

ANNOTATED AGENDA
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
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: 6:05 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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 Chochenyo (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 March 10, 2026 as Youthworks Day in Berkeley
2. Recognition of Poet Devorah Major for Lifetime Achievement Award

City Manager Comments: None

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor provided a presentation on the City Contracts audit. 5 speakers.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 1 speaker.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Lunaparra) to 1) accept an urgency item from Councilmember Lunaparra pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Urgent Item: Resolution Condemning the Illegal War on Iran and Expressing Support for Berkeleyans Impacted by this Crisis; and 2) accept revised material from Councilmember Tregub for consideration for Item 10.

Vote: All Ayes.

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 28 speakers.

Consent Calendar

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Lunaparra) to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated.

Vote: All Ayes.

Urgent Item: Resolution Condemning the Illegal War on Iran and Expressing Support for Berkeleyans Impacted by this Crisis

From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor),

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution Condemning the Illegal War on Iran and Expressing Support for Berkeleyans Impacted by this Crisis.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,150–N.S.

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

1. Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 684

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,002-N.S amending the Berkeley Municipal Code Titles 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and 23 (Zoning Ordinance) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 684 by establishing: 1. A ministerial, SB 684–compliant path for small-lot subdivisions and related housing; and 2. A local Parcel-Map path for lower-density projects that meet minimum residential density requirements but do not qualify under SB 684.

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

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,002–N.S.

2. Re-Establishment of the Downtown Berkeley Property and Business Improvement District (DPBID)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution declaring intent to establish the Downtown Berkeley Property and Business Improvement District (DPBID) for the ten-year period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2036, with operations to occur over the ten-calendar year period beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2036. Set a public hearing for May 19, 2026, on establishment of the DPBID, and direct the City Clerk to conduct all necessary proceedings for establishment of the DPBID.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,151–N.S.

Consent Calendar

3. **Ashby BART East Lot Transit Oriented Development Request for Proposal Framework**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) and Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit proposals from development teams (comprised of developers, service providers, and architects) regarding their plan, capacity, experience, and interest in developing the currently Bay Area Rapid Transit Agency (BART)-owned, future City-owned property known as the East Lot located at Adeline Street and Woolsey Street in South Berkeley.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,152–N.S.

4. **Contract No. 32300149 Amendment: mySidewalk, Inc. for HHCS Web-Based Population Health Data Platform**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300149 with mySidewalk, Inc. for an additional \$50,618 for a total not to exceed amount of \$207,928, and to extend the contract term end date to April 24, 2027.

Financial Implications: \$50,618 - Various Funds

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,153–N.S.

5. **Filling Human Welfare and Community Action Commission Public Sector Vacancies**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of Catherine Gelsinger to the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC).

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,154–N.S.

Consent Calendar

6. **City Contracts: Outdated Process Led to Non-Competitive Contracts**
From: Auditor
Recommendation: We recommend City Council request that the City Manager report back by Fall 2026, and annually thereafter, regarding the status of our audit recommendations until reported fully implemented by the Finance Department and other relevant departments. The audit includes 13 recommendations to clarify for staff when non-competitive contracts and amendments are appropriate, as well as to improve transparency and efficiency in the contracts process overall. The City management agreed or partially 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: Approved recommendation.

Council Consent Items

7. **Entertainment Zone Ordinance** (*Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*)
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer for drafting to the City Attorney an ordinance enabling entertainment zones in Berkeley: Refer to the City Manager for the initiation of a merchant stakeholder engagement process and develop entertainment zone management plans for potential zones in the vicinity of the following locations and organizational leads: Downtown: Downtown Business Association, Gilman: Gilman District Merchants Association, South Side Telegraph Business Improvement District San Pablo University Avenue Association
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation to encourage staff discretion in determining additional zones for entertainment.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee and further revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 by Councilmember Taplin.

Council Consent Items

8. **The Berkeley Rule: Artificial Intelligence Municipal Framework** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Author)
Recommendation: 1. Adopt a Resolution which affirms Berkeley’s commitment to innovation in service of liberty, dignity, and the public good. 2. The City hereby endorses “The Berkeley Rule” and encourages City staff, commissions, and community partners to consider its Ten Principles in the planning, evaluation, and oversight of artificial intelligence systems. The Berkeley Rule: Put Residents First; Modernize City Services; Empower the Community; Ensure Transparency and Accountability; Standardize Operations; Certify Ethical Use; Protect and Prepare Our Workforce; Defend Civil Liberties; Social Advancement and Accessibility; and Catalyze Civic Wealth. The principles are meant to encourage the Artificial Intelligence (AI) industry to develop products and services aligned with these goals.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to Council with a positive recommendation, and that items 3 and 4 in the recommendation be amended to be less prescriptive.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,155–N.S. as recommended by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee.
9. **Referral: Strengthen Berkeley’s Micromobility Regulatory Framework to Improve Public Safety, ADA Accessibility, and Operator Accountability** *(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee)*
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager and Transportation and Infrastructure Commission the development of recommendations to enhance safety and eliminate or reduce conflicts between shared micromobility devices and pedestrians/wheelchair users on Berkeley’s sidewalks.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To forward the item to Council with a positive recommendation.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee.

Council Consent Items

- 10. Resolution Opposing Bureau of Land Management Oil and Gas Leasing and Drilling on California Public Lands and Parks**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution opposing the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) proposed oil and gas leasing and development on approximately 1.6 million acres of California public lands, including areas adjacent to Bay Area parks such as Mount Diablo State Park, Pinnacles National Park, Henry W. Coe State Park, and Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve; and refer to the City Manager to send a letter to the BLM Central Coast Field Office, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and California's Congressional delegation urging withdrawal of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements and cessation of all new oil and gas lease sales on California public lands.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,156–N.S. as amended in supplemental materials submitted at the meeting. Councilmembers Lunaparra, O'Keefe, and Blackaby added as co-sponsors.
- 11. Citywide Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to develop official, citywide guidelines for the secure, ethical, and effective use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools by City of Berkeley employees. The policy should align with Berkeley's values, promote innovation and progress, and safeguard privacy and public trust. The City Manager should review policies adopted by other California cities and develop Berkeley-specific principles to guide staff usage of AI. The following principles should form the foundation of Berkeley's policy: 1. Create safeguards against introduction of bias through use of AI systems 2. Protect data privacy and ensure cybersecurity compliance 3. Maintain human oversight and accountability 4. Explore opportunities to integrate AI into operations management 5. Foster collaboration and cross-departmental exchange of AI knowledge 6. Ensure transparency and compliance with Public Records Laws 7. Periodic review and improvement
Developing a clear and responsible AI policy will help the City of Berkeley harness emerging technologies to better serve the community while upholding equity, integrity, and public confidence in city operations and services.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to Council with a positive recommendation.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee including revisions in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from Councilmember O'Keefe.

Council Consent Items

12. **Berkeley Free Clinic Critical Renovations: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Vice Mayor Lunaparra's discretionary fund, \$500 from Councilmember Taplin's discretionary fund, and funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, to the Berkeley Free Clinic for critical renovations at its new location at 830 University Avenue, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,157–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Mayor Ishii - \$250.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

13. **Project to Increase Telegraph and Claremont Housing (PITCH) Rezoning**
(Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)
From: Councilmember Humbert (Author), Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Author)

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager the Project to Increase Telegraph and Claremont Housing (PITCH) as a standalone rezoning effort to proactively and equitably increase housing stock in southeast Berkeley's high-resource areas. This project would seek to: 1. Rezone the Telegraph Avenue corridor south of Parker Street to the Oakland border at Woolsey Street from the current C-C (Commercial-Corridor) district to the C-T (Telegraph Avenue Commercial) district (or similar), allowing for taller mixed-use housing development, with a goal of base zoning of 8 stories/85 feet. 2. Identify and upzone specific auto-oriented C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) parcels in the Claremont and Ashby area (near Domingo Avenue) from their current 2–3 story limits to 4–6 stories using existing or new zoning districts. 3. Allocate funding from the District 8 office budget to begin required planning and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for the proposed zoning changes.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation with the following amendments: 1. Provide a more precise description of where the balance of the proposed funding would come from. 2. Look at a variety of density bonus scenarios for projections related to units and stories. 3. Clarify that the boundary runs from south of Parker Street to the Oakland border.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

Action: Councilmember Kesarwani added as a co-sponsor. Approved recommendation as recommended by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee and further revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Humbert.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

14. **Amendments to BMC Title 23 (Zoning) to Update the Regulation of Nonconforming Lot Coverage, Floor Area Ratio and Density for Residential Uses in Selected Zoning Districts**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt the first reading of an ordinance amending BMC Title 23 Section 23.324.050 to update the regulation of nonconforming lot coverage, FAR and density for residential uses in the Residential Multi-Unit 1 (R-1), Residential Multi-Unit 2 (R-2), Residential Multi-Unit 2A (R-2A), and Mixed Use-Residential (MU-R) Zoning Districts.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
- Public Testimony:** The Mayor opened the public hearing. 0 speakers.
M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.
- Action:** M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 8,003–N.S. Second reading scheduled for March 24, 2026.
Vote: All Ayes.
15. **Amendments to the Berkeley Election Reform Act Regarding the Return of Unspent Public Matching Funds, Reuse of Campaign Materials, Campaign Expenditures and Cost of Living Adjustments**
From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt an ordinance amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act, BMC Chapter 2.12.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950
- Public Testimony:** The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.
M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.
- Action:** M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 8,004–N.S. Second reading scheduled for March 24, 2026.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

16. Appeal of Special Assessment Tax Lien and of the Need for Abatement Action at 2750 Cedar Street

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the property owners' appeal of a special assessment tax lien and of the necessity and cost of City abatement actions and allowing the special assessment lien for \$24,831.37 for 2750 Cedar Street (APN 058 221102001) to be recorded with the County of Alameda.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 2 speakers. M/S/C (Taplin/Humbert) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to adopt Resolution No. 72,158–N.S. denying the property owners' appeal of a special assessment tax lien and of the necessity and cost of City abatement actions and allowing the special assessment lien for \$24,831.37 for 2750 Cedar Street (APN 058 221102001) to be recorded with the County of Alameda including revised material in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from the Planning Department)

Vote: All Ayes.

Council Action Items

17. Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department's Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement *(Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)*

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution rescinding Berkeley Police Department's current required notification process for reporting pepper spray via the Berkeley Police Department Use of Pepper Spray Report after each incident. Further, maintain the recording of pepper spray use within the existing use of force reporting system to minimize the administrative burden on staff. The department's current transparency measures already provide the public with detailed data on all use of force incidents.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item with a qualified positive recommendation to Council that includes 1) inviting Police Accountability Board review, 2) reaffirming the existing reporting requirements that remain in effect, and 3) direction to the Berkeley Police Department to work to maximize the availability of the reports through the Transparency Hub and the Annual Report.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Tregub) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:20pm.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: 24 speakers. M/S/C (Ishii/Kesarwani) to adopt Resolution No. 72,159–N.S. as proposed by Mayor Ishii in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 and further amended at the meeting to read as below.

RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE PEPPER SPRAY INCIDENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, in 1997 the City Council established a requirement for the Berkeley Police Department to notify Council each time pepper spray is used as a measure to bolster accountability; and

WHEREAS, the separate notification process was introduced at a time when reporting mechanisms were limited and provided necessary oversight; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department has since implemented a comprehensive use-of-force reporting system that documents all related incidents, including those involving pepper spray in the Transparency Hub and the annual Use of Force report; and

WHEREAS, until February 10, 2026, the Berkeley Police Department historically included pepper spray in the annual Controlled Equipment report; and

WHEREAS, the Police Accountability Board submitted a recommendation to the City Council on February 23, 2026 that recommended reincorporating reporting on the use of pepper spray into the annual Controlled Equipment report to preserve key narrative details not otherwise available through BPD's other reporting channels; and

WHEREAS, the administration of first aid was included in the original pepper spray use report that was transmitted to the Mayor and Council within 7 days; and

WHEREAS, the continued requirement for separate notification directly to the Mayor and City Council creates redundant administrative tasks that strain City resources; and

WHEREAS, rescinding the notification requirement will simplify reporting procedures and allow staff to concentrate on more critical operational matters while preserving public transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that:

- 1. The requirement for the Berkeley Police Department to notify the City Council every time pepper spray is used is hereby rescinded.*
- 2. All pepper spray incidents shall be recorded as part of the established use-of-force reporting system in accordance with current departmental protocols.*
- 3. Subsequent to the pepper spray report being signed off on by the Police Department chain of command, no later than 14 days after the use of the chemical agent, all pepper spray incidents shall be recorded on the Transparency Hub, including information about:*
 - a. The incident itself, including time, date, location where the incident occurred and level of use of force; and*
 - b. The suspect themselves, including age, race, sex, subject altered state, and use of force reason; and*
 - c. The officer role; and*
 - d. Enhance the definitions for the various Use of Force levels and clearly identify pepper spray use as Level 3;*
 - e. Include clear navigational guidelines so users can more easily access the open data portal and seek information on chemical agent use.*
- 4. Refer to the City Manager to present an amendment to BMC Chapter 2.100 to the City Council to subject pepper spray to the approval and reporting requirements of the Controlled Equipment Ordinance, including the administration of first aid. Work with the vendor to determine if reporting the administration of first aid, a narrative report, and opt-in notifications are possible to include in the Transparency Hub.*

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Old Business

18. **City of Berkeley’s 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform** (*Continued from February 24, 2026*)
From: Mayor Ishii (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the City of Berkeley’s 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100
Action: Moved to Consent Calendar. Adopted Resolution No. 72,160–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 by Mayor Ishii and further amended at the meeting to include the language below.

Support legislative and budgetary efforts to create a not-for-profit utility service to replace investor-owned utility programs, reduce the ratepayer burden imposed by investor-owned utilities, and support community-choice energy. (Infrastructure Policy Priorities)

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

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Communications

Item #17: Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department’s Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement (*Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee*)

1. Kat Larrowe on behalf of the Human Welfare Community Action Commission
2. SEIU 1201 CSU/PTRLA Union Chapter Officers
3. Jacqui VanLiew
4. Office of the Director of Police Accountability

Use of Tear Gas and Flock Cameras Concerns

5. Andrew Jess
6. Anne-Lise Francois
7. Carol Denney
8. Becca Schonberg
9. Kelly Hammargren
10. Zan Turner
11. Margot Smith (2)
12. Allison Baxter
13. Nish Parker
14. Deborah Cohan

Police Accountability Board

- 15. Shenandoah Titus
- 16. Wendy Alfsen (2)
- 17. Christopher Kroll
- 18. L Carol Christopher

Ordinance Request

- 19.9 Similarly worded form letters “I’m so sorry to bother.”

Overnight Construction Noise

- 20. Anthony

Identify Consumer Fraud

- 21. Lydia Shiozaki

Environmental Health Concerns

- 22. Sheila Collier
- 23. Fran Haselsteiner

8th and Harrison

- 24. Molly Miller

Billboard Support

- 25. Natalie Aguilera
- 26. Emily Seelenfreund
- 27. Ryan Nolan

BART Board Meeting

- 28. Henry Symons

Data-Driven Accountability

- 29. Parsa Shabani

2026 New Star Pop-Up Street Fair Series

- 30. Brilliant Star Society

Office Hours

- 31. Dorothea Dorenz

Administrative Appeal

- 32. Andrew Marowitz

2109 Virginia

- 33. Gregory Kalkanis

Hopkins Street

- 34. David Gilbert

Proclamation Request

- 35. Monica Torres
- 36. Dolores Martinez

North Branch Library

- 37. Glen

A Note for You

- 38. Leonard Pitt

211 and Available Shelter

- 39. Jesse Sheehan

Settlement Fund Request

- 40. Marcus von Engel

Lunar New Year

- 41. Joel Ng on behalf of Falun Gong Practitioners in Berkeley

Upzoning

- 42. Summer Brenner
- 43. Jacqueline Beth
- 44. Howard Hertz
- 45. Micky Duxbury (2)
- 46. John J. Parman

February 19th

- 47. Kelly Hammargren

Crosswalk Illumination

- 48. David Lerman

Group Picture

- 49. Ararety Garewal

BHS Teacher

- 50. Jim Lutz

Elementary Reading Program

- 51. Ruth Stern

BUSD Fix-It Fest

- 52. Linda Currie

Parking Permits

- 53. Cristina Estrada

RV Concerns

54. Eric Mason

Housing Voucher Concerns

55. Michelle Cortez

Traffic Enforcement

56. Margaret

Berkeley Downtown Library

57. Jacqueline Fried

Big Oaks Learning Center

58. Raquel Balingit

Occupied Property

59. Raj Sahai

BHA Grievance

60. Michelle Cortez

ADA Grievance

61. Jonnyruel

High-Rise Apartments

62. Pauline Bondonno Cross

EPA New Funding Opportunity

63. Chris Cullander

Resolution Request

64. Musa Tariq

Acton Courtyard Tenants Union

65. Yasmin Jenkins (3)

Forwards

66. Russbumper (2)

Newsletters

67. Visit Berkeley (2)

68. Downtown Berkeley Association

69. Margots999

70. Berkeley Art Center

I-580 Truck Ban

71. Nate Miley

72. Brandy Olson

73. Shannon Rogers

74. Laura Gardner

URL

75. Russbumper

E-Scooters

76. Moni Law

77. Robert Borghese (9)

78. Carson Lepre (9)

79. Wahid Amiri

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #7: Entertainment Zone Ordinance (Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)

80. Daniel Swafford

Item #11: Citywide Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence (Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)

81. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Shoshana O'Keefe

Item #16: Appeal of Special Assessment Tax Lien and of the Need for Abatement Action at 2750 Cedar Street

82. Revised agenda material submitted by the Planning and Development Department

Item #17: Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department's Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement (Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)

83. Frances Wilson

Item #18: City of Berkeley's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform (Continued from February 24, 2026)

84. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Mayor Adena Ishii

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85. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Terry Taplin

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86. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Mark Humbert

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87. Michael Tolleson

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88. Revised agenda material submitted by Rashi Kesarwani

89. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra

90. Revised agenda material submitted by Mayor Ishii

91. Wendy Alfsen

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Urgent Item: Resolution Condemning the Illegal War on Iran and Expressing Support for Berkeleyans Impacted by this Crisis

- 92. Urgent item submitted by Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra
- 93. Mojgan Mahdizadeh
- 94. Joel Ng
- 95. Jack Kurzweil

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- 96. Stacie Donnelly on behalf of the Community Associations Institute

Item #6: City Contracts: Outdated Process Led to Non-Competitive Contracts

- 97. Presentation submitted by the City Auditor

Item #7: Entertainment Zone Ordinance (*Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*)

- 98. Mark Rhoades
- 99. Meryl Siegal
- 100. David M Mayeri
- 101. Lars Larson
- 102. Chip Harley
- 103. Daniel Swafford
- 104. Jeremy Townsend
- 105. Julie McCray
- 106. Atsushi Yanai

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- 107. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Igor Tregub
- 108. Susanna Porte

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- 109. Adele and David Crady

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- 110. Presentation submitted by the Planning Department

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- 112. Vanessa Cordova
- 113. Raela Richie
- 114. Dwayne L. Phillips
- 115. Unknown

