

# ANNOTATED AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

In accordance with the authority in me vested, I do hereby call the Berkeley City Council in special session as follows:

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025  
4:00 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:** 4:06 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Taplin, Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:08 p.m.

Councilmember Taplin present at 4:21 p.m.

## Action Calendar – Old Business

**1a. Presentation: Comprehensive Summary of Berkeley’s Homeless Response**  
(Continued from July 29, 2025)

**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 made and discussion held.

**1b. Homeless Response Team: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen Procedures and Better Track Outcomes** (Continued from July 29, 2025)

**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:** Presentation made and discussion held. M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to approve the recommendation with the amendment noted by the City Manager regarding the changing the reporting schedule from quarterly to semi-annually.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**Public Comment on Items 1a and 1b:** 18 speakers.

## Adjournment

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

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

## **Communications**

- None

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 1**

- None

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 2**

- None

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 3**

## **Action Calendar**

### **Item #1a: Presentation: Comprehensive Summary of Berkeley's Homeless Response (Continued from July 29, 2025)**

1. Presentation submitted by the City Manager's Office

### **Item #1b: Homeless Response Team: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen Procedures and Better Track Outcomes (Continued from July 29, 2025)**

2. Fran Haselsteiner (2)