not just feel like massive housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We would like to see rotating displays of art incorporated into the space.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	There should be a promenade to connect the edge with a commercial or micro-commercial developed ground floor, rather than a residential edge.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	It is crucial that pedestrians crossing the street can do so safely.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need marketing support and temporary relief programs for businesses adversely affected by construction or long-term operational changes.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	It is important to preserve reasonable customer access to existing businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	The streets should be fully accessible for pedestrians and bikes.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	The streets must also be accessible for electric wheelchairs, buses, and cars.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	Outdoor spaces should be kept interconnected with play areas, ground-level retail, and cafés.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need public restrooms available for the community.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	The Objective Design Standards (ODS) have led to ugly buildings due to too many rules.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	It would be a missed retail opportunity with all the foot traffic not to include small-scale groceries, bakeries, and produce stands.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need shade structures to protect people from the sun.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	The development should be open to and supportive of micro-enterprises.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We want to see a vibrant density of life along the commercial edge.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	New commercial spaces along Adeline need to feed energy into the promenade, connect well to Adeline, and be lively.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	The project should adopt a strong and cohesive visual identity.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We should combine outdoor spaces with retail, parks, cafés, and other social uses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	Auto access is essential to an aging population, we will still need auto access for elderly.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	Traffic and crossing is very dangerous currently. Replace the traffic signals with a rotary.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need to reconnect the streets between East and West	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need interconnected public space that are shared with play yards, ground floor retail, dining and small scale grocery.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need small scale grocery	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	we need to maximize commercial and recreational space	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need public bathrooms	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	Buildings should be setback from the sidewalk	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We must retain the quirky nature of retail in the neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	Public Art is a Magnet. we need more public art	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need lighting and safety at night.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need rotating curated displays of art	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-20	Community Listening and Design Visioning	South Berkeley Senior Center	We love micro commercial.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We would like to see charging hubs included in the design.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	The area needs to be clean and well-lit for safety.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We need coffee shops that include children's play areas and little libraries.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	Having natural daylight in every unit and space feels really important to us.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We envision a bustling center with safe streets and a community center that offers tutoring.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	There should be a place for older folks in the community to help run community centers.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We want a mixed-use ground floor with businesses where the food is always great.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We need more affordability to create a better community for everyone.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	Green space should be integrated with trees everywhere to help lower the temperature.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	It feels like Black people are missing from this process and need to be included.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	The entire development needs to be fully accessible to everyone.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We would love to see murals and an art station included.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We want to see shops, restaurants, and clean seating areas.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	I want to see green spaces, as sustainability is very important.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	Berkeley takes pride in its city, so there should be more community outreach events.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We would like to see more single-family homes instead of just apartments.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	The project should allow displaced residents to reintegrate into the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	I prefer a design that has a more open-air look and feel.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We definitely need more trees in the development.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	Solar charging stations should be provided.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We should create canopies that people can easily access for shade.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We need more protected bike lanes to ensure cyclist safety.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	It is crucial to maintain a space for the Berkeley Flea Market.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We would like to have public access to the rooftops.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We would like to see neighborhood serving small scale retail.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We would like to see more trees and ecological design in this neighborhood.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We would like to see a lot more housing on this parking lot.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We need places for teens to hang out indoors and programs that support teens too.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We need to provide bike lanes that are safe for bikers and other modes of transport.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We want to see locally serving food and restaurant space that is small and local.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We need a place for families to be able to play with their children.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We need to make sure that there is a home for the Flea Market at all times.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	Mixed income housing is something that we believe this neighborhood needs.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We want to see local shops, not just services that don't activate the streetscape.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We would love to see more art and public sculpture that reflects local culture and local artists.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We love South Berkeley because it is so mixed Race and has been so diverse.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We need to make sure that new Development lifts up local businesses not compete with them and put them out of business.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We believe South Berkeley needs more natural areas for play and public spaces with plants that provide fresh air and a place for local native pollinators and local animals.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We want to make sure that new communities that are designed here are open un gated, welcoming and face the neighborhood in a friendly and human scale way.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We have to celebrate and support the local arts and culture Of Berkeley and the people that are creative and artistic in making our cities beautiful.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We want to make sure that existing businesses that require patrons to park their cars don't lose parking to the new neighbors.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We need to make sure that the site is accessible and inclusive and allows space for young children, seniors, families, and teenagers alike.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	When the project is constructed, we hope that local people will be employed and especially local people of color will be employed and can learn the trades and sustain their employment throughout and beyond the course of the project.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-06-21	Community Listening	Juneteenth Festival	We want to make sure that the buildings are set back from the sidewalk in a way that allows for plants and other greenery and seating that feels more like Berkeley.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Create an African American Preference Policy	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Homeless Housing	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Farmers Market Needed	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Tutoring Center Within one of the buildings (This comment was located on building C on the board of local economy , cultural heritage)	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Create open spaces designated for African Americans	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Where do children play?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	How soon will info be posted online?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Consider a public call for local art projects and sculptures and make community members vote for what is installed	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Look up induced Demand	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	I'm okay with less bart parking	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Prioritize Community not bike lane	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	No cycle track, it is a small group of people, prioritize the community	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	This sucks move it (comment pointed to future bart staging area on the board of local economy , cultural heritage)	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	People in the community must have equal preference	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Swing Sets?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Where is the playground or dog park?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need a children play space	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Push back the entrance on mlk jr way where the blue arrow is by A2 and B2 (on board of local economy and cultural heritage)	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Open up building A1 (this coment is connected to the community facing on adeline street plaza)	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	When will finalized plans be open to the community output?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Is there a consideration for any projects that will lead to home ownership?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Will there be ownership opportunities for residents	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Stop making apartment that look like prisons. Incorporate design elements in line with historical homes of the bay	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	As long it is not "big blocks" but broken up in styles, the community will be so much more enjoyable	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Single Story	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Consider offering reduced rents to anyone who can demonstrate their family was displaced by the original development of the bart station and parking lot.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Like Macarthur more housing taller	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Minimize the luxury units	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Housing needs to be for the LOW and VERY LOW incomes "affordable to whose standard"	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	More units	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Set back Building C to align facade with prince Street (on board of local economy and cultural heritage)	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Must be actually affordable housing	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Extremely low income	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Consider floor level lighting to minimize resident light exposure	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Concerns around equity of low income housing	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Housing preference policy must include high priority for the people	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Create separate buildings for open space	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Must be affordable	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Senior housing comes with supportive services	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Large points for African American who were displaced	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Very Low Very low income housing	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Preference policy for African Americans	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Create more green space and bike sectional	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Increase green space at building C on adeline street (commented on board of public space and ecological design)	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	For users in A1 create more space for open air (commented on board of public space and ecological design)	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Vertical green space... maybe a vertical food garden	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Trees Everywhere	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Native Planting	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Street trees does not plant same as MLK side	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	As green as possible	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Drummers need protection from the sun and rain	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Build Taller and embrace a complete courtyard	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Butterflies	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Bike Accident Waiting (that says Cyclist Safety of the new bikeways on board of public space and ecological design)	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Create large walkup for the bart riders	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	85-100 bart spaces	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	move bike section away from the main entrance	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	underground or easy access bike parking that is secure can manually raise the bike community	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	disables folk into account and provide reasonable accommodations for them	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Bike Parking tool	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Design across the streets. The access to the station through the shaded streets	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Where is the parking	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Existing parking 535 spaces (how many is proposed?)	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Adeline B too wide	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Parking isn't necessary for transit, buses are really good at getting people at one place to another	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Line of sight from prince street to bike access	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Corridors that are open to the outside, would save on AC lots. Does not have to be fully to prevent accidents, just sufficient for the airflow	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Where will I park	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	urban Micro Mobility ios expanding fast, consider more bike/ scooter/ wheelchair parking with charging capability	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Pick a path and enforce it	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	No cycle track in area where disabled and seniors access the space, it's dangerous	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	narrowing surrounding streets	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	could use quiet asphalt on adeline to keep the plaza quiet/nice to be at	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	We need affordable community venue spaces for small shows and performance	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	I hope the ground floor of the building make limited commercial space, too many new art buildings in berkeley	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	and oakland have empty ground floors	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Cypress mandela would be a great fit	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Yes to cypress mandela training center offers more to the community	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	include cypress mandela training center	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Families need way more than 1 bike parking and 1 space	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Ground floor, commercial should include bars, cafes, street facing business that stay open real late	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	DURABLE, FUNCTIONAL. PLEASANT	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Health Clinic?	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Small format shops	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Workforce development potential ground level use? Would there be spaces for partner orgs?	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	No retail	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	New restaurants	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Hardware store?	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-16	Community Open House	South Berkeley Senior Center	Family Style Diner (Open Late)	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Hope to have rooftop amenities to Take advantage of popular views.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Make space as beautiful as possible.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Use a native planting palette.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Promote and protect bees and nature.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
			Use bird-safe glass on all midrise buildings. Bird collisions happen on low-level buildings and short buildings.	
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call		Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Work with HTP and Second Nature to understand ecology.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Improve inner activity by adding balconies and operable windows.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	How do we plan the MLK side?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Will we match housing?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Look toward the residential homes and incorporate them into the design.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Will the project have more larger or smaller unit types?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Tell us about the number of units ofr the project	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Will factory built housing be used?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Check City standards for exterior surfaces.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Affordable housing at 60–80% AMI eliminates many people at 50% AMI.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Suggest affordability should not only serve the workforce.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Presenters should convey info in actual rent amounts (example noted: say \$500–\$800/month).	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	How much affordability? What AMI levels? Response references 50/50 mix and 60–80% AMI.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
			Raised the question on the amount of Project Based vouchers would be allowed. Developer noted: PBVs are a Housing Authority decision, City policy to be observed R2R/R2Stay, and RCD's commitment to affordability.	
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call		Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Brand the project as a "South Berkeley Transit Village." Lean into the place and identity.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Wants clarity on the location of the flea market (noted at Adeline Plaza).	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
			What do flea market vendors do with trucks and cars? E&K Response: current design is still in progress.	
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call		Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Can TPSS be moved? BART Response: it is part of the infrastructure.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Has input been made to the ODS? can Suggestions be submitted by the community on the ODS?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Community questions: they want actual amendments into the ODS.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
			Is the Planning Commission planning to finalize the ODS by September? Response noted by the city : Yes.	
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call		Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	City noted they will take community input.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Community Suggested more time for public feedback.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
			Can the community present directly to Berkeley? City Response: Google Form or email Alisa directly.	
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call		Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Project should be a great service to the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Would like more information on upcoming meetings	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
2026-07-22	Community Open House Office Hours	Zoom Call	Work with Lighthouse for the Blind; wants more info on meeting date and time.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

Ashby BART West Lot —

Comments

Gatherings

Themes

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The date of the gathering where the comment was shared.

The name of the gathering.

Where the gathering was held.

The comment, written out as a full sentence. Every row has one.

One of the five themes. Every comment has one.

Chart Grouping	Category / Amendment	Tab Name	Comment Count	Pct of Chart Group	Pct of Total Dataset
Chart 1: ODS Community Amendment Aligned Comments	Amd 1: Public Realm, Open Space & Ecology	Amd 1 - Public Realm	202	44.6%	25.8%
Chart 1: ODS Community Amendment Aligned Comments	Amd 2: Edible Landscaping & Gardens	Amd 2 - Edible Landscaping	22	4.9%	2.8%
Chart 1: ODS Community Amendment Aligned Comments	Amd 3: Local Income Affordability Metrics	Amd 3 - Affordability	60	13.2%	7.7%
Chart 1: ODS Community Amendment Aligned Comments	Amd 4: Ground Floor Civic Infrastructure & Art	Amd 4 - Civic & Art	98	21.6%	12.5%
Chart 1: ODS Community Amendment Aligned Comments	Amd 5: Sustainable Building Design & Scale	Amd 5 - Sustainable Design	28	6.2%	3.6%
Chart 1: ODS Community Amendment Aligned Comments	Amd 6: Anti-Gentrification & Black Heritage	Amd 6 - Black Heritage	43	9.5%	5.5%
Chart 2: Other Comments (ODS Aligned and Non-Aligned)	Community Engagement & Outreach Process	Community Engagement	25	7.6%	3.2%
Chart 2: Other Comments (ODS Aligned and Non-Aligned)	General Governance & Overall Project Vision	Governance & Vision	216	65.7%	27.6%
Chart 2: Other Comments (ODS Aligned and Non-Aligned)	Local Business, Jobs & Economic Development	Local Biz & Jobs	15	4.6%	1.9%
Chart 2: Other Comments (ODS Aligned and Non-Aligned)	Public Safety, Cleanliness & Amenities	Public Safety	20	6.1%	2.6%
Chart 2: Other Comments (ODS Aligned and Non-Aligned)	Traffic, Transit & Parking Infrastructure	Traffic & Transit	53	16.1%	6.8%

COMMUNITY COMMENTS	THEME
We should attend council meetings, voice our stories, use word of mouth, and conduct social media and street outreach.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Create space for stakeholders, such as the Flea Market.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Support local shops, businesses, and the flea market so they are not displaced, consider earmarking housing units for locals, and put safeguards in place to prevent demolition before construction.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There must be persistent and focused community pressure on developers and elected officials, replicating the Dudley Street project model from Boston.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Protect the South Berkeley Flea Market at BART.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
It would be very nice to keep the Flea Market, as it has been there for many years and should remain a part of the community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The historical Flea Market must remain and become more affordable for the vendors, as it has been a delight since I was a teen.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There needs to be proper lighting, maintenance of trees and shrubbery, and support for pre-existing businesses.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Consider the redwoods and other trees that were planted with intention by the people of South Berkeley prior to BART.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There needs to be a focus on sustainability.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be an inner courtyard with edible food gardens, fruit trees, and flowers.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We must respect Mother Earth by including plants and space to breathe for the community.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be an East-facing, open-to-view BART entrance, less obtrusive LED lights to see the stars, flowering trees instead of shrubs, less transit lane clutter, and theft-proof bike parking for those walking along Tremont and Harmon.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Community organizations such as CIL, BORP, Berkeley Center for the Blind, La Pena Community Arts, Black Rep, Shotgun Players, Berkeley Flea Market, Resource Tool Library, and the South Berkeley Senior Center should be included.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
In ten years, the neighborhood should have places for people of all ages and abilities, as well as more green space.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
In ten years, the neighborhood should be an economic engine for its own community, with streets that tell the story of its past, present, and future.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should survey community members, host street celebrations like Juneteenth to bring current and former neighbors together to share information, and gather data on who lives here, how long they have stayed, and what skills they bring.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be saturated outreach to all residents within a 0.15-mile radius of Ashby BART using multilingual flyers, door-to-door canvassing, and social media, as well as a gathering space like the Flea Market for people to share resources and sell items.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

What is missing are schools, spaces for children aged zero to ten, and trees.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
For healthy living, there should be play spaces next to garden plots, trees, and colorful playgrounds.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need an environment that grows, welcomes everyone, and does not deteriorate.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be walkable shops and a park, as every other neighborhood has one and Greg Brown Park is too small and used by Big Oaks Learning.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
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Public open spaces should feature natural gardens and areas.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The design should center on open space since it is currently at a deficit, and open space should be tiered within the building.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There is an opportunity for the plaza design to provide neighborhood centers.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The space should create opportunities for people to gather with a welcoming, colorful design featuring comfortable seating, intentional landscaping, transparent glass for ground-floor businesses, safety measures, maintained crosswalks, and streetlights.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
To support community life and local businesses, we need gathering spaces, green areas, and potentially a new park or pool, along with community-building events and student patronage.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be active streets, farmers markets, walkable access, and design support to encourage customers.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Although I used to visit the Flea Market every weekend long ago, this is already a diverse and lively neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a farmers market and flea market vendors.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Affordable housing residents should have large front porch areas on the first or second stories along quieter streets where they can greet neighbors, rather than just cafe tables that close early.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There needs to be a good representation of how to configure the flea market along Adeline for vending.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
I would love to see more vendors at the South Berkeley Farmers Market, more residents, and big, tall, healthy street trees to form a canopy.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The Berkeley Flea Market is historical and cultural for the Black community, and to help small diverse businesses grow, we need safe parking lots and bike spaces.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be clean streets with maintained garbage and recycling cans, places to window shop, multi-ethnic slow food shops, and fewer permits required for small businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be free two-hour parking, small non-franchise businesses, a makerspace, a reuse storefront, and spaces for people to work in gardens and walk dogs, alongside the Berkeley Flea Market.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

The Berkeley Flea Market is a beloved space that supports an international business community and creates a gathering place, and I miss when it was vibrant and thriving.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be quiet, shady outdoor spaces where people can relax.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The design should center on open space since it is currently at a deficit, and open space should be tiered within the building.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be a park setting with cafes or kiosks like in Stockholm or Paris, and flower gardens like in London.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be shaded seating areas, spaces to lie in the sun, trees, hammock swings, a farmers and flea market with music and vendors, a walkway like the Brazil Cafe, and a little library.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be places for crafts markets, flea markets, and farmers markets.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a lawn to hang out and listen to music, or versatile performance spots.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
I would love to see a vibrant, colorful open space where kids can play and enjoy themselves.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Outdoor open spaces should feature natural lighting, cultural events, and support for BIPOC-owned small businesses, ensuring they have priority licenses and are not pushed out by new businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
A plaza would feel like it belongs to the community if it is a colorful, creative space with music, community events, and vendors or artists of color selling their goods.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Outdoor spaces should be more curvilinear than rectilinear, working with nature rather than against it.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Since plazas can often feel vacant and inhospitable, an active park with trees would be much better than another plaza.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
This project needs a park, pool, or playground, as we shouldn't miss the chance to provide new green space to the southeast part of Berkeley.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be places for crafts markets, flea markets, and farmers markets.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
It should be a beautiful, welcoming, and accessible space with thoughtful plant and furniture selection, designed for kids, elders, wheelchair users, and mothers.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Community outdoor spaces should include artwork paying homage to local history, play areas, gathering spaces, picnic spots, a community garden, class spaces, a farmers market, and an outdoor performance area.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The space should have beautiful aesthetics with joyful colors and graphics, a safe environment, and comfortable, ergonomic seating.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The parking lot will be missed.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The design should include permeable hardscapes, rainwater harvesting, affordable eateries, trees, picnic tables, BBQ stands, and a place for performances and events like Juneteenth.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be a flea market with a children's play area, a food truck night, and a nearby youth art gallery and performance space.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

Greenery and trees are important to make the site and new plaza welcoming.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be overhead elements or canopies for the flea market vendors.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Include a cafe near the station access plaza, possibly near Mabel Howard Plaza.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Community outdoor spaces should include people of color, Black community music, native species, pollinators, and accessible walking paths, providing opportunities for stewardship rather than just serving new transplants.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The space should feature decorative shade, outdoor gathering areas, a food forest, and a flea market with a play area and community performance space.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Robbery and theft are reported, so we need safe spaces for a bank, Trader Joe's, an ice cream shop, and street vendors.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be a buffer between bike lanes and parking, as abutting them makes exiting a wheelchair van very dangerous.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The area should include playgrounds, elder outdoor spaces, daycares, street speed limits for bikers, visible signs, and community stores.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be affordable rent, trees, plants, gardens, a playground, and a welcoming community atmosphere.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We should encourage neighborhood activity through green space connectivity.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
A community garden should have more native plants to attract pollinators.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Outdoor spaces should be peaceful and restorative with various activity nodes and areas free from noise.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be areas encouraging multigenerational interaction, big tree canopies, colorful play areas, and artistic seating for seniors.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The design should feature tall buildings with ground-level trees, art, and community activation, incorporating creative simplicity and frontal artistic decor honoring African heritage.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Outdoor spaces should be peaceful and restorative with various activity nodes and areas free from noise.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There are not enough trees, and it is unclear how the building interacts with the plaza.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be areas encouraging multigenerational interaction, big tree canopies, colorful play areas, and artistic seating for seniors.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The buildings are too square and should have some roundness, especially in courtyards, along with balconies featuring flower and tree boxes.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
The design should feature tall buildings with ground-level trees, art, and community activation, incorporating creative simplicity and frontal artistic decor honoring African heritage.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
If tall buildings are built around the streets leaving room in the center, will there be enough space so people do not feel boxed in?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

The buildings should be no taller than four stories, feature windows and businesses, and have lots of light and open space. Tall block buildings make good targets, the times are changing, and there should be parking with solar and electric charging.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
The community is missing, and we need trees, plants, flowers, benches, African American culture, large windows that open, gardens, courtyards, and townhomes that are no more than three stories, along with outreach to the entire community.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The buildings should not be overly tall, and the heights should be staggered throughout the project without any hulking towers. There should be nice outdoor space with greenery and places to sit and visit with neighbors.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be lots of natural elements incorporated into the building, such as hardwood, boulders, plants, lights, and colored glass, and it should not be higher than eight to ten stories maximum.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
What is missing is a parking lot, more greenery for after-dinner walks, and health clinics, as a lot of buildings with no parking would be a headache.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The building size should be two to three stories maximum with no more than 200 units, and it should include garden space, play space for kids, outdoor exercise equipment, walking pathways, parking, laundry, community rooms open to neighbors, art installations by BIPOC artists, and lots of open green space.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
The building feel should not be like CIL which did not become an active plaza, and Adeline is too grand with a street that is too wide.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
I like a pyramid building with an open plaza.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The buildings should be under four stories, 600 units is too many, and there should be greenery, parking, and health clinics.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
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I want to be able to see the Berkeley hills and not have the sun blocked out from my home by buildings, and there should be open space with natural light and trees that do not litter the streets.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The plans for community revitalization should address mental health care and drug use recovery through access routes, community spaces, and open space.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be low-cost or free mental health support and medical services, exercise classes for all ages, large green open space, and an urban garden open to neighbors.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Healthy living priorities should include gardens, a water element like a reflecting pool, a labyrinth or zen garden to walk and meditate, signage about native plants and animals, and layers of grass to lie down on.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design

There should be small and large gatherings in parks and gardens to learn our stories and hopes, celebrate, and share our hopes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
A strong community needs open space, and the brick building on Ashby and Adeline needs to be a park.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
This neighborhood used to be called New Berry and was agricultural until the 1906 earthquake, and the buildings should be shorter.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
In ten years, Black children should have a place to play and call home, with green space, clean air, and clean water.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We should create space for community events such as concerts by locals, flea markets especially for Black vendors, and community workshops and classes.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
It should be a bustling fun center with safe streets.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We should keep the Flea Market, provide affordable housing, and ensure it does not become "Project Life".	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be more active storefronts encouraging walking, a big park with tennis courts, and better connections between open spaces throughout South Berkeley.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be more active storefronts encouraging walking, a big park with tennis courts, and better connections between open spaces throughout South Berkeley.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be places for Tai Chi, water pools, streams, play structures, climbing rocks, trees, community gardens, dog parks, and playgrounds.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
A park encourages activity, and a dog park would be wonderful.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
South Berkeley is an example of Black entrepreneurship that needs to be preserved and valued, and there should be shops and outdoor spaces where neighbors can meet.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
I grew up at the Berkeley Flea Market, paid for my school clothes by working there, and we honored my mother's life and the flea market when she passed.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The Berkeley Flea Market is the heart and soul of South Berkeley, and there should be affordable groceries, cultural centers focusing on Black and Brown culture, educational support, and summer recreation and jobs for kids.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The Berkeley Flea Market is important and historic but needs better leadership, funding, activation, and a business strategy, perhaps by having BHS students volunteer and a business school consult.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should lower the barriers of entry for permits, decriminalize home-based businesses, and provide more street vending opportunities.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
A neighborhood feels alive when there are street fairs, music, cultural events, arts, and family-friendly activities.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The Berkeley Flea Market is historic and cultural for the Black community, and we need diverse stores for different cultures, as well as parking lots and safe bike storage to help small businesses grow.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

The flea market represents culture, socializing, vendors, music, food, and various cultures.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a street festival featuring Black artists and organized by Black community leadership.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be faces from historical Black Berkeley, musical and dance spaces, native trees and plants, and pollinator fruit trees.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Elders have stories of impromptu jazz concerts on the grassy median on Adeline Street, so we should have green spaces for music.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Safety should be improved with speed bumps, bike lanes, lights for pedestrian crossings, and signage, along with street murals, a living garden wall, a fountain, and plaques with local heroes.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be trees, sidewalks, benches, lighting at night, traffic calming, safer pedestrian crossings, and the removal of the slip lane at Ashby and Adeline.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Half of the ground-level square footage should be available for small low-cost startups, canopies, the flea market, kiosks, and storage, managed by the Local Flea Market Board.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a trolley from midway points and more parking to make connections to the BART station easier.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Cycle track lanes are dangerous for disabled and older pedestrians, so there need to be better and safer crossings at large streets like Adeline.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be good lighting, pedestrian access, signage, stores, restaurants, parks, bike lanes, and road diets to slow vehicles down.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
A welcoming station entrance should have disability access, plants and green space to keep the area cool, and a pleasant space to wait for the bus.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be safe, off-street circulation.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be rails, lights at crosswalks, lots of fruit trees, planter gardens, butterfly habitats, and hydroponic gardens so residents have food security and can sell produce.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
While some older buildings are quaint, we need big street trees and quirky, interesting designs with a sense of discovery for higher density buildings.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need to consider transportation and parking.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
People need parking spots, which should be underground, to prevent tenants from parking on neighborhood streets.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The focus should be on the street-level experience and Affordable Human-Scale taller buildings, avoiding flat, plain boxes by using a variety of materials.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be open walkways and warm, welcoming wood, but not huge open spaces on the bottom floor that are too overwhelming.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be generous, tree-lined sidewalks with front porches and calm traffic on perimeter streets, as Ashby, MLK, and Adeline are busy and unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

We should use native plants because they require less water and support pollinators.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be quiet, rich, green spaces like roof and lawn gardens for health and food access, including gardens farmed by youth.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be community gardens with access to water and playgrounds made with natural materials and colors, with trees for shade.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be green space and the ability to see the horizon.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be less concrete and more natural greenery like trees to absorb CO2 and relieve the urban heat island effect.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be beautiful, low-water plants and flowers that are continuously maintained, pruned, and kept clean, along with well-maintained butterfly and bee gardens.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We should improve the parks in the neighborhood and include gardens, garden boxes, and walking space.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be big trees, naturalistic play equipment, and gardening.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be an outdoor chess playing plaza and retail outdoor cafes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be big trees, naturalistic play equipment, and gardening.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be different kinds of trees and greenery.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Trees should grow through the parking structure, similar to in Singapore.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be native plants to attract pollinators, connect the urban space to nature, and reflect Indigenous cultures.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be beautiful plants and vegetable boxes for growing food.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Greenery and trees reduce tension, so there should be maintained green space in the middle of the development.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be a diversity of vegetation, not just grass, including a community garden, seating amongst trees and flowers, and a variety of colors in the landscape.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We should preserve the traditional trees which the residents planted on purpose long before the BART station.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need more intimate spaces and to activate the area with greenery and trees along Adeline.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Green space always helps with the feeling of the building in the neighborhood.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We want our buildings to be sustainable and made of healthy materials and we want heating and cooling and indoor comfort.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need more landscaping and trees and outdoor healthy green spaces to find calming and mental health peace.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Seniors need clear, access and wayfinding to get to and from transit entry points entrances and exits as well as safe street crossings.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

Senior Saffen do not ride bikes easily and often rely on vehicles for personal transport, including hobbies and employment. Parking for seniors and especially the disabled community is essential.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We love the Flea Market, and we need the Flea Market to thrive, and we want to make sure that their operations and their community is supported throughout the entire process of construction and beyond.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be more trees, like willows.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Make sure the flea market stays open and has a home.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We would like to see diverse greenery, including trees and various plants.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
It is crucial that pedestrians crossing the street can do so safely.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The streets should be fully accessible for pedestrians and bikes.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The streets must also be accessible for electric wheelchairs, buses, and cars.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Outdoor spaces should be kept interconnected with play areas, ground-level retail, and cafés.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We should combine outdoor spaces with retail, parks, cafés, and other social uses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We need to reconnect the streets between East and West	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We envision a bustling center with safe streets and a community center that offers tutoring.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Green space should be integrated with trees everywhere to help lower the temperature.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
I want to see green spaces, as sustainability is very important.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We definitely need more trees in the development.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
It is crucial to maintain a space for the Berkeley Flea Market.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We would like to see more trees and ecological design in this neighborhood.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We would like to see a lot more housing on this parking lot.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need to make sure that there is a home for the Flea Market at all times.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We want to see local shops, not just services that don't activate the streetscape.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We believe South Berkeley needs more natural areas for play and public spaces with plants that provide fresh air and a place for local native pollinators and local animals.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We want to make sure that existing businesses that require patrons to park their cars don't lose parking to the new neighbors.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We want to make sure that the buildings are set back from the sidewalk in a way that allows for plants and other greenery and seating that feels more like Berkeley.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Create open spaces designated for African Americans	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
I'm okay with less bart parking	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Where is the playground or dog park?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Open up building A1 (this coment is connected to the community facing on adeline street plaza)	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

Consider offering reduced rents to anyone who can demonstrate their family was displaced by the original development of the bart station and parking lot.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Set back Building C to align facade with prince Street (on board of local economy and cultural heritage)	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Create seperate buildings for open space	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Create more green space and bike sectional	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Increase green space at building C on adeline street (commented on board of public space and ecological design)	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Vertical green space... maybe a vertical food garden	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Trees Everywhere	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Native Planting	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Street trees does not plant same as MLK side	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
underground or easy access bike parking that is secure can manually raise the bike community	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Bike Parking tool	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Design across the streets. The access to the station through the shaded streets	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Where is the parking	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Existing parking 535 spaces (how many is proposed?)	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Parking isn't necessary for transit, buses are really good at getting people at one place to another	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Line of sight from prince street to bike access	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Where will I park	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
urban Micro Mobility ios expanding fast, consider more bike/ scooter/ wheelchair parking with charging capability	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
narrowing surrounding streets	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
could use quiet asphalt on adeline to keep the plaza quiet/nice to be at	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Families need way more than 1 bike parking and 1 space	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Ground floor, commercial should include bars, cafes, street facing business that stay open real late	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Use a native planting palette.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Wants clarity on the location of the flea market (noted at Adeline Plaza).	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
What do flea market vendors do with trucks and cars? E&K Response: current design is still in progress.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

COMMUNITY COMMENTS	THEME
Provide garden space for people who want to garden.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
In the Ashby BART neighborhood, we do not want many tall buildings; instead, we would like to see nature, recreational spaces, and a community garden.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The space should include gardening areas, plenty of children's play areas, exercise options for seniors and caregivers, considerations for attracting or deterring wildlife, and a focus on ecological organisms.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
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There should be funding for the flea and farmers markets, fairs, and festivals, as well as built-in kiosks for small businesses and rooftop gardens.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be lounge and gathering spaces with rounded architecture that matches the community, and shaded areas for crop swaps, food trucks, and markets.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The city cites my teaching garden for overgrowth, and the proposed 600-unit building will block my sunlight.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
A nice community space includes lounging and gathering areas, nature, and a community garden for resources and crop swapping.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Balconies with built-in gardening beds and watering systems would bring nature in and allow everyone to grow food.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
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The concept images look standard and monotonous, so daylight, natural light, murals, large windows, and garden boxes are really important.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be entry doors outside for neighborhood growth, garden boxes for food, food forests, and open balconies.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Gardens should be designed to function, grow food, and make watering and tools available.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be a rooftop pool, wellness space, wellness provider shops, lots of places that receive sunshine, and garden boxes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We should engage and include youth intergenerationally, ensure the Black community has a strong stake, feature murals and placards with neighborhood heroes, and have a lot of programming like gardens, bikes, lectures, and cooking classes.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be a wild, green, native garden with rocks for sitting.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be a terraced design with outdoor gardens on one level alternating with indoor living space on the next.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

There should be vertical gardens, a food forest, and upper-story gardens with good light up all walls.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Every unit should have a terrace with a garden.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be veggie garden boxes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be an herbal garden where folks can take herbs to cook dinner.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design

COMMUNITY COMMENTS	THEME
Create a communications plan to reach people whose families were displaced from this area.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Use public banks and mutual aid to fund the building of 100% affordable units for the unhoused or those at risk of becoming so.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need better school sizes for growing families and better information provided to current residents.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be affordable and safe child care.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Displaced Berkeley families should have the right to return and priority for affordable housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Do not kick anyone else out, and give homes back to families who were displaced.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be inherited intergenerational affordable housing, not just for the head of household, to target the cycle of displacement.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Prioritize extremely low and low-income individuals for AMI.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Affordable housing units should be distributed throughout the development.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need to fight for truly affordable housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Affordable housing preferences should apply to all units.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need housing that the people can afford.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Equity means affordable rent should equal 30% of income.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There needs to be truly affordable rental housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There needs to be affordable housing for purchase.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
See if any dispossessed persons from South Berkeley are in any housing assistance programs, ensure funds are set in stone for equitable housing, and provide affordable housing for 99 years.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Locate family members who were or are affected by this displacement.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Put a rent cap in all contracts to keep it affordable.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Locate family members who were or are affected by this displacement.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There needs to be low-income housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Affordable homes should be made for those who need them the most and will stay around.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be security, accessibility, and affordability in housing, especially for Black and Native displaced communities, with the entire building kept affordable and run by the communities that fought for it, allowing stable families to thrive without worrying about rent, and maintained by hiring local people.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We must prioritize displaced families.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
A percentage of housing should be dedicated to long-term Berkeley residents and Black families or individuals, given the history of the neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

There should be new affordable homes for returning families of color, elders of color, and other families who need a home.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Local retail should be activated to support a diverse community, preserving the cultural legacy of the area by offering affordable businesses and a community center that cater to the people's needs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Providing free tax help, low rent, and cheap healthy food would allow businesses to stay.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be affordable taxis with universal taxi strips and paratransit services that can be called sooner than three days in advance.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be a reasonable and affordable farmers market that accepts EBT.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be pop-up sidewalk sales, more food and grocery options, an ATM, sliding scale rent, and activities for all ages connected to the senior center, library, lace museum, and Shotgun Theater.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The City of Berkeley pushed for South Berkeley to be an opportunity zone, allowing wealthy outsiders to buy up displaced Black families' lands to make a profit.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
I do not think these new developments are for low-income, immigrant, or working-class families, as the high prices exclude people of color with low salaries.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
The rent needs to be made affordable.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need affordable but high-quality mid-rise, spacious units with beautiful aesthetics, good maintenance, large windows, balconies, and a legacy of Black wealth and influence.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be various building heights and step backs, and cultural elements with purple, metal, and accent colors to make it more dynamic.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Every single unit needs to be affordable, especially if it is more than four stories.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be murals reflecting African American and Asian culture, housing for low and moderate-income families and single folks, a new council that cares for the community, and culture included in the design.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
In ten years, we want no vacant storefronts, sidewalk storytelling, financial support for arts organizations, and homes for all income levels.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The area was built for small business owners, and after the railroads arrived, Black families could afford to move here, though many struggled to keep their homes over time.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The focus should be on healthy Black families.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be local shops with local talent, an affordable grocery store, health and wellness services, and an affordable gym.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be fresh, affordable produce stores, fewer smoke and liquor stores, and more Black-owned businesses like repair shops, clothing shops, daycares, art centers, and tutoring centers.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be affordable food and cafe options that feel friendly and encourage interacting with people, not machines.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

We should have Black residents by making paperwork easier, have affordable produce stores, maintain clean spaces, and keep teens and kids engaged in community-led activities and after-school programs.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Seniors need a place where family members or other guests can come to visit that are not just in their apartments, but are in semi private social spaces that are throughout the building and throughout the entire site.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be teen and family programming.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need more affordability to create a better community for everyone.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We would like to see more single-family homes instead of just apartments.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need a place for families to be able to play with their children.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need to make sure that the site is accessible and inclusive and allows space for young children, seniors, families, and teenagers alike.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Housing needs to be for the LOW and VERY LOW incomes "affordable to whose standard"	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Must be actually affordable housing	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Must be affordable	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need affordable community venue spaces for small shows and performance	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Workforce development potential ground level use? Would there be spaces for partner orgs?	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Family Style Diner (Open Late)	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Affordable housing at 60–80% AMI eliminates many people at 50% AMI.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Suggest affordability should not only serve the workforce.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
How much affordability? What AMI levels? Response references 50/50 mix and 60–80% AMI.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Raised the question on the amount of Project Based vouchers would be allowed. Developer noted: PBVs are a Housing Authority decision, City policy to be observed R2R/R2Stay, and RCD's commitment to affordability.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

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We as a community need to be active participants in the future stages of the development, and I hope for constant updates.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Do not expect the BART project to solve the problem, but let the project be a positive next step.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be plenty of meetings for people to speak their voice and for the city and BART to hear.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Development should be paired with deep investment in existing and emergent Black businesses, community organizations, and public art.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
BART needs to acknowledge the harm it has caused.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
In a historically Black working-class community, any development must include the voice of present residents and an intergenerational partnership working together for mutual growth.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be a community center and daycare open from 5 AM to 9 PM with meals, where seniors can take care of kids and resource each other.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Housing and apartments should be accessible via a lottery in enough numbers to satisfy the population until a better equitable system arises.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
If there is a hub, art live-work units should be above it.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Create a property owners list predating the Ashby BART Station.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Make the apartments large enough so that they feel like a welcoming place.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Sublease apartments for people who are descendants of the displaced.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be an art space and a socialized area for aunties and uncles.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Include a cultural base in the development.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a community center and daycare open from 5 AM to 9 PM with meals, where seniors can take care of kids.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Make space for art produced by the community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Make BART free.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Make BART free for all residents.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
I WALK TO BART MOSTLY, ALTHOUGH I DO BIKE ENTRANCE NEEDS TO BE OPEN AND WELL LIT.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The space should be accessible and include murals, art stations, shops, restaurants, and clean seating with covered shelters.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
It would feel like walking into the East Lot to the sounds of African drums, feeling safe because the entrance is open, well-lit with greenery, providing access to train departure times, and showing that my community is still here.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There is no change machine at BART.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

The developer, BART, and Berkeley can keep their promises by publicly stating them in writing based on community priorities, maintaining regular and transparent communication, and creating ways to help people buy their own homes and build financial wealth.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
People have moved to the suburbs, leaving the area divided by architecture and void of agricultural flora, and La Pena cannot hold the fort alone.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Sidewalks should be lined with beautiful local flora, creating a meandering path connecting various Ashby BART spots like entrances, meditation areas, art homages to Black heritage, playgrounds, and business kiosks.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We want small, aesthetic, European-style curved spaces for locally owned shops, pharmacies, cafes, and childcare, rather than chain stores.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a Trader Joe's, banks, a movie theater, pushcart vendors, and very low fees for vendors living within five miles of Berkeley.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be kiosks for small businesses, grant funding to train people to run them, and a cultural arts hub with live-work housing above it.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
A mix of small businesses offering food, cosmetics, retail, and art supplies, similar to Valencia in SF or College and Ashby Avenues in Berkeley, would be great.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be art displayed around by local artists.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should avoid blank walls on the edges and maximize ground floor activity.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be murals, dedicated spaces for community events and markets, space for local vendors, and opportunities for local artists to perform and show their art.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Building tall to maximize apartment units changes the neighborhood's character and blocks the sky, as most surrounding buildings are only two or three stories.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
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There should be tall buildings along Adeline and shorter buildings at Martin Luther King.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
The examples are too boxy and flat, so art, recessed windows, and details matter.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be space for community-generated public art by local artists, culturally relevant educational art for youth and adults, and showcasing the vibrant history of Black Berkeley.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be public art, murals, churches, public restrooms, and more community buy-in.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The development should honor the history of the neighborhood by highlighting the African-American and Japanese-American history and contributions through visual art pieces or murals.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
In ten years, there should be drumming, cultural experiences for residents, and places to protest.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

Black political and cultural organizations should be consulted, and the spirit of Juneteenth and the Black Rep Theater should be lifted.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should continue to provide funding to arts and community organizations that help to hold space and support cultural arts in the South Berkeley neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should honor South Berkeley via murals reflecting its history and music, and create spaces like a mini museum for learning about the history with large photos.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should sponsor a community Peace Wall with tile mosaics hand-painted by different groups on multiple building facades as local, small-scale community art.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
In ten years, we want to see kids going to college or starting a trade career, equity gaps eliminated, and people feeling proud to live in a tight, joyful, and inspired community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should not push out or reduce the ways folks create community, but rather support a thriving space like the Ashby market with drums playing in the BART station.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be art classes, spaces, and performances.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The Martin Luther King frontage should maximize community interaction.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
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There should be locally run shops and businesses like a butcher, cobbler, hardware shop, small pharmacy, childcare, and coffee shop.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be art by local artists and a performance place.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
What is missing are art galleries and a building with a community arts hub and artist live-work units.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be free music concerts, a fix-it clinic, and one-day craft classes to bring the community out.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Small businesses need resources, funding, and safety, and there should be festivals with vendors focusing on culture and health, integrating artists into the space.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The buildings should have personalities that honor the history of this area, including murals of the legacy.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a tribute to historically significant contributors and people.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Black and Brown business owners and workers from the community should be hired and centered, and there should be Black restaurateurs, public art, storytelling, a mix of generations, and game zones.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be celebrations and activities for all ages, shaded areas, public restrooms, water fountains, and public art.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
To feel safe, Martin Luther King and Ashby need a left traffic lane to make safe turns, and there need to be bus and bike lanes, as well as new entertaining connections for the younger generation.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

Safety, easy and accessible access to the BART station, and clear wayfinding to the elevator would make me want to come back.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
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We should minimize the amount of artificial turf and concrete around the site and consider the longevity of play structures.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be holidays where people can ride for free, and the space should allow for cultural celebrations.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
A welcoming BART entrance would be Gaudi-inspired.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We should enliven the BART entrance with drum circles and a museum.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be pushcart vendors with low or no permit rates, and the issue of police not responding to bicycle thefts needs to be addressed.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We need apartment buildings that can accommodate pets and easily accommodate other animals for personal health.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Yoga, and other body and health movement, activities and services are essential to the well-being of aging populations. New ground floor space that allows for community gatherings that are for movement health and body health and mental health are essential for aging senior populations.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Having a few local places to eat on the ground floor would be great.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Sleep is essential to health and well-being and seniors, especially need apartments that provide a safe and quiet place to rest which includes windows that have soundproofing and are also insulated to save energy costs.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We would like ground floor spaces that serve the needs of seniors such as arts organizations, and other well-being organizations such as yoga movement, tai chi, Chi gong, and other types of organizations that promote longevity and health.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be public art.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The design should accommodate all the people walking through the BART station.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
The ground floors need to feel open and welcoming, not gated off.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We would like to see rotating displays of art incorporated into the space.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a promenade to connect the edge with a commercial or micro-commercial developed ground floor, rather than a residential edge.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need interconnected public space that are shared with play yards, ground floor retail, dining and small scale grocery.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Public Art is a Magnet. we need more public art	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We need rotating curated displays of art	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We love micro commercial.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a place for older folks in the community to help run community centers.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

We want a mixed-use ground floor with businesses where the food is always great.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We would love to see murals and an art station included.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We would love to see more art and public sculpture that reflects local culture and local artists.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We have to celebrate and support the local arts and culture Of Berkeley and the people that are creative and artistic in making our cities beautiful.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Tutoring Center Within one of the buildings (This comment was located on building C on the board of local economy , cultural heritage)	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Consider a public call for local art projects and sculptures and make community members vote for what is installed	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
This sucks move it (comment pointed to future bart staging area on the board of local economy , cultural heritage)	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Push back the entrance on mlk jr way where the blue arrow is by A2 and B2 (on board of local economy and cultural heritage)	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Stop making apartment that look like prisons. Incorporate design elements in line with historical homes of the bay	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Like Macarthur more housing taller	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Create large walkup for the bart riders	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
85-100 bart spaces	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
I hope the ground floor of the building make limited commercial space, too many new art buildings in berkeley and oakland have empty ground floors	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Health Clinic?	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Can TPSS be moved? BART Response: it is part of the infrastructure.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

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I have been a business owner in this community for over 30 years and feel our corridor has not benefited from aid for basic needs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The community has issues with the possible height of the buildings.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There needs to be more patio space and larger windows in the living rooms, and while the ADA unit size is okay, tenants should have separated kitchens and living rooms.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
The community needs support for the Black Rep, increased education about Black South Berkeley history, and the sharing of stories from people who have lived here over the last century.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be an outdoor green corridor or promenade.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Natural light is very important, but using only glass material seems too sterile and exposed.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be wood facades.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Have you considered indoor air quality, the ability to have fresh air windows, and natural sunlight?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
The buildings around here are stucco and wooden, and there should be no rats, shaded windows, and greenery or space for it.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Light is extremely important, so the buildings have to have bigger windows, and the square footage should feel like people have space to move.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be three-story townhouse-style buildings along MLK to face the houses there, and rounded buildings similar to the front of HBF.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be no big giant boxes, but rather a variation of height clusters with tall and short buildings.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be communal front porches and verandas on half of the facades where residents and neighbors can see the world go by.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
I would not want a big boxy building; different heights and variety are more pleasing, along with some interesting angles in the structures.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We should carefully look at existing historic sites and aesthetics to incorporate them into the new building, along with daylight, visibility, openness, and connectivity.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The height should complement what is already existing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
This should be a place where future histories can be made.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be covered bus stops, public phones, shading from the weather, and a dancing water fountain with music.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Utilities should go green with solar and radiant heat options.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The buildings should not be higher than seven stories with 80 units each to make it feel acceptable for the neighborhood.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We want solar energy and renewable energy to power our buildings.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design

In general, seniors need a little bit more free space to move in the public space and in the corridors and also need places to pause like handrails seats, and other design items that help them rest while in transit.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Senior citizens have stories to tell.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be small-scale neighborhood retail with density.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We want to see a vibrant density of life along the commercial edge.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Solar charging stations should be provided.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Corridors that are open to the outside, would save on AC lots. Does not have to be fully to prevent accidents, just sufficient for the airflow	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Improve inner activity by adding balconies and operable windows.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

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We need to be rooted in our shared history but driven by a compelling vision for the future, daring to dream big and imagine.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The Black South Berkeley Community needs to be involved in the decision making, idea generation, and construction process before, during, and after ongoing development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Invest in and support Black businesses so they can return.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Center the voices of African American members of the South Berkeley community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Make sure Black residents are present and speak at any community meetings about the project.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Provide the right of return and reparations funding for Black people who were already displaced.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be Black and community ownership of property, not just rentals.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There must be Black leadership at every stage of the process.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Those who are most affected by the displacement, such as the unhoused and those who were displaced, need to be at the core of this development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There needs to be Black ownership and capital.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There must be reparations.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a public apology and reparations.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The process must be inclusive of Black voices, leadership, ideas, needs, and wants.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to offer reparations for displaced and under-resourced groups.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Create a registry of people who have been displaced in their or previous generations to contact them for input.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Stop gentrifying businesses from opening.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Prioritize applicants who were displaced from the neighborhood and prioritize free housing for those applicants.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We must address people displacement.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Culture counts.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The city has a bad history of keeping promises, where people with power make things happen while powerless people fight only to get disappointed.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be shops and services owned and patronized by local residents, serving as a testament to the neighborhood's African-American heritage.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
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Regarding food trucks, the Black community is grossly underrepresented in ownership, so we must ask how many will represent the traditional African American community that is most at risk.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

The physical, mental, and spiritual health of the community should be supported with pretty, comfortable, shaded spots with seating, and the rich history of the Black community in South Berkeley should be highlighted.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
This neighborhood should have a renovated Black Rep and other renovated buildings, and it should be easy to walk in.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a history plaque documenting the history of the displaced Ohlone, Black, and Japanese people.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The development should honor African and Asian history.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Black people are missing from the process, and we need all of it.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We should encourage people to shop locally, support inexpensive food centers for small local business owners, maintain a vibrant community with small businesses, and include more Black residents without pushing them away.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be opportunities to learn about the culture and history of the neighborhood through plaques and walking tours.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be Black grassroots businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be opportunities to learn about the culture and history of the neighborhood through plaques and walking tours.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should acknowledge Ohlone history and the present crisis, as well as every culture of the world's oppressed communities.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should highlight South Berkeley history and the history of demographic groups here.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We want to see more Black people, Black children being treated as kids, and communities volunteering their time to help elders and celebrate each other.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should highlight the history and culture.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
It feels like Black people are missing from this process and need to be included.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The project should allow displaced residents to reintegrate into the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Create an African American Preference Policy	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Is there a consideration for any projects that will lead to home ownership?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Will there be ownership opportunities for residents	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Large points for African American who were displaced	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Preference policy for African Americans	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

COMMUNITY COMMENTS	THEME
We need to practice deep listening.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
The community has to be involved in every step of the developer's building operations.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We should go door-to-door to ask South Berkeley residents for their input.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Public funding should be allotted to survey community demographics and needs.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Make avenues open for feedback and input that are inclusive of and prioritize houseless and low-income neighbors.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be a variety of types of communication and engagement.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to have meetings and discuss what everyone wants for the neighborhood.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Have someone take notes and record what was done at the meeting.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need a community press and flyers to hand out to inform the community about the process and updates.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We all need to get involved and not be passive.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to listen to the communities that are most affected.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Make sure input channels are accessible to disabled, unhoused, and elderly neighbors.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
People with the most money and privilege should step back and listen.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Everyone needs to vote.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to boldly change policies and vote for more equitable ones.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need honest decision-makers.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
The city needs to consistently support and fulfill the completion of the African-American Holistic Resource Center and continue holding community meetings to track its progress.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Trust is built when community promises are kept through ongoing engagement, proof of listening, and resolving community needs by applying them to the development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need more opportunities to be involved with the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
I passed out flyers for a South Berkeley Neighbors BBQ and met two women who told me they were without steady housing.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to see community leaders explicitly involved in the planning stage, with the planning committee adding several seats for community organizations and leaders.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Has input been made to the ODS? can Suggestions be submitted by the community on the ODS?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
City noted they will take community input.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Would like more information on upcoming meetings	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Work with Lighthouse for the Blind; wants more info on meeting date and time.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

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We should explore ideas without the expectation of fixing things.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We should get to know and talk to our neighbors to build community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There needs to be honest dialogue.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Keep asking this question in the community over time as democratically as possible.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
New students coming into the Berkeley area to live need to know what to expect.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to meet with the housing developers.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to spread the word among neighborhood associations.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
The attention should be on the whole neighborhood.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to say hello to each other and build cross-coalition relationships.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
I want to know why I should be hopeful about this project.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Developers should be present in the breakout sessions.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be local hiring.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Hire a majority of community members from the neighborhood in building, operations, retail, and other areas.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We need to power and activate change through voting and democracy, prioritizing equitable, multigenerational, and community-oriented development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be wrap-around services provided.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There must be legal protection.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Provide ample unrestricted funds so the community can decide what is needed.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Taxes or money should be collected from billionaires.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The project should be for the people, not for profit.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Provide free access to community resources at the development for Berkeley residents.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
What can the developer do to ensure equitable development?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Pass a city or county-wide policy that requires approval from a community-run people's assembly.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Create a community-selected board to review and approve all plans and changes based on community feedback.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Create and pass a people's budget that allocates funds towards community needs.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Allot public funding to maintain a people's council.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need updates from the administrator budget.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We must hold those in charge accountable.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need great leadership from people who have done this before and lived here.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
The development must be purpose-driven and community-focused.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There must be honest implementation of what the community stakeholders say they want, not what is forced on them.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There needs to be transparency in information and intent.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

Berkeley projects should be self-funded for the benefit of its constituents.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
It is time for developers to give back some of the money they have already made to make housing equitable.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be a community oversight commission.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We will never see it until it is closed.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
The neighborhood must fully approve of the development.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to expose and eject deep-pocket absentee investors to prevent corruption.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There must be true oversight of the developer after the project is completed.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be checks and balances from stakeholders who have knowledge of the historical value of South Berkeley and intelligent design.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There needs to be transparency regarding the financial impact.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to stand up to the city council and big developers together.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
All units should be the same quality regardless of the rent.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Make it all public housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Provide real opportunities for people to own homes if they choose.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Housing is a human right for people, not for profit.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be accessible, ADA-compliant, and green units.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
I would like to see a wall built for the community.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The historical context must be maintained.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Make more buildings historic.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The development proposal should include anticipated emissions from the project.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We want the building to be eco-green and conscious of having no toxins or harmful chemicals.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The development requires intelligent design.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Charging hubs	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We can do better!	
We need to focus on the station entrance because it is currently not clear where to go.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be more open air space.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Do not spare the taxpayers' money, and provide visible signage.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
It would be fun to have an alternate, low-cost form of transportation between South Berkeley and downtown, such as a trolley.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
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There should be places to sit and wait that feel safe.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
I would feel trust if the developers and the city came to us and implemented our ideas.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We should have an active, beautiful commons where people can congregate in comfort.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design

The housing preference policy is important to maintain South Berkeley's diverse population of different races, incomes, and ages, and ensuring this lasts for more than ten years is a mandate.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Designers should identify whether their ideas are intended for public or private spaces.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There is an opportunity to create a center for neighborhood needs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be outdoor screening for MLK.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need food trucks, entrepreneurial services, accessible financial services, community events to encourage local patronage, security to mitigate theft, and vibrant ways for introverts to feel connected.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
I question whether having 600 homes is a goal and what the justification is for high-rise buildings beyond profit reasons.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be local retail and an entertainment area managed by a local retail group.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
It is important to have tables and places to sit, gather, and eat.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be good shade and welcoming, peaceful spaces for laying out and inviting friends.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be a place to visit repeatedly with flexible seating, activities, events, and protection from the sun and rain.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
I like the idea of open-air spaces to gather, eat, and share food, as well as an outdoor theater.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be a market space similar to Faneuil Hall.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be spaces to relax with sunshine, shade, plenty of comfortable seating, and built-in activities.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The space should be appealing to all ages, with places for children to play and wide, safe walkways for seniors.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We can turn neighborhood trauma into community unity with a love museum, shared food, celebrations, and drama and poetry performances.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
A successful community design is needed.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be something intriguing happening or opportunities for discovery.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We want a farmers market, but will it actually be there?	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We like the representative images B12 and B8.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be a large electronic synchronized water fountain at the concert space, similar to Downtown LA.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be the ability to engage in impromptu play.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We should bring back a San Francisco-style trolley.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be an interactive sunken fountain for kids to play in.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be shade, a water feature, diverse flowers, and patches of grass for laying down.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design

The design should be beautiful, open, colorful, well-landscaped, and welcoming.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need public yards to feel welcoming, rather than grand palaces, and the front space should be useful to passers-by.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be sufficient space, and definitely not a high-rise building of more than five or six floors.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
The proposed building is too big, not fit for anywhere in Berkeley, and 600 units is too many.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need to understand how we activate the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We should avoid boring designs, but they should not be interesting for no reason.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Wood is a soothing natural material with softer lines that breaks the linear monolith and is inviting and not sterile.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be community gathering spaces.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be a medical facility, pool, sauna, and hot tub access for the community, and buildings should not be put right next to each other.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We should encourage small interactions and random moments to say hello.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We should keep Juneteenth on Adeline.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should create gathering places that lots of people in the South Berkeley neighborhood would visit.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need to keep neighbors here with the opportunity to grow their future generations if they wish.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
A wound should be healed and a red line erased, but remembered.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be frequent markets and events to create the feeling of an invigorated neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
A space like D3 would be nice for kids, and a diversity of activities would be nice.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be places to sit and read.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be wide sidewalks to make for easy passing.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be places to play chess and checkers.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be bird houses and owl boxes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be free sunrise and sunset yoga, Tai Chi, and meditation classes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be ways to encourage fitness, such as places to stretch and do pull-ups.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We should celebrate music.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be an amphitheater that could rotate through kid theater performances, a book mobile, and exercise classes.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be a place to play games like checkers, chess, hopscotch, and to kick a ball around.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be structures and food trucks on Adeline.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should celebrate music.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

We should create a space for small conversations where youth can speak to non-youth about what could make their lives better and their dreams come true.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
The design should not be too modern but should add character similar to what is existing, with beautiful design, openness, colors, landscaping, and a welcoming feel.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be signage, banners, or permanent markers showing that you are arriving in the South Berkeley Lorin District.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be safe, comfortable, and casual encounters with neighbors.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
It should be green and beautiful with plenty of space to sit, including movable chairs so people can group them for visits and chats.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Safe biking should not impede sight, especially for people in wheelchairs who need to be able to enter and exit safely.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Access and resources are currently not good and need to be improved.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need photos of Adeline on the boards, and for access, it is important to have safe crossings, being mindful of the crossing location on Adeline.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be clear and visible signage.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The walk from downtown Berkeley to South Berkeley should be made easier and more pleasant, with a mix of buildings so everything does not become cold and shadowed.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be reliable elevators and no hills, as walkers have wheels that catch on everything.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The development should be built for people with disabilities.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be access to equipment.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The outer walkways on lower floors should be made wide enough to pull up chairs without blocking doors or wheelchairs.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be a playground with swings and a climbing structure.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Nature in a neighborhood should be diverse and native to soften the built landscape and support the land and wildlife.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Nature and greenery provide an opportunity to rest, reset, and be invigorated.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need more places for seniors to be able to be outside in the sun.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need places for people in mobility wheelchairs that are large to be able to get around and easily maneuver in public space.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need well designed buildings for seniors that have multiple places for social gatherings.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need easy access to healthy and natural food within the neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Universal design and maximize the inclusivity and access for people with all different abilities in the public realm and in all public spaces is essential.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Seniors need social spaces where they can gather, but also experience performances and other events such as guest performers or resident performers.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

Seniors need many places to be able to pause and rest and sit in the public realm and within their neighborhood building.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Make sure there is a simple place for food, deliveries and other package deliveries for communities that often order food online and often order furniture or other necessities via the Internet	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We need the ability to organize the people.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be local retail from the community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be community inclusion.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be recreation and nature.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
There should be designated loading zones or spots for drivers who may not want to or have access to a garage, as it is very unsafe.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be places for teens to hang out both indoors and outdoors.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The urban design needs to be welcoming and not just feel like massive housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
The Objective Design Standards (ODS) have led to ugly buildings due to too many rules.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need shade structures to protect people from the sun.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The development should be open to and supportive of micro-enterprises.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
New commercial spaces along Adeline need to feed energy into the promenade, connect well to Adeline, and be lively.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The project should adopt a strong and cohesive visual identity.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Auto access is essential to an aging population, we will still need auto access for elderly.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need small scale grocery	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
we need to maximize commercial and recreational space	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Buildings should be setback from the sidewalk	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We must retain the quirky nature of retail in the neighborhood.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We would like to see charging hubs included in the design.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The entire development needs to be fully accessible to everyone.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Berkeley takes pride in its city, so there should be more community outreach events.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
I prefer a design that has a more open-air look and feel.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We should create canopies that people can easily access for shade.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We would like to have public access to the rooftops.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We would like to see neighborhood serving small scale retail.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We need places for teens to hang out indoors and programs that support teens too.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We want to see locally serving food and restaurant space that is small and local.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Mixed income housing is something that we believe this neighborhood needs.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We love South Berkeley because it is so mixed Race and has been so diverse.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We want to make sure that new communities that are designed here are open un gated, welcoming and face the neighborhood in a friendly and human scale way.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

When the project is constructed, we hope that local people will be employed and especially local people of color will be employed and can learn the trades and sustain their employment throughout and beyond the course of the project.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Homeless Housing	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Farmers Market Needed	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Where do children play?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
How soon will info be posted online?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Look up induced Demand	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
No cycle track, it is a small group of people, prioritize the community	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
People in the community must have equal preference	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Swing Sets?	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need a children play space	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
When will finalized plans be open to the community output?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
As long it is not "big blocks" but broken up in styles, the community will be so much more enjoyable	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Single Story	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Minimize the luxury units	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
More units	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Extremely low income	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Concerns around equity of low income housing	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Housing preference policy must include high priority for the people	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Senior housing comes with supportive services	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Very Low Very low income housing	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
For users in A1 create more space for open air (commented on board of public space and ecological design)	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
As green as possible	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Drummers need protection from the sun and rain	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Build Taller and embrace a complete courtyard	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Butterflies	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
disables folk into account and provide reasonable accommodations for them	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Adeline B too wide	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Pick a path and enforce it	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
No cycle track in area where disabled and seniors access the space, it's dangerous	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Cypress mandela would be a great fit	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
DURABLE, FUNCTIONAL. PLEASANT	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
No retail	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
New restaurants	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

Hope to have rooftop amenities to Take advantage of popular views.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Make space as beautiful as possible.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Promote and protect bees and nature.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Use bird-safe glass on all midrise buildings. Bird collisions happen on low-level buildings and short buildings.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
How do we plan the MLK side?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Will we match housing?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Look toward the residential homes and incorporate them into the design.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Will the project have more larger or smaller unit types?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Tell us about the number of units ofr the project	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Will factory built housing be used?	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Check City standards for exterior surfaces.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Presenters should convey info in actual rent amounts (example noted: say \$500–\$800/month).	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Community questions: they want actual amendments into the ODS.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Is the Planning Commission planning to finalize the ODS by September? Response noted by the city : Yes.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Community Suggested more time for public feedback.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Can the community present directly to Berkeley? City Response: Google Form or email Alisa directly.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Project should be a great service to the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process

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The minimum income of workers should be increased to \$25.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Help the developer employ those within the community with jobs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Make sure that the developer follows the prevailing wage law and provides apprenticeships.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Hire local people for labor to ensure jobs stay in the community.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be an accessibility community advisory board, but appointed boards do not work.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be live-work spaces.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There must be honest communication about economics and tradeoffs to set realistic expectations while inspiring visionary thinking.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be stores like bookstores with book signings, a hardware store, a bakery, and repair resources.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a used bookstore, hardware store, farmer's market, and music store.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be accessible, walking-friendly sidewalks and a small workout area.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need spaces that work well for people that are visually impaired so that way finding and ease of maneuvering, especially within the building and during commuting or being in the public realm.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need coffee shops that include children's play areas and little libraries.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Small format shops	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Hardware store?	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Work with HTP and Second Nature to understand ecology.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design

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We should keep the community clean and up to date, focus on the interests of the community, and keep communication up to date to inform the community.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Clean up the neighborhood and make it lighted and safe.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The area should be clean and well-lit.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
I would like to see a really big arch entrance to a performance space or green area, but grass requires maintenance so that is off.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The design should be bright and light.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Crossing MLK can be dangerous, so there should be more nighttime lights near walking areas.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
It is important to integrate maintenance into the plan.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be accessible bathrooms with protective toilet covers and high-quality toilet paper.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
All ages should be able to move with ease, and we need to address long-term maintenance issues like cracking sidewalks.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need public restrooms and bathrooms to be frequent and available and maintained for the community.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Seniors need a place where they can do indoor and outdoor exercise activities for personal and community health maintenance.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
Seniors are very, very vulnerable to even minimal rent increases or utility increases or maintenance fees or other types of additional fees because living on a fixed income is all we get. We need predictability for food, transport, rent, and all additional utilities and fees so that we can manage our financial futures.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
There should be more accessible bathrooms.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need public restrooms available for the community.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need public bathrooms	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
we need lighting and safety at night.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The area needs to be clean and well-lit for safety.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Having natural daylight in every unit and space feels really important to us.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
We want to see shops, restaurants, and clean seating areas.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Consider floor level lighting to minimize resident light exposure	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design

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Train community members to be involved in operations and decision-making after construction.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need to take care of each other as neighbors, like in the old days.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
There should be local training and hiring.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a lottery or allotment for funding for businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be training classes available.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need people who really want and care about equity.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Because of legal constraints, get people who experienced or whose ancestors experienced harm to apply for the designated housing.	Affordable Human-Scale Housing and Thoughtful Design
Give the power of decisions to local residents and small business owners.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
All appliances should be zero net carbon and electric.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
We need traffic control to prevent car accidents at Ashby and MLK, stop people and police from speeding on MLK and Adeline especially late at night, and secure the crossings at Ashby, MLK, and Adeline.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need a fun and safe San Francisco-style trolley around the block and to downtown Berkeley, trains that run 24/7, and police that actually take action.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Building relationships with various organizations connected to Berkeley and South Berkeley will provide insights that bring about an intersection of strategic ideas and solutions.	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
We need a banner marking the arrival of the Lorin Business District.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
While Berkeley Bowl prevents a food desert, Walgreens is in poor shape, and we need good restaurants and retail without permits killing small businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be restaurants and cafes with below-market commercial rents, more bicycle and pedestrian traffic, and community events in gathering spaces.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
The neighborhood needs a nail salon and a cluster of cafes open for lunch, supported by more residents to help small local businesses thrive.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
To help businesses stay, there should be workshops for food prep and repairs.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We should interview surrounding business owners about their needs and provide financial and management support to ensure BIPOC-owned small businesses can benefit and improve.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Businesses that are useful to daily life would grow and stay.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be a First Friday in Oakland type of gathering for local businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be thriving local businesses, mom-and-pop shops, and pop-up markets.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Life would be better if there were healthy food cafes in the neighborhood and if traffic was slowed down between Alcatraz and Ashby.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We should create incentives for local business owners.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be shelter from the weather for bus stops.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

There needs to be better crosswalks and bike lanes, as the lack of bike lanes discourages biking.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be bike lanes and buffers between the bike lane and the road.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We should hire and train the residents of the building to maintain it, including management and plumbers.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
There should be better and safer pedestrian crossings, as well as interesting and natural play equipment.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
The city should be careful with improvements like speedy bike spaces, which are convenient for bikes but dangerous for the sight-impaired or mobility-limited.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
I hate the protected bike lanes because they are unsafe.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Bike and pedestrian access should not be close to one another, and there should be a performance space and area.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be good bike and pedestrian infrastructure, including a traffic circle and bike access from the west side of Abbey Avenue.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be open passages, welcoming lighting, music, a better way to cross the Ashby-Adeline intersection, and clean sidewalks.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We should change traffic signals to have four-way light signals at intersections like Ashby and MLK, and provide mobile crisis support for people experiencing mental health challenges.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
There should be bike lanes that are safe for everyone, including people with disabilities.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Buildings should enhance walkability and allow natural shortcuts to other walkways, with streams, rocks, bike racks, and play areas for kids.	Public Space, Nature, and Ecological Design
The size should be big enough to support public transit and get people out of cars, featuring curved, rounded buildings.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
More nature along sidewalks would make the walk feel more inviting, and bike lanes would help encourage biking.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need the ability for caregivers and other caregiving organizations to be able to pull up their vans and pick up members of the community.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Some seniors have small businesses and need a small place to be able to sell their crafts as a hobby and as a business and as a community contribution.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
We need marketing support and temporary relief programs for businesses adversely affected by construction or long-term operational changes.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
It is important to preserve reasonable customer access to existing businesses.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
It would be a missed retail opportunity with all the foot traffic not to include small-scale groceries, bakeries, and produce stands.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Traffic and crossing is very dangerous currently. Replace the traffic signals with a rotary.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need more protected bike lanes to ensure cyclist safety.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation

We need to provide bike lanes that are safe for bikers and other modes of transport.	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
We need to make sure that new Development lifts up local businesses not compete with them and put them out of business.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Prioritize Community not bike lane	Community Engagement and Inclusive Process
Bike Accident Waiting (that says Cyclist Safety of the new bikeways on board of public space and ecological design)	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
move bike section away from the main entrance	Safe Infrastructure and Transportation
Yes to cypress mandela training center offers more to the community	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
include cypress mandela training center	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage
Brand the project as a "South Berkeley Transit Village." Lean into the place and identity.	Support for Local Economy and Cultural Heritage

Planning Commission

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Please confirm receipt of this email and integration into the Commissioner's packet. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues accessing the attachments.

Kind regards,
Asmara Marek



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FORMAL NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL DEFECT -- ASHBY BART WEST LOT ODS

1 message

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Mon, Sep 21, 2026 at 9:55 AM

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FROM: Asmara Beraki Marek, Resident of South Berkeley

DATE: September 21, 2026

SUBJECT: FORMAL NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL DEFECT, MINUTES FALSIFICATION, UNLAWFUL DELEGATION, AND DEMAND FOR STAFF REASSIGNMENT AND MANAGERIAL REVIEW (ASHBY BART WEST LOT ODS / PUB. UTIL. CODE § 29010.6–29010.7 / AB 2923)

City Leadership and Planning Commissioners,

This letter serves as formal notice that the Planning Commission's September 16, 2026 action regarding the Ashby BART West Lot Objective Design Standards (ODS) is procedurally defective, internally contradictory, and compromised by systematic administrative non-compliance.

I. DEFECT 1: FALSIFICATION OF FLOOR MOTION & MISCHARACTERIZATION OF "PROPOSAL" AS A FINAL PASSED DRAFT

A verbatim review of the official audio/video record confirms that the draft action minutes published by staff materially misrepresent the winning substitute motion offered by Commissioner Oatfield at timestamp 3:18:27–3:19:07 (**EXHIBITS A & D**):

- The Floor Motion Passed (3:18:27–3:19:07; confirmed at 3:20:43–3:21:20):** Commissioner Oatfield moved to ask staff to forward to the City Council a working PROPOSAL *"BUT THAT WE ALSO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE... TO PROVIDE ANY SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY TOPIC THAT IS LEGALLY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS, AND TO BRING THAT TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO CONSIDER."*
- Mischaracterization as a Finalized, Passed Document:** Staff (Alisa Shen) and planning leadership have falsely characterized the ODS as a finalized, fully approved document ready for Council transmittal. The Commission approved a working proposal subject to mandatory subcommittee integration, **NOT** a finalized regulatory text (**EXHIBIT B**).
- Staff's Material Omission in Official Minutes:** Staff stripped out the explicit mandate requiring the subcommittee to bring its supplemental recommendations back to *"OUR NEXT MEETING TO CONSIDER"* (Draft Minutes Lines 82–85). Staff cannot rewrite a binding floor motion to rush an incomplete draft past the full Commission's review, nor can they transmit a falsified record to the City Council.

II. DEFECT 2: KEY LEGAL VIOLATIONS OF BYPASSING THE FULL PLANNING COMMISSION

Attempting to send subcommittee-drafted regulatory text directly to the City Council bypasses the full Planning Commission and triggers severe legal vulnerabilities:

- Unlawful Delegation of Authority (Cal. Gov. Code § 65853 / BMC Chapter 3.02 and BMC Chapter 23.104):**
 State planning law and the Berkeley Municipal Code delegate advisory authority over zoning and objective design

standards exclusively to the full Planning Commission, not to an informal subcommittee. A subcommittee cannot exercise the decision-making or advisory powers of the full body. For any recommendation to legally carry the weight of a Planning Commission action, the full body must vote on the actual, finalized text in an open, agendized public meeting.

2. **Brown Act Violations – Deprivation of Public Comment (Cal. Gov. Code § 54954.3):** The public has a statutory right to review and comment on proposed regulatory text before the advisory body votes to recommend it. Bypassing the Commission deprives the public of its statutory right to inspect, review, and testify on the specific consolidated text before the Planning Commission takes its final vote.
3. **Statutory Non-Compliance under AB 2923 & Public Utilities Code § 29010:** California Assembly Bill 2923 and Public Utilities Code § 29010 mandate meaningful community integration and local standard enforcement through the following explicit statutory commands:
 - **Mandatory Community Representation (Pub. Util. Code § 29010.6(a)):** Specifies that *"The TOD zoning standards adopted by the board for each station shall reflect the diversity of the different communities served by the district's stations."*
 - **Mandatory Public Notice and Availability (Pub. Util. Code § 29010.6(b)):** Mandates that *"Not less than 30 days before a public hearing of the board to consider the TOD zoning standards, the district shall provide public notice and make the draft standards available to the public."*
 - **Binding Local Design Standards (Pub. Util. Code § 29010.7(d)(1)–(2)):** Mandates that *"The district shall ensure any otherwise applicable local design standards, insofar as those standards do not prohibit the minimum height, minimum density, minimum floor area ratio, and maximum parking allowances required by the TOD zoning standards, are included as general guidance to the TOD developer"* and that *"A TOD developer shall adhere to any applicable local design standards..."*
4. The ODS is the City of Berkeley's primary legal mechanism of enforcement over the BART site's physical and environmental development. Short-circuiting public review on the ODS dismantles the City's sole enforcement mechanism for guaranteeing mandatory community standards. The City has already undermined this process by maintaining an outdated preliminary draft on the Planning website for two years, failing to upload the updated draft ODS to the agenda 72 hours prior to the City Planning Commission's July 1st meeting (uploading it only after the meeting occurred), and refusing to integrate viable community environmental amendments that comply with municipal and state law, despite good-faith efforts by community members.

III. DEFECT 3: PATTERN OF ADMINISTRATIVE MISREPRESENTATION & SUPERVISORY ABSENCE

1. **Two-Year Failure to Integrate Community Standards:** Despite having over two years to draft the Ashby BART ODS, lead planning staff (Alisa Shen and Chris Sensenig) systematically failed to integrate core community environmental standards—including permeable ground space ratios and operable cross-ventilation—forcing the Commission to establish an emergency subcommittee on the floor on September 16, 2026.
2. **Contradictory Legal Framing:** On July 1, 2026, staff advised the Commission that the ODS was a "flexible" document even post-vote. On September 16, staff abruptly flipped positions, framing the text as rigid and unalterable, incorrectly claiming basic community environmental additions would threaten project feasibility (**EXHIBIT E**). The ODS is a legally binding document, and the City is obligated not merely to consult with the community, but to integrate community feedback where legally viable. Thus far, the City has failed on this matter, despite numerous outreach attempts and now well-documented opportunities (**EXHIBIT C**).
3. **Subornation of Open Meeting Laws & Municipal Procedure (Commissioner Shannon Allen):** During the September 16 hearing (timestamp 2:59:49–3:00:55), Commissioner Shannon Allen—drawing explicitly on her seven years of prior experience as a municipal planner—counseled the advisory body to pursue a procedural pathway *"outside the constraints of staff's requirements"* (timestamp 2:59:49–3:00:15) to transmit subcommittee recommendations directly to the City Council. This directive explicitly urged the Planning Commission to violate two foundational procedural frameworks:
 - **The Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 54954.2 / § 54954.3):** Advising a body to route substantive regulatory language around public agendizing requirements deprives the public of statutory notice and the opportunity to testify before the advisory body votes to recommend policy.
 - **Municipal Code Board Governance Procedures (BMC Chapter 3.02 & City Commission Manual Chapter 3):** Standard municipal transmittal rules mandate that commission recommendations must be finalized, agendized, voted upon by the full body, and transmitted through the official City Clerk agenda process. For a sitting commissioner to leverage her professional background to advise an advisory body to deliberately bypass open meeting laws and municipal transmittal controls constitutes severe administrative misconduct, invalidates the procedural integrity of the proceedings, and renders her position on the Planning Commission compromised.
4. **Absence of Planning Leadership:** Planning Director Mr. Klein was absent from both critical proceedings (July 1, 2026, and September 16, 2026). This absence represents a significant breakdown in administrative oversight on one of the two most consequential transit-oriented development files in South Berkeley's history.
5. **Misrepresentation of Regional Project Feasibility & Precedent (Chris Sensenig):** During public presentations and in private meetings with community advocates, lead planning consultant Chris Sensenig repeatedly asserted

that incorporating baseline environmental standards—specifically unpaved permeable ground space ratios—was technically infeasible and without precedent for urban transit-oriented developments in the Bay Area. This assertion is demonstrably false. As documented in attached **Exhibit E**, a comparative matrix of built and approved high-density TOD projects across the San Francisco Bay Area confirms that municipal jurisdictions routinely enforce these exact performance metrics without compromising financial or structural feasibility. Mr. Sensenig's mischaracterization misled commissioners on basic feasibility metrics, further compromising the technical integrity of staff's guidance.

IV. DEFECT 4: FACIAL ARITHMETIC CONTRADICTION IN DRAFT MINUTES

Lines 87–88 of the draft minutes record Commissioners Oatfield and Wang under "Noes" while simultaneously logging the numeric tally as "9-0-0-0. Motion passed." The verbatim transcript (3:21:30–3:21:48) confirms a unanimous 9-0 vote where both Oatfield and Wang explicitly voted "Yes." Publishing dissenting votes alongside a 9-0 unanimous tally creates an internally contradictory, legally defective administrative record (**EXHIBIT A**).

V. TIMELINE REALITY: ADEQUATE TIME EXISTS TO CURE ALL DEFECTS

1. **Target Council Agenda (November 17, 2026):** To place the ODS ordinance on the November 17 City Council agenda, staff packet submissions to the City Clerk are not due until October 22–23, 2026.
2. **Feasibility of October 7 Re-Vote:** The Planning Commission's next meeting on October 7, 2026, leaves over two full weeks for staff to assemble the Commission's final, consolidated vote and submit the complete record to the City Clerk well ahead of the October 23 cutoff. Administrative haste is no defense for transmitting an illegal record.

FORMAL REMEDIAL DEMANDS

To cure these administrative defects and restore integrity to the record, I formally demand that the City Manager and Planning Leadership execute the following actions:

1. **Reassignment of Administrative Oversight & Formal Review:** Reassign the management, drafting, and transmittal of the Ashby BART ODS from Alisa Shen and Chris Sensenig to alternative senior planning staff under direct managerial oversight. Place the administrative conduct and record management of lead planner Alisa Shen under formal administrative review regarding the pattern of mischaracterizations, deadline errors, and material omissions detailed herein.
2. **Correct the Official Minutes:** Amend the September 16 action minutes to accurately state that the Commission approved a preliminary PROPOSAL requiring subcommittee refinement to return at the October City Planning meeting, and correct the roll-call vote tally.
3. **Agendize Consolidated Re-Vote for October 7, 2026:** Direct staff and the subcommittee (Commissioners Merker, Wang, and Tu) to present their consolidated supplemental recommendations—as discussed thus far but not limited to: incorporate priority standards for permeable green space ratios, operable cross-ventilation, and acoustic attenuation—to the full Planning Commission on October 7, 2026.
4. **Conduct a Single Unified Vote:** Require the full Planning Commission to take a single, legally binding roll-call vote on the finalized, consolidated ODS package on October 7, 2026, ensuring an unassailable administrative record is delivered to the City Council prior to the October 23 transmittal deadline.
5. **Formal Investigation & Disqualification of Commissioner Shannon Allen:** Initiate an immediate administrative and ethics review under BMC Chapter 3.02, BMC Chapter 2.04, and the City Commissioners' Manual into Commissioner Shannon Allen's explicit directive to bypass Brown Act public notice and municipal agenda transmittal controls. Pending this review, disqualify Commissioner Allen from participating in further deliberations regarding the Ashby BART ODS, and refer her conduct to the City Attorney and Mayor for formal removal and permanent disqualification from future city commission appointments.

ATTACHED EXHIBITS

- **Exhibit A:** Verbatim Transcript of September 16, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting (Final 22 Minutes on the Ashby BART Development)
- **Exhibit B:** Comparison of Passed Substitute Motion vs. Falsified City Draft Minutes Text
- **Exhibit C:** Proposed Community Environmental & Livability ODS Amendments
- **Exhibit D:** Time-coded Official City Video Recording of September 16 Planning Meeting
- **Exhibit E:** Regional TOD Comparative Matrix (Feasibility of Permeable Space and Environmental Standards in Comparable Bay Area Projects)
- **Exhibit F:** Official City Draft of the September 16, 2026 City Planning Minutes

Please reply to confirm receipt of this notice and its accompanying exhibits for the official administrative record.

I further request that this document be transmitted post-haste to the planning commission subcommittee, and please confirm this as well (directed to the City Planning department).

Respectfully submitted,

Asmara Beraki Marek
South Berkeley Resident

PLEASE NOTE: **EXHIBIT D** CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THIS LINK UNTIL OCTOBER 16, 2026: <https://cityofberkeley.box.com/s/nxji7tyqczbc2z55zc7a7rrck9yaur6q>

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EXHIBIT A

Berkeley Planning Commission: Ashby BART Final Motion & Vote (Last 22 Minutes) September 16th, 2026

Speaker 1 2:59:45

Well, sorry, and I know Commissioner Werker also had something to say. So

Speaker 2 2:59:49

maybe as another path forward, I recommend or I make a motion to approve the resolution resolution 2026 12 for the Planning Commission, and I would like the balance of the Planning Commission to consider if there is interest in a subcommittee. That sort of going with this point of there. It sounds like there are some members of the commission who are interested in giving more specific feedback to the City Council. That subcommittee would be formed tonight. Would meet before the October meeting because they would need to bring that memo to the rest of the commission to have it represent the commission, and then that then the commission could give that documentation to the city council. It would move in a path outside of the constraints of staff's requirements for getting the packet to the clerk in weeks. That's exactly right.

Speaker 1 3:00:56

Yeah, I would I would second that motion and but be very I would love to hear the commissioner's input on the scope for that we would hand over to the subcommittee. I think it was okay. In addition, should we? I know I saw two hands.

Speaker 3 3:01:14

Another comment.

Speaker 1 3:01:15

And and Commissioner Fu, and then Commissioner Blake or go ahead.

Speaker 3 3:01:23

Commissioner Owen's comment just reminded me of one thing we should put in the standards: is we should expect that people will continue drumming, and therefore the buildings should be designed so that there won't be any acoustic issues in the future. I've seen this come up in other cities where people try to shut down a nightclub because now they live in the building next to a nightclub that was there before, and the specific standard that I think that we should ask for is that the windows that are facing that

center plaza or are facing Avalon should be windows that are of a higher acoustic standard. Yeah.

Speaker 2 3:02:05

So, so I have a motion on the. I made a motion, and so if there are, I don't know. I can't remember if we need a second before we accept friendly amendments. We have a.

Speaker 1 3:02:17

I have a. I seconded, but with with a openness to to direct the scope of the subcommittee that will come back to us in October.

Speaker 4 3:02:30

Can I discuss possible friendly amendments?

Speaker 1 3:02:32

Yes, and additional additional friendly amendments.

Speaker 3 3:02:35

So,

Speaker 4 3:02:37

I would I would support this moving forward tonight with hopefully a tight scoping of what the subcommittee is is actually looking at and just appreciating the fact that the providing the open space, which maybe we can just separate that from green space and say open space, social community space, is complicated to provide and involve successful design. So it's not something that we can sort of pronounce from this table what that solution is. That said, the two areas that I actually would like to maybe put in friendly amendments to this motion would be one on the street on the sidewalk standards, which I might say, can can we add that we will follow, if possible, follow the city of Berkeley pedestrian plan standards. This is sort of a question of staff: Is have they been followed? Is there a mechanism for following them on ASHD and MLK if they haven't been? Yeah, as far as I know, those standards have been followed. Those dimensions were all confirmed with Public Works back when the circulation framework was developed. I mean, if Ashby is 13 feet, it would be classified as a neighborhood connector under the pedestrian plan, which seems incorrect. Okay, I mean, I guess maybe I would friendly amendment just to to ask double check that that's that we were providing the at least the the sidewalk standards in the urban pedestrian plan, and then the the other question about the station plaza would be a question to staff to potentially include in in a motion. It's the ODS is about a paragraph long for the station plaza, which I appreciate the brevity. But is there anything that you would suggest. Including to

make to ensure that the conditions for a good design happen, and I totally realize that that has to be a big box. Design is a very specific process to solve it. There's a paragraph in it currently that's fairly terse, and I'm wondering if there's any subjects that we could, you know, include a provision that there there is that that part is beefed up a little bit before the next iteration.

Speaker 5 3:05:22

And that's a that's a very question. It's a it's a it's a difficult one. There are a lot of access and maintenance requirement pieces, and with the need for something to be objective, We we cant really. It would be hard to say that you know you need to meet a certain tree canopy coverage or such with a distinct metric. This is where we really miss design guidelines. What I have to say is, I mean, what what was? Can I please talk? It is not your place to interrupt me.

Speaker 1 3:06:19

We're we're trying to get clarification in order to improve our deliberation. So, please, with respect the the comments.

Speaker 5 3:06:31

What I have to say is, what we've seen so far was at the July community meeting, and subsequently, that the the design team has a a great landscape architect, and they have actually taken the ability to green that space and provide tree canopy to an extent that I wasn't sure was possible. So I think you know it's hard to provide a direct metric with all the requirements.

Speaker 6 3:07:03

Okay, I recognize we have a motion. I'm asking a question in the spirit of trying to clarify the scope of this. I want to honor the fact that there is there was a very specific proposed red line around open space that was provided by one community group. So I just want to read it for a second. So it says the development must permanently allocate a minimum of 28,750 contiguous square feet representing 15% of the total site, exclusively to unsealed permeable green space at the ground level. This effort space must be structurally equipped with integrated water and power utilities, and permanently and safely house the historic gas fee market away from city traffic and heat rate, even asphalt. There's other ones here about planting zones and other things. I'm not going to get into all of them, but I just want to say like thank you for the specificity. It's here in front of us. Just as a as a clarifying question, what would be the trade-off or impact or considerations that would be introduced if that proposed red line were to be put into the ODS? The development must permanently allocate a minimum of 20,750 contiguous square feet representing 15% of the site, exclusively to unsealed permeable green space at the ground level. He would he would reduce the area by that amount. As this

basically lose building C. It's not the size of building C. Thank you. Okay, so my my proposal would be,

Speaker 7 3:08:42

and there is a motion on the floor that we need to kind of close up

Speaker 8 3:08:48

about the scope. What if this? So we're we're trying to get a sense of what the scope of the subcommittee. In full reference, I will be out of town, so I can't be. I'll be across the country. But if the subcommittee comes together and puts recommendations forward, the scope I would say would just be to focus on expanding green space in the project area. I also would write to the subcommittee that oh okay.

Speaker 6 3:09:16

My my thought would be having having heard that I have a hard time imagining bringing a subcommittee existing alongside a motion to support the ODS as drafted, it seems like the subcommittee would essentially be. I guess maybe what we could do is we could move to approve the ODS as drafted, and then at the next meeting, if the subcommittee comes up with a specific alternative for consideration, we would then move. To revise our our recommendation, which is I guess could be done, but at least we have a and you know something going on the table. But you know the trade-off that you've articulated of moving forward with something like this, like losing one of the buildings on the site or dramatically changing the nature of the site from what's been proposed. I think it's not something that I'm personally supportive, having heard the various considerations from the various constituencies, and so I remain supportive of moving forward with ODS as drafted. That aspect of the motion, if there, if somebody has an idea for a subcommittee remit that could address open space within that. Then I'm still open to it, but I just want to reiterate my support for the first part of the motion. So,

Speaker 1 3:10:40

in the effort of trying to define the scope of a subcommittee and close the motion, please. Yes, Daryl, Commissioner Owens.

Speaker 7 3:10:50

Sorry, I'm guess I'm wondering. Is this another comment on the motion? No, this is

Speaker 8 3:10:54

this is proposals for the. Okay. Yeah, I mean, because because we had we had comments that we wanted to include the motion, such as the noise issue and other

things. So some of you have proposed to go forward with us and set amendments to that. That might be comments that we feel should be added to that. I will

Speaker 2 3:11:19

consider them. Okay, good.

Speaker 8 3:11:21

The first one would be the idea that the flea market closes out of line has a right to.

Speaker 2 3:11:29

I am not open to that amendment, but my understanding from conversations this evening and the history of the development of the Adeline corridor plan is that there is our accommodations made through other planning efforts that address the flea market. Okay. So no, we wouldn't consider any not related to the objective development standards. I would not. I'm not. Yes. Okay.

Speaker 8 3:11:57

What about the noise issue regarding the types of windows?

Speaker 2 3:12:01

I would actually. I would not accept that for noise because it is not to have to be an objective standard. I would need to have a decibel level for interior, but I I would be open to and I don't know what else is required on the site like BART where there is noise and so there is a usually a letter that goes for to the tenant and say there is there is such and such noise associated with these uses or the BART station or something like that? So the requirement for a tenant was something I don't see that as an objective design standard, but a recommendation for for Bart and the development team that are sitting here.

Speaker 8 3:12:45

Oh yeah, and then next regarding the trash hangout, removing that for open space.

Speaker 2 3:12:52

Put more words on that because I, I think I agree, but I want to have it written down so that's before. This

Speaker 8 3:13:00

is the section here. I don't know if there's like a technical temporary.

Speaker 4 3:13:08

can, I think the friendly amendment for your consideration would be to reject the developer's request to provide garage access and trash access on the internal circulation, whatever, as described.

Speaker 7 3:13:24

I don't believe that needs an amendment because the revised ODS already don't include it.

Speaker 4 3:13:29

So just be direction or or no changes. No changes. Thank you. That's what. Okay. Okay. Okay. And then can I add in this? Yeah, it's your consideration is to confirm that at a minimum the sidewalk would meet the urban industrial plan standard, I don't know if that needs to be included, but I'm just I just want to make sure that we don't miss it.

Speaker 2 3:13:58

Could that I'm sorry? Could that be captured in the in the staff report that goes along with that goes to the city council? I mean, because I just yeah, we I mean, we

Speaker 7 3:14:08

will do that. The transportation staff has been lockstep in not only developing these standards but also talking about the modification that we presented for MLK. So I. That's why we think that we're pretty sure that they reflect the PED plan. But we will double check, and we will add confirmation that you know you can actually add confirmation in the staff report that that is the case.

Speaker 4 3:14:33

That's funny. It doesn't need to be in the motion as long as you can follow up.

Speaker 2 3:14:37

And I just I'm like, it just seems kind of wonky as like it. And whereas the staff has confirmed sidewalk points, that's just

Speaker 4 3:14:43

fair enough. It's just a. We only get one chance for that particular.

Speaker 1 3:14:50

I guess I have a modification to the subcommittee. It sounds as though there aren't very many items. Okay, there there are a range of items that are incredibly important to us and the community in the project that don't necessarily fall within the narrow scope of the ODS. So I wonder. I wonder. Hold on. Hold on. I wonder if we approve the modification to this to clarify, help clarify the the direction that we're giving staff and that we're assigning ourselves and taking on extra work in the next in the next month. Is that we approve the ODS but include a if there's interest in participating in a subcommittee, work to capture the other important elements that we heard tonight, and even propose potential solutions such as triple pane glass, increased maximized space that could facilitate better facilitate a the the flea market through a street closure these types of things that we want to make sure can't carry through the project but are not they're not they're not fitting into this moment this this decision in front of us nevertheless they are important to the project and we want to make sure are addressed are addressed throughout this this process engineers

Speaker 5 3:16:04

working on it architectural work on it. They think compliant lawyers look at it. Look at it yourself. So, so I wonder

Speaker 1 3:16:12

if that is a mod could be a modification to the scope of the subcommittee.

Speaker 2 3:16:19

I am I am comfortable with that modification, especially as you start with his. There's, I'm not entirely sure there's an appetite for subcommittee. Again, I'm I'm a sub, and I was talking. You were the lead. It must be less than the quorum commissioners. So it must be less

Speaker 1 3:16:38

than the quorum of the planning commissioners, and so there's a handful hypotheticals here. Yeah, I just I also

Speaker 2 3:16:47

want to manage expectations of folks that are in the room in terms of what the subcommittee. I mean, there are things that that could be refined, but it's a subcommittee focused on objective development standards. And thank you, design ODF. It's not an acronym if it rolls off my tongue. I apologize. The objective design standards. So it's focused on on a deeper dive and review of the objective design standards, and it may include noise attenuation for activities on the plaza may include further details on on the and certainly open space and public housing space.

Speaker 1 3:17:43

This is not overlap. We are so two items. So we are. We will not get to the second agenda item. I think reasonably tonight we don't have time. Is that we need still more

Speaker 7 3:17:55

time to for her presentation first, Ms. Pearson's presentation. And I apologize.

Speaker 1 3:18:02

They've been through with us all evening. I hope it's somewhat entertaining, but do we have the process here? If we don't have a substitute motion, do we go through and take vote

Speaker 7 3:18:15

on the motion that's on the floor? Okay,

Speaker 1 3:18:17

and could we clarify the motion on the floor?

Speaker 2 3:18:19

Well, just there looks like there's people to your left that might want

Speaker 1 3:18:22

to. Oh, I apologize. I haven't been checking my hands in this direction. Yes,

Speaker 9 (OATFIELD) 3:18:27

I want to make a substitute motion because the main motion is too confusing for me. So I'm going to make a substitute motion that we form. We we ask staff to forward the proposal as they provided to us in the packet for tonight's meeting to City Council, but that we also form a subcommittee consisting of commissioners Owen, Merker, Wang, and Tu to provide any supplemental recommendations on any topic that is legally within the scope of objective design standards, and to bring that to our next meeting to consider.

Speaker 8 3:19:07

I'm deeply sorry, but I'll be.

Speaker 9 3:19:09

I planned it

Speaker 8 3:19:13

before.

Speaker 7 3:19:17

Sorry, I think just I was trying to clarify, but it sounded the same, other than except for naming the commissioners. It sounded like the same motion. It was confusing, but

Speaker 1 3:19:32

it was you got it right. Yeah, it was consistent with Commissioner Allen's. I leave

Speaker 10 3:19:39

it as a substitute motion because I

Speaker 9 3:19:41

didn't understand the name,

Speaker 1 3:19:43

but but it was. Yes, that's fine. You you summed it up better than than we did before. So are

Speaker 4 3:19:53

the other the commissioners' names interested in that? Yes.

Speaker 1 3:19:57

Yes.

Speaker 4 3:19:59

I'm interested.

Speaker 1 3:20:00

I'll

Speaker 4 3:20:01

say I'm interested in it, but it is only in the scope of best practices. Yes. It's it's it's just about recommending what it's there's no process around it. It's just a closed door.

Speaker 8 3:20:13

To be clear, I will write to the subcommittee, but I can't run on the corner. That's okay. Okay, that's okay about that.

Speaker 1 3:20:19

Thank you, Commissioner Shapiro. Taking the additional time.

Speaker 4 3:20:24

Okay. I'll second that. I'll second that substitute motion.

Speaker 1 3:20:30

But it's the same. It's the same. How do we want to do it? Part of it is the same with additional clarity. So it was

Speaker 7 3:20:43

first a motion from Commissioner Oatfield in the second by Commissioner Merker to forward the staff package to Council with a also a recommendation for a subcommittee to form of Commissioners Merker Wang and two to look at best practices around around

Speaker 1 3:21:11

the the items that are within the scope of OCD.

Speaker 9 3:21:14

So make any supplemental recommendations that are legally within the scope of objective design standards. Any supplemental recommendations? Right. All right. I am going to do the roll call. Commissioner Merker. Yes.

Speaker 7 3:21:33

Commissioner Becklesham. Yes. Commissioner Owens. Yes. Commissioner Oakfield. Yes. Commissioner Allen. Yes. Commissioner Rude. Yes.

Speaker 1 3:21:41

Commissioner Flug. Yes. Vice Chair Heuss. Yes. Commissioner Wade. Yes. The

Speaker 7 3:21:45

motion carries. All right. Do we have time

Speaker 1 3:21:50

for the presentation? No, we actually do without a little bit of a. Because you spent too long with us. Let's get you up here. I apologize. Let's let's go for it. Thank you so much, members of the public, and this has been a long night, but we appreciate you speaking with us.

Unknown Speaker 3:22:15

Thank you. Thank you.

EXHIBIT B

Original Motion

- **Speaker 2 (2:59:49):** "I make a motion to approve the resolution resolution 2026 12 for the Planning Commission, and I would like the balance of the Planning Commission to consider if there is interest in a subcommittee... That subcommittee would be formed tonight. Would meet before the October meeting because they would need to bring that memo to the rest of the commission to have it represent the commission, and then that then the commission could give that documentation to the city council."
- **Speaker 1 (3:00:56):** "Yeah, I would I would second that motion and but be very I would love to hear the commissioner's input on the scope for that we would hand over to the subcommittee."

Substitute Motion

- **Speaker 9 (3:18:27):** "I want to make a substitute motion because the main motion is too confusing for me. So I'm going to make a substitute motion that we form. We we ask staff to forward the proposal as they provided to us in the packet for tonight's meeting to City Council, but that we also form a subcommittee consisting of commissioners Owen, Merker, Wang, and Tu to provide any supplemental recommendations on any topic that is legally within the scope of objective design standards, and to bring that to our next meeting to consider." *(Note: Commissioner Owen subsequently drops out due to travel).*
- **Speaker 4 (3:20:24):** "Okay. I'll second that. I'll second that substitute motion."

What Was Actually Voted On

The commission ultimately voted on a slightly clarified version of the substitute motion, restated by Speaker 7 and confirmed by Speaker 9 right before the roll call.

- **Speaker 7 (3:20:43):** "first a motion from Commissioner Oatfield in the second by Commissioner Merker to forward the staff package to Council with a also a recommendation for a subcommittee to form of Commissioners Merker Wang and two to look at best practices around around"
- **Speaker 1 (3:21:11):** "the the items that are within the scope of OCD."
- **Speaker 9 (3:21:14):** "So make any supplemental recommendations that are legally within the scope of objective design standards. Any supplemental recommendations?"

Comparison to the 2026-09-16 DRAFT Minutes.pdf

The official minutes do not accurately capture the final intent, participants, and scope of the substitute motion that passed, but instead deploys a **tactical rewrite** giving the impression that the ODS going back to the Planning Commission for full final approval

was NOT a part of the motion, as if the incomplete ***proposed*** ODS was passed, which it was not. The motion did not propose a recommendation to the City Council, it proposed to go back to the Planning Commission on October 7th. The Planning Commission will review the entire ODS and vote on that draft to the City Council. For now, the City Council only has a proposed, unfinalized, unofficial draft.

The minutes incorrectly record the action as:

"Motion/Second (Oatfield/Merker) to adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt the draft Objective Design Standards (ODS) for the Ashby BART West Lot Transit Oriented Development with the following modifications: Form a subcommittee with Commissioners Merker, Wang and Twu to further review the draft ODS and determine whether to recommend to the City Council any additional modifications to the West Lot ODS that fall within the legally permissible scope of objective design standards."

While Speaker 9 requested to "forward the proposal as they provided to us in the packet," requesting a subcommittee to come back to the Planning Commission, the minutes translate this to the formal "adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt the draft Objective Design Standards (ODS)". In fact, that did NOT happen on the floor, at all. City Staff falsified the results of the motion and all it takes is a review of the video with the time codes above to prove that fact.

EXHIBIT C

ADDENDUM

ODS Target Section	Proposed Redline (Precise Objective Standard)	Legal / Policy Justification
1. Public Realm / Open Space	Mandate: The development must permanently allocate a minimum of 28,750 contiguous square feet (representing 15% of the total 4.4-acre site area) <i>exclusively</i> to unsealed, permeable green space at the ground level. This at-grade space must be structurally equipped with integrated water and power utilities to permanently and safely house the historic Ashby Flea Market away from city traffic and heat-radiating asphalt.	AB 2923 (cohesive public spaces in TODs); Berkeley Climate Action Plan (urban heat island mitigation via permeable green space).
2. Streetscape / Planting Zones	Mandate: To structurally address neighborhood food insecurity, a minimum of 25% of all non-turf public landscaping, street trees, and amenity planting zones must consist of climate-appropriate, non-toxic, edible fruit-bearing flora and accessible raised community garden beds designed for public foraging.	AB 551 (Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones Act); City of Berkeley Resilience Strategy targeting localized food security.
3. Land Use / Affordability Metrics	Mandate: Maximum monthly housing costs (rent/mortgage plus utilities) shall not exceed 30% of the median net income of verified, full-year California residents living within Alameda County, mathematically excluding high-net-worth outliers (>200% of the median) to reflect true local workforce purchasing power. To prevent artificial price-setting by developers, any market-rate unit remaining vacant for more than 90 days must trigger a mandatory 10% monthly rent reduction until occupancy is achieved.	Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 7.54 (Empty Homes Tax); Prevents artificial supply suppression and speculative rent models that distort true market demand.

4. Ground Floor Civic Allocation	Mandate: The development must allocate a minimum of 25,000 square feet of active ground-floor space for community-facing infrastructure (health clinics, local arts, co-op retail). This commercial/civic space must be leased using the identical affordable cost-basis formula applied to deed-restricted residential units, permanently protecting these grassroots assets from speculative commercial rent escalation. Furthermore, to objectively anchor the site's historical context, the developer must permanently install the Mable Howard Promissory Note Sculpture in a prominent, central, and publicly accessible plaza location.	California Surplus Land Act; Mandates public land development prioritize public benefit, equity, and local economic development over speculative profit.
5. Building Design / Sustainability	Mandate: Monolithic double-loaded corridors are prohibited. Architectural massing must incorporate stepped-back podiums featuring tiered above-ground gardens to actively reduce the building's solar heat gain. A minimum of 10% of the gross floor area on every level above the third floor must be allocated to these exterior tiered gardens. Furthermore, a minimum of 75% of residential units must feature dual-aspect floor plans to guarantee natural cross-ventilation. The building must integrate Passivhaus-level thermal envelopes, exterior shading systems, and these elevated green spaces to self-cool and self-heat, eliminating primary reliance on mechanical HVAC.	CALGreen (Title 24) energy efficiency mandates; Berkeley Local Hazard Mitigation Plan addressing extreme heat vulnerability and grid resilience.
6. Land Use / Anti-Gentrification	Mandate: The development must implement an auditable local preference leasing framework. Priority allocation for 100% of the affordable housing units and community commercial spaces must be legally reserved for documented residents utilizing the City's Right to Return policy, specifically addressing populations historically displaced by eminent domain and original station construction.	Berkeley Housing Element (Right to Return); Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) mandate to affirmatively overcome historic patterns of economic displacement.

EXHIBIT E

Feasibility of Permeable Green Infrastructure & Cross-Ventilation in High-Density TODs

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9/15/26

Project & Location	Scale & Income Mix	TOD?	Ecological & Forward-Thinking Design	Permeable Green Space Features	Relevance to Ashby BART Site
Hunter's Point Shipyard / Balboa Park Upper Yard <i>(Related California)</i> San Francisco, CA	1,000+ units across multi-phase master plans (Shipyard); 131 units (Balboa Park); mixed-income and deeply affordable	Yes (<i>Balboa Park directly adjacent to BART/ MUNI; Shipyard on transit corridor</i>)	High-efficiency envelopes, dual-aspect layouts engineered for natural cross-ventilation, and climate-resilient building materials.	Integrated permeable bioswales, native planting corridors, and deep-soil bioretention basins across ground-level open spaces.	Demonstrates top-tier master developers can execute high-density builds while adhering to strict open space and natural cross-ventilation criteria.

MacArthur Station & Transit Village <i>(BRIDGE Housing)</i> Oakland, CA	858 total units across multi-phase parcels; market-rate, workforce, and 100% affordable buildings	Yes <i>(Directly adjacent to MacArthur BART)</i>	LEED Gold certified design, high-performance thermal envelopes, energy-efficient mechanical systems, and low-VOC interiors.	Integrated permeable storm-basin infrastructure, continuous public plazas, and street-level green buffers over natural grade.	Direct proof within the East Bay BART system that 600+ unit TOD density can co-exist with dedicated public green infrastructure.
Bayview / Hunters Point Hilltop Developments <i>(Mithun & TNDC)</i> San Francisco, CA	Multi-building master plan; mixed-income and 100% affordable structures	No <i>(Urban infill / bus transit corridor)</i>	Multi-family Passive House (PHI/PHIUS) certified design, operable dual-orientation windows for cross-ventilation, and high-efficiency ERV/HRV systems.	Unpaved deep-soil bio-retention spaces, native tree canopy set-asides, and permeable courtyard landscaping over natural grade.	Rebuts consultant claims by proving Passive House and operable cross-ventilation are fully scalable in multi-family California builds.

Hassalo on Eighth <i>(Gerding Edlen / Security Properties)</i> Portland, OR	657 units across 3 high-density residential towers	Yes <i>(Directly on MAX Light Rail line)</i>	LEED Platinum certified, features NORM (Natural Organic Recycling Machine) treating 100% of wastewater on-site, and high-efficiency operable windows.	Deep permeable eco-roofs, extensive ground-level permeable plazas, and dedicated public urban green spaces over soil.	Serves as a West Coast precedent for a 600+ unit project prioritizing forward-thinking water engineering, natural ventilation, and green space.
Casa Adelante at 2060 Folsom <i>(Mithun, Y.A. Studio, MEDA & CCDC)</i> San Francisco, CA	127 units; 100% affordable (low-income families & transitional age youth) with ground-floor community hubs	Yes <i>(Transit-rich urban infill near 16th/ 24th St BART & major Muni transit lines)</i>	GreenPoint Platinum, net-zero operational carbon, all-electric, operable windows oriented to prevailing winds, unit-level Heat Recovery Ventilators (HRVs), and 9-story open-air circulation paths.	South-facing central courtyard, mid-block public Paseo, permeable pavers, and unpaved bioretention areas restoring historic Mission Creek drainage.	Proves that Bay Area developers achieve high performance (operable cross-ventilation, heat recovery, net-zero ready) alongside deep-soil bioretention.



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Location: North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709

1. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Savlan Hauser, Blaine Merker, Benjamin Bechtolsheim, Alfred Twu, Christine Oatfield, Shannon Allen (alternate), Darrell Owens, Angela Wang, Jamie Ruth (alternate).

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Secretary Alisa Shen, Planning and Development Deputy Director Alene Pearson, Clerks Joshua Muller and Branka Tatarevic.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 (Chochen-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 uncanceled 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.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: 5

4. ORDER OF AGENDA: No change

5. CHAIRPERSON REPORT: None

6. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES AND LIASON COMMENTS: None

7. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

39 **8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

40 a. Upcoming PC Meeting Items:

- 41 • **Next meeting: October 7. Agenda item(s) anticipated at this time:**
42 ○ Public Hearing: Council Referral: Hot Tub Ordinance Amendments
43 ○ Public Hearing: ADU Ordinance Amendments

44 b. Upcoming City Council Meeting Items:

- 45 • **September 29, 2026:**
46 ○ San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan
47 ○ Planning Commission FY 2026-27 Work Plan

48 **9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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50 Motion/Second (Merker/Two) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from the
51 July 1, 2026.

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53 Ayes: Hauser, Merker, Oatfield, Two, Owens, Bechtolsheim, Allen. Noes: None. Abstain:
54 Wang, Ruth. Absent: None (7-0-2-0). Motion passed.
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56 **10. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

57 **A. Public Hearing: Ashby BART West Lot Objective Design Standards**

58 **From: Alisa Shen, Principal Planner**

59 Principal Planner Alisa Shen presented an overview of the draft Objective Design Standards
60 (ODS), including the ODS development timeline, site context, policy framework, technical
61 constraints, a summary of the changes from the preliminary ODS to the draft ODS, responses to
62 a letter from the developer, and provided a draft resolution recommending that the City Council
63 adopt the draft ODS for the Ashby BART West Lot Transit Oriented Development.
64 Commissioners took public comments, asked questions and made comments including but not
65 limited to: proposed changes to sidewalk design standards, internal access drive standards,
66 landscape maintenance responsibility, parking and access, ground floor retail locations and
67 connections, building frontage length, potential impacts from proposed 2-way cycle-track,
68 building setback and step-back standards, concerns regarding Ashby Flea Market, concerns
69 regarding open space, permeable green space and play areas for children; parking, building
70 heights, desire to delay the recommendation of the draft ODS, concerns regarding historic
71 displacement and impacts from BART construction, concerns regarding construction impacts,
72 concerns regarding building scale and size, concerns regarding density bonus development
73 potential, traffic analysis, site constraints impacting project, concerns regarding filling
74 commercial spaces, pedestrian experience and safety along MLK Jr & Ashby, timeline relative
75 to approved City and BART Exchange Agreement requirements and deadlines, phasing of
76 project and public amenities, potential closure of Adeline Street on weekends for the flea
77 market, and acoustic standards for windows of residential development to minimize conflict with
78 weekend drum circle.

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Ayes: Hauser, Merker, Oatfield, Twu, Owens, Bechtolsheim, Allen, Wang, Ruth. Noes: Oatfield, Wang. Abstain: None. Absent: None (9-0-0-0). Motion passed.

Public Comments: 30

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Status of General Plan Updates: Safety and Environmental Justice Elements

From: Alene Pearson, Planning and Development Deputy Director

Deputy Director Alene Pearson presented a status update regarding the update of the General Plan's Safety Element and the drafting process of a new Environmental Justice Element. The presentation also outlined next steps in the drafting process.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

- Wednesday October 7, 2026

14. ADJOURN

Motion/Second (Oatfield/Twu) to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 pm.

Ayes: Hauser, Merker, Oatfield, Twu, Owens, Bechtolsheim, Allen, Wang, Ruth. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None (9-0-0-0). Motion passed.

Members of the public in attendance: 46 in person, 16 on Zoom

Public Speakers: 35 (28 in person, 7 online)

Length of the meeting: 3 hours 39 min