

ANNOTATED AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

**Tuesday, July 29, 2025
4:00 PM**

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - TÜRKMEN MAH. ÜNLÜ SOK. NO. 6 KUŞADASI,
AYDIN, TÜRKIYE

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: 4:14 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 2 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion.

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

Consent Calendar

1. **Grant Award: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Cohort 2 Funding – Acceptance of Grant and Execution of Related Documents**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) grant award of \$1,000,000 from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC); execute any resultant agreements and amendments; appropriate the funding for eligible project activities consistent with the City's Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (GVIPP); approve the establishment and funding allocation for a temporary Crime Analyst position (not to exceed two years); and to amend Contract No. 32500002 with Live Free USA to expand violence intervention services.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Carianna Arredondo, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,907–N.S.

Action Calendar – New Business

2a. **Presentation: Comprehensive Summary of Berkeley's Homeless Response**

From: City Manager

Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000, Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: Presentation continued to a future meeting.

Action Calendar – New Business

2b. Homeless Response Team: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen Procedures and Better Track Outcomes

From: Auditor

Recommendation: We recommend City Council request that the City Manager report back during the audit follow-up period in Fall 2026, and annually thereafter, regarding the status of our audit recommendations until reported fully implemented by the Homelessness Response Team and the City Manager’s Office. The audit includes six recommendations to improve coordination with service providers, strengthen data procedures, expand and standardize outcome reporting, enhance public transparency, and assess staffing resources needed to support these efforts. The City Manager’s Office agreed to our findings and recommendations. Please see our report for their complete response.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750

Action: Item continued to a future meeting.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Action Calendar – New Business

Item #2a: Presentation: Comprehensive Summary of Berkeley’s Homeless Response

1. Presentation submitted by the City Manager’s Office

Item #2b: Homeless Response Team: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen Procedures and Better Track Outcomes

2. Presentation submitted by the City Auditor’s Office
3. Fran Haselsteiner (3)