

**ANNOTATED AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Monday, April 28, 2025
5:00 PM**

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 17900 JAMBOREE RD, IRVINE, CA 92614

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94703

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: 5:04 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Councilmember Taplin participated in the meeting remotely under the just cause exception in the Brown Act.

Action Calendar

Special City Council Meeting: Possible Ceasefire Resolution for Gaza Conflict; and the Impact and Effects of the Conflict on the Berkeley Community and Abroad

1. **Resolution for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza, and an End to U.S. Military Aid to Israel, and Support for Palestinian Self-Determination From: Peace and Justice Commission**

Recommendation:

1. The City of Berkeley Council adopt a resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza, and an end to U.S. military aid to Israel, and support for Palestinian self-determination.
2. Send a copy of the resolution to President Joseph R. Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Vice President Kamala Harris, Representative Barbara Lee, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Laphonza R. Butler, Representative Cori Bush, and Representative Rashida Tlaib.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Rex Brown, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7000

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Humbert) to suspend the rules and establish a three-hour public comment period for the agenda item with time for both in-person and online speakers.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – Lunaparra.

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Ishii) to suspend the rules and extend the public comment period for an additional hour.

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

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Lunaparra) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 12:00 a.m.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – New Business

Action: M/S/Failed (Ishii/Blackaby) to adopt the resolution submitted by Mayor Ishii and Councilmember Bartlett in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 titled “Resolution Reaffirming the City of Berkeley’s Commitment to Combatting Hate, Supporting a Lasting Peace Between Israel and Gaza, Opposing a U.S. Occupation of Gaza and Respecting Freedom of Speech.”

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

Action: 197 speakers. M/S/Carried (Lunaparra/Ishii) to adopt Resolution No. 71,726–N.S. submitted by Councilmember Taplin in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 titled “Reaffirming Berkeley’s Commitment to Peace, at Home and Abroad.”

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

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/O’Keefe) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Communications

Item #1: Resolution for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza, and an End to U.S. Military Aid to Israel, and Support for Palestinian Self-Determination

1. Iris Greenberg-Smith
2. Diana Bohn
3. Allen Mayer
4. David Garner
5. John Wolfe

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

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6. Revised agenda material submitted by Mayor Adena Ishii and Councilmember Ben Bartlett
7. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Terry Taplin
8. Robert Bonam (2)
9. Sriram Gopalakrishnan
10. Youval Dar
11. Sara S Ishikawa

12. Jamie Cooney
13. Angie Chang
14. Hali Hammer
15. Pat O'Brien
16. Jan Leuin
17. Cynthia Papermaster and CODEPINK Bay Area Chapter
18. Tam Sababa
19. Tal Garner
20. Kelly Hammergren
21. Stephen M. Lipson
22. Julie Goldobin
23. Gayle McLaughlin
24. Kate Greene
25. Susanne (Sanne) DeWitt
26. Nathan Hunt
27. Fredda Cassidy
28. Laura Lipman
29. Deborah Cohan
30. Jon Jackson
31. Terry Fletcher
32. Ana Tellez-Witrigo on behalf of Richmond Mayor Eduardo Martinez
33. Alan Kittner
34. Claudia Jimenez
35. Carl Nelson
36. Esther Brass-Chorin
37. Daren Fields
38. Sari Alper
39. Shifra Pride Raffel (2)
40. Miriam Green
41. Linda Press Wulf and Stanley Wulf
42. Sara Sunstein
43. Ilene Lee
44. Cynthia Papermaster
45. Dorothea Dorenz (3)
46. Naama Sadan
47. Jean Tepperman
48. Tamara Gurin
49. Desmid Lyon
50. Vicki Sommer (2)
51. Ellen Feigenbaum and Peter Schwab
52. John Farnkopf
53. Sally Nelson
54. Madeline Feingold
55. Rachel Schiff
56. Michal Weber
57. Jude Berman
58. Michael Cassidy (2)
59. Larry Hobel
60. Larry Bradshaw
61. Imtiaz Ghori

62. Stephanie Guynn and William Guynn (2)
63. Rosa Harroun
64. Simin Shamji
65. Kara Nelson
66. Marsha Rosenblatt
67. Andrea Cassidy
68. Leah Greenblat
69. Leah Rothman
70. Stevie Schwartz
71. Sarah Lefton
72. Judy and Isaac Lieber
73. Marisa Lin
74. Michelle Mascarenhas
75. Allen Mayer
76. Judd Goodman
77. Janice Schroeder
78. Lori Berlin and Michael Stephens
79. Omowale Fowles
80. Jim Haydel
81. Faith Meltzer
82. Hannah King
83. Rob Wrenn
84. Mary Wrenn
85. Rissa Coplan
86. Zohe Slack
87. Jason Rose
88. Barbara Gilbert
89. Betsy Bigelow-Teller
90. Bruce Feingold
91. Howard Hertz
92. Kyra Subbotin
93. Marc Sapir
94. Monica Renner
95. Friends of Adeline
96. Mary Prophet
97. Mati Teiblum
98. Tarnel Abbott
99. Elsa Tranter
100. Leah Rosenthal
101. Moni T. Law
102. Kathy Kojimoto
103. Scott Sepke
104. Valeria Kaim
105. Jeannine Cohen
106. Khalil Bendib
107. Joel A. Biatch
108. Avi Tsang Jaffe
109. Jonathan Jaffe
110. David Spero
111. Coby Huizenga

112. Tobie Lurie
113. Ednah Beth Friedman
114. Thomas F. Luce
115. Orli Loewenberg
116. Harry Devlin
117. 46 Similarly worded form letters "On behalf of the Berkeley community"
118. 15 Similarly worded form letters "I wish to express my concerns"
119. 8 Similarly worded form letters "As a resident of Berkeley"

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

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120. Alan Jencks
121. Sara Sunstein
122. Wendy Patterson
123. Naomi Kincler
124. Barryett Enge (2)
125. Lyra King (2)
126. Monica Renner
127. Idit Minka
128. Malka Weitman
129. Leah Greenblat
130. Vicki Sommer
131. Elana Auerbach
132. Martha Wallner
133. Hassan Fouda
134. Stephania Widger
135. Dorothea Dorenz
136. Eric Friedman
137. Cynthia Papermaster
138. Anna Concepcion
139. William Selig
140. Kelsi Perttula
141. Shirley Kirsten
142. Amanda Berger
143. Dahlia Frydman (2)
144. Anita Barrows (2)
145. Sonja Trauss (2)
146. Gabriela Kipnis (2)
147. JJ Noire (5)
148. Yoshiko I. Wada
149. Karen Roekard
150. Paul Liem
151. Elana Naftalin-Kelman
152. David Sweet-Cordero
153. Elaine Stelton
154. Tarek Milleron
155. Noga Ravid
156. Jean Krois
157. Nitzan Pelman

158. Grace Morizawa on behalf of the Japanese American community
159. John Hagopian
160. Vanessa and Andres Moraga
161. Tony Schmiesing
162. Niloofar Shambayati
163. Robin Wenrick
164. Miriam Ferris
165. Alicia Tan
166. Anne Marx
167. Richard Boubelik
168. Daniel Brownson
169. Robin Milleron
170. David Levinson
171. Lorrie Beth Slonsky
172. Pamela Sawyer
173. Melissa Chapman
174. Barry Rosen
175. Amy Zucker Morgenstern
176. Camille Watts-Zagha
177. Rachel on behalf of the Jewish Coalition of Berkeley
178. Mollie Starr
179. Kelly Segal
180. Tobey M. Wiebe
181. Esther Brass
182. Tamara Gurin
183. Anna Talamo
184. Jim Haydel
185. 50 Similarly worded form letters
186. Thomas F. Luce