

ANNOTATED AGENDA
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
6:00 PM

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

DISTRICT 5 – SHOSHANA O’KEEFE
DISTRICT 6 – BRENT BLACKABY
DISTRICT 7 – CECILIA LUNAPARRA
DISTRICT 8 – MARK HUMBERT

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 7:05 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 7:33 p.m.

Report from Closed Session:

The City Council met in closed session and authorized the City Attorney to settle a claim for personal injuries by Rohan Agarwal for \$75,000.00, in exchange for a release of all claims against the City.

The City Council also met in closed session and authorized the City Attorney to settle a claim for real property transfer tax overpayment in the matter of *DS PROPERTIES 17 LP v. City of Berkeley, et al.* (Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 23CV038353) in the amount of \$250,000.00, in exchange for dismissal of the case and a release of all claims against the City.

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

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day
2. Recognition of Muslim-American Appreciation
3. Recognition of Education and Sharing Day for Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe
4. Adjourn in Memory of Mrs. Willie Ann Bullock, Berkeley Resident

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor noted Item 30 regarding the recent peer review for the Auditor's Office.

City Manager Comments:

Item 27 Notice of Decision for 2425 Durant has been appealed and will be before Council at a future meeting.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 1 speaker.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to accept an urgency item from Councilmember Taplin pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Kala Art Institute 2025 Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of such Funds.

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 31 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Bartlett) to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated, including the policy committee recommendation on Item 20 to take no action.

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

Urgent Item: Kala Art Institute 2025 Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of such Funds

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Taplin, to the Kala Art Institute, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, to support Art Kala 51st Anniversary Party, an exhibition, auction, and benefit to support Kala's artistic, cultural, and educational programs, with funds relinquished to the city's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Taplin, and any other councilmembers who would like to contribute.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,711–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$500; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$100; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$100; Mayor Ishii - \$500.

- 1. Proposed Amendments to the Building Emissions Saving Ordinance (BESO); Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 19.81**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a second reading of Ordinance No. 7,953–N.S. amending the Building Emissions Saving Ordinance (BESO), Chapter 19.81 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, to establish a flexible resilience standard for small residential buildings containing up to four units.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,953–N.S.

Consent Calendar

2. Establishment of M-RD Zoning District, Associated General Plan and West Berkeley Plan Amendments, and Environmental Impact Report

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a second reading of Ordinance No. 7,957–N.S. amending Title 23 of the Berkeley Municipal Code and the Zoning Map to establish the Manufacturing, Research & Development (M-RD) zoning district to encourage redevelopment of the former Pacific Steel Casting (PSC) site.

First Reading Vote: All Ayes.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,957–N.S.

3. Police Accountability Board – Appointment of New Member

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution appointing a new member to the Police Accountability Board nominated by Vice-Mayor Bartlett.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,712–N.S.

4. Contract: University of California, San Francisco for Encampment Resolution Funding Research Evaluation

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract and any necessary amendments with The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its San Francisco campus, to evaluate the success of its Encampment Resolution Funding Round 3 (ERF-3), for a term of two years (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026) and in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,713–N.S.

5. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on April 15, 2025

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Action: Approved recommendation.

Consent Calendar

- 6. Contract No. 32200086 Amendment: Crisis Services of Alameda County for Mental Health Crisis Line**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32200086 with Crisis Services of Alameda County for Mental Health Crisis Line services for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$100,000 through June 30, 2028. This amendment will add \$50,001, as well as extend the contract term three years.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,714–N.S.
- 7. Contract No. 32200191 Amendment: Options Recovery for Substance Use Disorder Services Co-Location**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32200191 with Options Recovery for Substance Use Disorder services for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000 through June 30, 2027. This amendment will add \$500,000 and two years to the contract term.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,715–N.S.
- 8. Contract No. 32000177 Amendment NextRequest PRA Software**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000177 with NextRequest for software hosting, implementation, maintenance and related services for a Public Records Act Respons Software System, for an additional amount not to exceed \$61,098, for a total not to exceed value of \$194,475, for the period commencong on July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,716–N.S.
- 9. Purchase Order with Multiquip Inc. for a Portable Emergency Power Generator for Berkeley Tuolumne Family Camp**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution allowing the City to participate in Sourcewell contract bid procedures and authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase order for one Multiquip Portable Generator and associated options with Multiquip Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$116,766.
Financial Implications: General Fund - \$116,766
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,717–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 10. Proclamation of the City of Berkeley Designating April 17 as Police Accountability Day**
From: Police Accountability Board
Recommendation: Adopt a proclamation declaring April 17 as Police Accountability Day to honor the establishment of civilian oversight of law enforcement in the City of Berkeley through the founding of the Police Review Commission and to reaffirm the City's commitment to police accountability and transparency. The proclamation encourages the Police Accountability Board and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability to collaborate with community organizations, educational institutions, and local leaders to organize events, initiatives, and activities that raise public awareness and promote engagement in police accountability. Additionally, the proclamation will reaffirm the City of Berkeley's dedication to being a national leader in police accountability, advancing policies and practices rooted in justice, equity, and community trust.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Police Accountability Board, (510) 981-4950
Action: Adopted proclamation.
- 11a. Berkeley Police Department Texting Offences: An Independent Investigation by the Police Accountability Board** *(Reviewed by the Public Safety Policy Committee)*
(Item contains supplemental material)
From: Police Accountability Board
Recommendation: The Police Accountability Board formally recommends to the City Council that it:
1. Pass an ordinance or otherwise affirm the Police Accountability Board's ability to access documents and records in furtherance of its central accountability function, consistent with Charter Amendment Section 125.
 2. Adopt a robust resolution ensuring full and meaningful accountability for sworn officers—whether on-duty or off-duty—who engage in misconduct of any kind, but especially actions or expressions of racial or other types of bias.
 3. Direct the City Manager to work with the Berkeley Police Department, Police Accountability Board, and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability to create a public repository to fulfill the vision of California Penal Code Section 832.7(b)(1), allowing for transparency in cases of sustained allegations of officer racism or other discriminatory conduct or expression.
 4. Call on California state legislators to extend the prohibition on arrest quotas, which are currently limited to the California Vehicle Code (Section 41600 – 41603).
- Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to City Council with a negative recommendation.*
- Financial Implications:** See report
Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Police Accountability Board, (510) 981-4950
Action: Moved to Action Calendar. See action for Item 11b. (Item contains supplemental material)

Consent Calendar

11b. Resolution: Affirming Support for Berkeley Police Department, Police Accountability Board, and Office of the Director of Police Accountability in Response to Downtown Task Force Texting Offenses Investigation

From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution affirming our community's support for the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) and acknowledging the work of the Police Accountability Board (PAB) & the Office of the Director of Police Accountability (ODPA) in investigating BPD's Downtown Task Force texting offenses, ultimately making recommendations to increase trust, transparency, and accountability. Additionally, the Resolution condemns any and all racism and misconduct, affirms the City Council's opposition to arrest quotas, and asks the California Legislature to extend the prohibition on arrest quotas, which are currently limited to the California Vehicle Code.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

Action: Moved to Action Calendar. 16 speakers. M/S/C (Blackaby/Kesarwani) to 1) accept the report from the Police Accountability Board with thanks for their efforts; and 2) adopt Resolution No. 71,718–N.S. as published in Item 11b.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – Lunaparra.

Council Consent Items

12. Referral to City Attorney for Sanctuary City Ordinance

From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Referral to the City Attorney to return to City Council in June with an analysis and recommendation regarding the codification of Berkeley's Sanctuary policies and protections through a city ordinance.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Approved recommendation.

13. Budget Referral: Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project Unfunded Balance

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author)

Recommendation: Refer to the fiscal year 2025-26 budget process \$150,000 to fund the outstanding balance for consultant costs to finalize the design concepts to complete the Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project, which has already been awarded \$5.3 million in construction funds to complete the project.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Approved recommendation.

Council Consent Items

14. **Establish Rules and Limits When Community-Based Organizations Receive City Funding Without Procurement to Promote Transparency, Fairness, and Stewardship of Public Funds** *(Reviewed by the Budget and Finance Policy Committee)*

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Approve the Resolution and refer to the City Manager to establish an open and transparent process for community-based organizations seeking a grant of emergency funds outside of the City's existing request for proposal (RFP) or other procurement processes. The process to be established should include the following components:

- Annual Funding Limit. Establish a maximum amount of \$25,000 annually to be granted to a Berkeley-based non-profit or public organization, and a grand total of \$225,000 annually to up to nine community-based organizations operating in Berkeley.

- "Declaration of Need" Form Available on a City Webpage. A Declaration of Need application form should be made available on a dedicated City webpage to ensure all community-based organizations have an equal opportunity to learn about the availability of funds, including the deadline for submitting the completed form.

- Declaration of Need Form Should Require Documentation of Financial Need and Non-Profit Status (When Appropriate). The Declaration of Need form should be short to reduce the burden on community-based organizations but should include at a minimum a request to explain the purpose/need for the funds and document the organization's financial need. In addition, the City should verify that the organization is a registered non-profit organization (if applicable).

- Selection Process. The City Manager shall establish a process for selecting qualifying community-based organizations, including establishing a scoring criteria and submitting recommendations to Council as part of the annual budget development process. Pursuant to Budget and Finance Policy Committee discussion, to the extent practicable, consider awarding funds on a rolling basis to better support agencies who may be facing a fiscal emergency.

- Financial Reporting Requirement for Selected Community-Based Organizations. For organizations selected to receive emergency funding of up to \$25,000, the City shall enter into a contract that requests documentation at six months and 12 months to ensure that funds were used for the purpose for which they were requested. This financial reporting requirement should apply as soon as practicable to FY2024-25 budget allocations, and continue for future budget years.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to Council with a positive recommendation.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,719–N.S. as recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee.

Council Consent Items

15. **Celebración Cultural Sylvia Mendez (Spring Cultural Celebration) by the Sylvia Mendez School PTA: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$1,500 from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to the Sylvia Mendez Elementary School PTA to host a Spring Cultural Celebration event on April 27, 2025, on campus. The funds will be relinquished to the City's General Fund from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and the discretionary council office budgets of any other City Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,720–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$200; Mayor Ishii - \$500.
16. **Resolution Commemorating April 24, 2025, as Berkeley Holocaust Remembrance Day**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution proclaiming April 24, 2025, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Berkeley, in memory of those who were murdered and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators; and committing to never forgetting the events of the Holocaust, actively working to combat antisemitism, racism, bigotry, and hatred in all forms, and promote human rights and dignity for all.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,721–N.S.

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17. **Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to 2025 Virtual Holocaust Remembrance Day Program**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Co-Author), Councilmember O’Keefe (Co-Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including \$500 from Councilmember O’Keefe, \$500 from Councilmember Tregub, \$500 from Councilmember Humbert, and \$500 from Mayor Ishii to support the City’s Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program with funds relinquished to the City’s general fund.
The relinquishment of funds from Councilmembers O’Keefe, Tregub, Humbert and Mayor Ishii’s respective discretionary Council Office Budgets as well as any other members of the Berkeley City Council who would like to contribute, allows the City of Berkeley to invite the community to its 22nd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day virtual program, created by the community with City Council support.
This year’s program will be held virtually on April 24, 2025.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,722–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$500; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$500; Councilmember O’Keefe - \$200.
18. **Resolution in Support of California Senate Bill 42 (Umberg, Allen) California Fair Elections Act of 2026 to Amend Sections 85300 and 85320 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution in support of California State Senate Bill 42 (Umberg, Allen) California Fair Elections Act of 2026 to Amend Sections 85300 and 85320 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974, which is moving through the legislature to appear on the California general election ballot on November 3rd, 2026; and distribute copies to the California Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Jesse Arreguín, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, California Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas to advocate for its passage.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,723–N.S.

Council Consent Items

- 19. Budget Referral for Thousand Oaks Park Playground Update**
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer \$80,000 to the June budget process (FY26 Mid-Biennial Update) for the completion of a new airplane themed play structure at Thousand Oaks Park, located at 1700-1780 Tacoma Avenue.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Approved recommendation.
- 20. Study: Sabbatical Leave for City of Berkeley Employees**
From: Councilmember Hahn (Author) *(Reviewed by the Budget & Finance Policy Committee)*
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager study of a potential Sabbatical Leave policy for all City of Berkeley employees, modeled after the City's existing agreements with several bargaining units.
Consult with labor partners and City employees to explore a variety of terms and options, and the costs/benefits of unpaid, partially paid, and paid Sabbatical Leaves. Report findings to Council, outlining possible options and their financial impacts as well as potential benefits to recruitment, morale, longevity of tenure, and wellbeing.
Policy Committee Recommendation: Forward item to Council with a negative recommendation.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Sophie Hahn, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: No action taken, as recommended by the Budget & Finance Policy Committee.
- 21. Music in the Elmwood Festival: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Humbert (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember including \$1,000 from Councilmember Humbert to the Elmwood Business Association for the Music in the Elmwood Festival on Sunday, May 4, 2025 with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Humbert and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,724–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$100; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$200; Mayor Ishii - \$500.

Information Reports

- 22. Age-Friendly Berkeley Update**
From: City Manager
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Received and filed.
- 23. Climate Action Plan and Resilience Update**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 24. Notice of Decision: 21 Mosswood Road/#LMIN2024-0007**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 25. Notice of Decision: 2138 Cedar Street/#LMSAP2024-0008**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 26. Notice of Decision: 2231 McKinley Avenue/#LMIN2024-0005**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 27. Notice of Decision: 2425 Durant Avenue/#LMIN2024-0008**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 28. Environment and Climate Commission 2025 Work Plan**
From: Environment and Climate Commission
Contact: Sarah Moore, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 29. Police Accountability Board Recommendation: Former Board Member Recognition**
From: Police Accountability Board
Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Police Accountability Board, (510) 981-4950
Action: Received and filed.
- 30. City Auditor's Office 2024 Peer Review Results**
From: Auditor
Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750
Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 10 speakers.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Communications

Item #13: Budget Referral: Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project Unfunded Balance

1. Wahid Amiri
2. Clifford Fred
3. Carole Bennett-Simmons, Dave Drummond, and Mike Nettles on behalf of CHIA

Alternative Housing

4. Eric Taylor
5. Claire Heinzelman
6. David Freeling
7. George Torgun
8. Leigh Stewart, Iris Juan and Baby Theo from West Berkeley
9. Cameron Woo
10. Allan Abshez
11. Heather Clague
12. Vincent Casalaina
13. Russ Greene
14. Mallorie Baron
15. Claudia Kawczynska
16. Kristine Dixon
17. Alexander Stec
18. Stephen Born
19. Jane Franch
20. Monika Mann
21. Tom Stifler
22. Jan Ruchlis
23. Linda Zagula
24. Camille Antinori
25. Frako Loden
26. Erik Schmitt
27. Stephen Most
28. Catherine Born
29. Rebecca Herman
30. Diana Bohn
31. Julie Feldman

32. Jim Rosenau
33. David Levinson
34. Orion Fulton
35. Amy Hill
36. Charlene Washington

Encampments

37. Lj Cranmer
38. John Craner
39. Daniel Korson
40. Naomi Friedman

Fire Concerns

41. Dr. Richard A. Laden
42. Marek z Jeziorek
43. Janet Stromberg

EMBER

44. Maureen Burke
45. Ruth Ehrenkrantz
46. Gary Croner
47. Scott Sacherer
48. Bruce Brody
49. Michael Downs

Resolution for Mahmoud Khalil

50. Emily Katz
51. Allen Barth
52. Jean Tepperman
53. Leah
54. Florence Viray
55. Ann-Marie Hogan
56. Summer Brenner
57. Gael Alcock
58. Juli Dickey
59. Linda Worthman
60. Lori Berlin
61. Paula Aiello
62. Lexine Alpert
63. Annie Alcott
64. Sasha Stahl
65. Farida Ibegazen
66. Janice Schroeder (2)
67. Rafael Jesus Gonzalez
68. Libby Sayre
69. Haignoush Preisler

- 70. David Bacon
- 71. Michael Lonergan
- 72. Anita Medal
- 73. Kathleen Weaver
- 74. Wade Skeels
- 75. Hali Hammer
- 76. Jonah Gottlieb
- 77. Jaleh Niazi
- 78. Esfandiar Imani
- 79. Christopher Kroll
- 80. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen
- 81. Elana Auerbach

Proclamation to Honor

- 82. Jen Gall

SeeClickFix

- 83. Stefan Lasiewski

Oxford Elementary

- 84. Aimee Baldwin (4)

Proclamation Request

- 85. Lindsay Reynolds

The Tiger Trials

- 86. Myles Nye

Social Justice

- 87. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen

Work Concerns

- 88. Pgcountymd63 (2)
- 89. Paul Buddenhagen

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- 90. Daveed Mandell (13)

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- 91. David Lerman

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- 92. Erika Jordan

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93. David Lerman

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94. Nikki Brown

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96. Martha Larsen

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97. David Lerman

98. Elana Auerbach

Berkeley Ferry Plan

99. Katherine Calvert

100. Maxwell Davis on behalf of the Sierra Club

Graffiti Concerns

101. Dahlia Frydman

Restaurant Week

102. Jeffrey Church on behalf of Visit Berkeley

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103. Tim O'Brien (2)

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104. Charlene M. Woodcock

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105. Chris Bogado (2)

Peace and Justice Commission

106. Tom Luce

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107. Bill

108. Jim McGrath

109. Domond Lee

110. Gordon Stout (4)

111. Alean Daniel

112. Jack Morel

113. Ken Poulton

114. Andrew Sullivan
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116. Eugenia McCauley
117. Dave Spragg
118. Darren Bass
119. David Breaux
120. Dave Bloch
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122. Mike Geranio
123. Margo Rey
124. Jeffrey Finn
125. John Hadley
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128. Dave Gertler
129. Beatriz Quinones
130. Cheong-Tseng Eng

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131. Mandie Caroll
132. Robert Abiad
133. Austin Abrams
134. Ellen Borjesson
135. Elizabeth Greene
136. Elizabeth Morris
137. Ashley Kayler

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138. Andrew Graham

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139. Wahid Amiri
140. Erin Burfield
141. Barbara Gilbert

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142. Michael Frantz
143. Christopher Hamilton (2)

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145. Kellie Stoddart (2)

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- 147. Robert Byler (3)
- 148. Videth Ok (2)
- 149. Robert Borghese (4)
- 150. Lucas Miller

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- 151. Sandra Sanchez (2)
- 152. Kait Kolacy
- 153. Shirley Kirsten (2)

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- 154. Hannah Karpilow
- 155. Alex S. Merenkov
- 156. Aimee Baldwin (2)

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- 157. John Minot-Schwartz on behalf of East Bay for Everyone and East Bay YIMBY
- 158. Maxwell Davis on behalf of the Sierra Club

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- 159. Inetjalopy (4)

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- 160. Curtis Walters

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- 161. John Craner (2)

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- 162. Friends of Adeline

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- 163. Carol Hirth

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- 164. Claudia Kawczynska

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- 165. Kelly Hammargren

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- 166. Lucas Miller (2)

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- 167. Bingo Fantasy Football
- 168. Eid

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- 169. Russbumper

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- 170. Miya Frick
- 171. Ibegazen Farida
- 172. Dorothea Dorenz (2)
- 173. Martha Staskawicz
- 174. Kyla Danysh
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- 177. Josh Atwood
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- 195. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen

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- 209. Ben Gerhardstein on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
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