

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

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 2928 LINDEN AVENUE, BERKELEY, CA 94705

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: 6:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:24 p.m.

Action Calendar – New Business

1. **Presentation and Discussion of Community Survey Results and Direction Regarding Potential Ballot Measures for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Review the results of the community survey and provide direction to the City Manager and City Attorney regarding potential ballot measures for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, including whether to:

1. Direct the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare draft ballot language for a potential \$300 million General Obligation bond measure for the November 3, 2026, ballot to fund priority infrastructure investments, consistent with the results of the community survey and input received from the City Council at the March 17, 2026, work session;
2. Direct the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare draft ballot language for a potential 0.5 percent increase in the City’s sales and use tax for the November 3, 2026, ballot to address the City’s projected General Fund structural deficit and support essential City services; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to conduct a second community survey of likely Berkeley voters to test refined ballot language for a potential \$300 million General Obligation bond and a 0.5 percent increase in the sales and use tax in the context of the anticipated November 2026 ballot environment.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: 29 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. M/S/C (Ishii/Taplin) to approve the recommendation.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Blackaby) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

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1. Daniel Tahara

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2. Presentation submitted by the City Manager's Office
3. Nancy Schimmel
4. Lisa Bullwinkel
5. Lisa Bruce
6. Tania Schwartz
7. Ann Harlow, Leila Moncharsh, and Michael Scharff
8. Tawny Reynolds
9. Ann Harlow
10. Summer Brenner
11. Burl Willes