

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**  
**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 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:** 6:24 p.m.

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

**Absent:** None

### **Report on Litigation**

With respect to Information Item Number 27 regarding the settlement between Berkeley People’s Alliance and the City in Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24CV064980; Cal. Court of Appeal Case No. A172245, the City Council hereby commits, consistent with the Court of Appeal’s ruling, to no longer invoke Government Code Section 54957.9, as it is currently drafted, to recess a meeting and reconvene it in a different room or otherwise relocate the meeting.

### **Report from Closed Session**

The City Council met in closed session on March 16, 2026, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) and provided directions to outside counsel and approved a settlement by Compromise and Release with open future medical care, as to a workers’ compensation matter assigned claim number BER2300091 and WCAB case number ADJ17101925.

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### **Ceremonial Matters:**

1. Adjourned in Memory of Marcia Poole, Community Activist
2. Recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day
3. Adjourned in Memory of Elaine Williams Bloom, Community Activist

### **City Manager Comments:**

1. The City Manager removed Item 13 from the Agenda.
2. The City Manager requested that Item 16 be adopted as a budget referral due to cost implications.

### **City Auditor Comments:**

The City Auditor provided a presentation on the Whistleblower investigation regarding the purchase of an ambulance (Item 18).

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters:** 10 speakers.

**Action:** M/S/C (Kesarwani/Bartlett) to accept an urgency item from Councilmember Kesarwani pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Referral to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially Rename Cesar Chavez Park. Item added to Action Calendar. Councilmembers Taplin, Bartlett, and Blackaby added as co-sponsors.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only:** 23 speakers.

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

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## Consent Calendar

- 1. 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:** Adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 8,003-N.S. 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.  
**First Reading Vote:** All Ayes.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400  
**Action:** Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,003–N.S.
- 2. 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:** Adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 8,004-N.S. amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act, BMC Chapter 2.12.  
**First Reading Vote:** All Ayes.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950  
**Action:** Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,004–N.S.

## Consent Calendar

### 3. Minutes for Approval

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of February 9, 2026 (closed), February 10, 2026 (special and regular), February 23, 2026 (closed and special), and February 24, 2026 (special and regular).

**Financial Implications:** None

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** Approved the minutes as submitted.

### 4. Revenue Grant Agreements: Funding Support from Alameda County to Conduct Public Health Services

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt three Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit grant agreements to Alameda County, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct public health promotion, protection, and prevention services for the following three revenue agreements:

1. Berkeley High School and Berkeley Technology Academy Health Center Programs in the projected amount of \$183,918 for Fiscal Year 2027.

2. School Linked Health Services Program (Measure A Funding) in the projected amount of \$200,011 for Fiscal Year 2027.

3. Tobacco Prevention Program in the projected amount of \$81,329 for Fiscal Year 2027.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,161–N.S. (Berkeley High), Resolution No. 72,162–N.S. (School Linked), Resolution No. 72,163–N.S. (Tobacco Prevention).

### 5. Rescinding Resolution No. 65,945–N.S. and Establishing the Behavioral Health Commission in Compliance with the Behavioral Health Services Act (SB 326)

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 65,945–N.S. and establishing the Behavioral Health Commission. This action updates the Commission's enabling legislation to comply with the State of California's Behavioral Health Services Act (SB 326), integrates substance use disorder oversight, and formally dissolves the joint commission agreement with the City of Albany.

**Financial Implications:** None.

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

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,164–N.S.

## Consent Calendar

- 6. Approving Publicly Available Pay Schedule**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving a publicly available pay schedule effective March 24, 2026, pursuant to the Public Employee's Retirement Law (PERL), Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), and Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,165–N.S.
- 7. Mills Act Contract – 2845 Woolsey Street**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Mills Act contract with Michael Pearson and Annette Blum Pearson for the maintenance and restoration of a City Landmark property at 2845 Woolsey Street.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400  
**Action:** Moved to Action Calendar. 3 speakers. M/S/C (Lunaparra/Blackaby) to continue the item to April 14, 2026.  
**Vote:** All Ayes.
- 8. Mills Act Contract – 21 Mosswood Road**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Mills Act contract with Isaac Warshauer and Laura Veit for the maintenance and restoration of a City Landmark property at 21 Mosswood Road.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,166–N.S.
- 9. Contract No. 32400052 Amendment: Berry Brothers Towing and Transport Inc.**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Berry Brothers, Contract No. 32400052, to extend the existing capacity to perform towing services from \$50,000 to an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from November 1, 2023, through October 31, 2027.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,167–N.S.

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- 10. Contract: Lehr Upfitters OPCO dba Lehr Auto for Police Vehicle Supplies, Equipment, and Installation Services**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Lehr Upfitters dba Lehr Auto for Police vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, for a period of April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,168–N.S.
- 11. Contract: Peterson Trucks, Inc. for Heavy Duty Vehicle Parts and Service**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Peterson Trucks, Inc. for heavy duty vehicle parts and service in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the term of April 1, 2026, to April 14, 2027, with the option to extend three more years.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,169–N.S.
- 12. Contract: Terocons, Inc. for FY 2026 Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Repair Project**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving specifications for the FY 2026 Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Repair Project (Specification No. 26-11764-C), authorizing the City Manager to accept the bid of Terocons, Inc. as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder and to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or other change orders until completion of the FY 2026 Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Repair Project in accordance with the approved specifications in an amount not to exceed \$4,207,883.  
**Financial Implications:** \$4,207,883 - Various Funds  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,170–N.S.

## Consent Calendar

- 13. Contracts: Pavement and Safety Improvement/Program Management Consulting Services for Measure FF-funded Projects**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt six Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts and any amendments with NCE, Pavement Engineering, Inc., Kittleson & Associates, Sanbell, Cordoba Corporation and Mark Thomas for on-call professional services for Measure FF-funded projects for the amounts listed below, each for a period not to exceed three years:
1. NCE for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000
  2. Pavement Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000
  3. Kittleson & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000
  4. Sanbell for an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000
  5. Cordoba Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000
  6. Mark Thomas for an amount not to exceed \$600,000
- Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300  
**Action:** Item removed from the agenda by the City Manager.
- 14. Contracts: Multi-Disciplinary On-Call Professional Services for Capital Improvement Projects**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt thirty-four Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute one or more contracts with the following vendors and the associated not to exceed amounts for on-call civil engineering services for capital improvement projects, for a total contract period of three years:
1. Advanced Mobility Group for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
  2. AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000
  3. Alta Planning + Design, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
  4. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000
  5. BKF Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$1,550,000
  6. Coastland DCCM for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
  7. Community Design + Architecture, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
  8. Cornerstone Structural Engineering Group for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
  9. CSWST2 for an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000
  10. Dewberry Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$200,000
  11. Diablo Engineering Group for an amount not to exceed \$900,000
  12. ENGEO Incorporated for an amount not to exceed \$350,000
  13. Fehr & Peers for an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000
  14. Geographic Technologies Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
  15. GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$950,000
  16. GHD, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
  17. Ghirardelli Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000
  18. HydroScience Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
  19. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,150,000
  20. Kittleson & Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
  21. LCC Engineering & Surveying, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000

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22. Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$200,000
23. Nelson & Nygard Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
24. Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical & Environmental Sciences Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
25. Parametrix for an amount not to exceed \$350,000
26. Pavement Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000
27. PEC Water, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
28. Sanbell Bay Area for an amount not to exceed \$700,000
29. SCI Consulting Group for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
30. Swinerton Management & Consulting for an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000.
31. TJKM Transportation Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$750,000
32. Toole Design Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
33. Wood Rodgers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
34. West Yost for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

**Action:** Adopted 1. Resolution No. 72,171–N.S. (Advanced Mobility), 2. Resolution No. 72,172–N.S. (AECOM), 3. Resolution No. 72,173–N.S. (Alta Planning), 4. Resolution No. 72,174–N.S. (Bureau Veritas), 5. Resolution No. 72,175–N.S. (BKF Engineers), 6. Resolution No. 72,176–N.S. (Coastland DCCM), 7. Resolution No. 72,177–N.S. (Community Design), 8. Resolution No. 72,178–N.S. (Cornerstone), 9. Resolution No. 72,179–N.S. (CSWST2), 10. Resolution No. 72,180–N.S. (Dewberry Engineers), 11. Resolution No. 72,181–N.S. (Diablo Engineering), 12. Resolution No. 72,182–N.S. (ENGEO), 13. Resolution No. 72,183–N.S. (Fehr & Peers), 14. Resolution No. 72,184–N.S. (Geographic Technologies), 15. Resolution No. 72,185–N.S. (GFT Infrastructure), 16. Resolution No. 72,186–N.S. (GHD, Inc.), 17. Resolution No. 72,187–N.S. (Ghirardelli), 18. Resolution No. 72,188–N.S. (HydroScience), 19. Resolution No. 72,189–N.S. (Kimley-Horn), 20. Resolution No. 72,190–N.S. (Kittleson), 21. Resolution No. 72,191–N.S. (LCC Engineering), 22. Resolution No. 72,192–N.S. (Mark Thomas), 23. Resolution No. 72,193–N.S. (Nelson & Nygard), 24. Resolution No. 72,194–N.S. (Ninyo & Moore), 25. Resolution No. 72,195–N.S. (Parametrix), 26. Resolution No. 72,196–N.S. (Pavement Engineering), 27. Resolution No. 72,197–N.S. (PEC Water), 28. Resolution No. 72,198–N.S. (Sanbell), 29. Resolution No. 72,199–N.S. (SCI Consulting), 30. Resolution No. 72,200–N.S. (Swinerton), 31. Resolution No. 72,201–N.S. (TJKM Transportation), 32. Resolution No. 72,202–N.S. (Toole Design), 33. Resolution No. 72,203–N.S. (Wood Rodgers), 34. Resolution No. 72,204–N.S. (West Yost).

## Consent Calendar

### 15. Reappointment of Edward Opton to the Mental Health Commission

#### **From: Mental Health Commission**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the re-appointment of Edward Opton as a representative of the general public interest category, for his second term ending January 21, 2026, and to start his third term beginning March 25, 2026, to March 24, 2029.

**Financial Implications:** None.

Contact: Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5100

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,205–N.S.

### 16. Develop an educational event for the Berkeley Community to increase awareness of impacts of the Alien Enemies Act

#### **From: Peace and Justice Commission**

**Recommendation:** Consistent with the City of Berkeley's stance as a sanctuary city for immigrants safeguarding their due process rights, the Peace and Justice Commission recommends that given that during the third invocation of the Alien Enemies Act (the Act has only been invoked three times prior to this year, during the War of 1812, World War I, and World War II), Japanese residents of the Berkeley community, survivors and their ancestors, were harmed by the invocation of the act during World War II in which persons of Japanese, Italian and German ancestry, primarily in coastal areas but also in Berkeley, and were transported and interned in U.S. camps, including in California, that Council refer to the City Manager to refer to the appropriate department or division to develop an educational event, whether a panel of speakers, a film, a play or some combination of these, for the Berkeley community so that the broader community can be made aware of the impact of the Alien Enemies Act and its impact on Berkeley community members during World War II. Such event shall be free of charge and well-promoted.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Tasha Tervalon, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7000

**Action:** Recommendation referred to the budget process for consideration.

### 17. Re-affirm City of Berkeley Commitment to Free Speech

#### **From: Peace and Justice Commission**

**Recommendation:** Adopt this recommendation re-affirming the City of Berkeley's commitment to Free Speech and Assembly and its opposition to the detainment and deportation of immigrants without due process, violating their constitutionally protected speech.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Tasha Tervalon, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7000

**Action:** Approved recommendation.

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### 18. Whistleblower Investigation Report on Ambulance Purchase

**From: Auditor**

**Recommendation:** We recommend that City Council receive this report and request the City Manager to implement corrective actions in response to the recommendations. The report recommends clarifying procurement roles, formalizing escalation and notification expectations when required steps are bypassed, providing targeted training, reinforcing compliance expectations, and establishing clearer communication to City Council when purchasing requirements are not followed.

**Financial Implications:** None

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

**Action:** Approved recommendation.

## Council Consent Items

### 19. 2026 Holocaust Remembrance Day Program: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds

**From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Taplin, Councilmember Tregub, Councilmember Blackaby, and Mayor Ishii, to support the City's Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program with funds relinquished to the City's general fund. The relinquishment of funds from the discretionary Council Office Budget of all Councilmembers who would like to contribute, allows the City of Berkeley to invite the community to its 23rd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program, created by the community with City Council support. This year's program will be held on April 12th, 2026, at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Life and History in Berkeley's downtown. Registration via Eventbrite is required to attend.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,206–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Blackaby - \$500; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$500; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$250.

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- 20. Referral to the City Manager: Banning the Sale and Use of Glue Traps**  
**From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager to ban glue traps within City of Berkeley limits, including the use by any individual or organization and sale of glue traps and require posted notice of municipal code changes in all stores selling rodent traps.  
**Financial Implications:** Staff time  
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140  
**Action:** Councilmember O’Keefe added as a co-sponsor. Approved recommendation amended to include “Explore a narrow exemption for options of use for invertebrate pest control and scientific research and potential implications thereof.”
- 21. Letter of Gratitude to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for their Support of Full Implementation of a Strong Transit-Oriented Communities Policy**  
**From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Submit a letter of gratitude to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) recognizing the full adoption and implementation of a strong and enforceable Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy.  
**Financial Implications:** Staff time  
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140  
**Action:** Approved recommendation.
- 22. Berkeley High School National Society of Black Engineers Junior Chapter: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**  
**From: Councilmember O’Keefe (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (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 Councilmember Shoshana O’Keefe’s discretionary fund and funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, to the Berkeley High School National Society of Black Engineers Junior Chapter to support its ongoing work to engage and empower students through STEM education, mentorship, leadership development, and community building.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Shoshana O’Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,207–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$150; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$150.

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- 23. Make Music Day: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**  
**From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember from the discretionary office budgets of any Councilmembers who would like to contribute – including \$500 from Councilmember Shoshana O'Keefe, \$250 from Councilmember Igor Tregub, and \$250 from Mayor Adena Ishii – to the Downtown Berkeley Association to support Berkeley's first annual Make Music Day on June 21, 2026, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 72,208–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$150; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100.
- 24. Berkeley Public Schools Fund Spring Luncheon 2026: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund**  
**From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember including \$500 from Councilmember Blackaby and \$500 from Mayor Ishii for the Berkeley Public Schools Fund with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Blackaby, Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160  
**Action:** Councilmember O'Keefe added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 72,209–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$150; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100.

## Council Action Items

### **Urgent Item: Referral to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially Rename Cesar Chavez Park for Dolores Huerta, Co-Founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and Feminist Advocate**

**From: Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially rename Cesar Chavez Park for Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and advocate for women in honor of her outstanding service to communities throughout California and nationwide.

And further, direct the City Manager to remove all signage bearing the name Cesar Chavez from park property as soon as practicable.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

**Action:** 1 speaker. Councilmembers Taplin, Bartlett, and Blackaby added as co-sponsors. M/S/C (Kesarwani/Blackaby) to approve the recommendation revised to read as noted below.

*Refer to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially rename Cesar Chavez Park. This referral to the Parks Commission initiates a community process which should incorporate feedback from the Commemorative Committee (which initiated the first renaming process of the park in 1994) as well as input from other community members and stakeholders. We recommend that Dolores Huerta be among the options considered for renaming.*

*And further, direct the City Manager to remove or cover all signage bearing the name Cesar Chavez from park property as soon as practicable while leaving intact signage related to directions and park rules.*

**Vote:** All Ayes.

### **25. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Temporary Employment of Retired Annuitant Kathy Lee as Interim Director of Police Accountability**

**From: Mayor Ishii (Author)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the appointment of Kathy Lee as a retired annuitant to serve as Interim Director of Police Accountability pursuant to Government Code Sections 21221(h) and 7522.56 and the Mayor to execute the attached employment agreement establishing an hourly rate of \$122.44, consistent with the publicly approved pay schedule for the Director of Police Accountability, with no additional benefits, per CalPERS rules for retired annuitants.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

**Action:** 13 speakers. M/S/C (Ishii/Blackaby) to adopt Resolution No. 72,210–N.S.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## Action Calendar – New Business

### 26. **Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority** **From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the following actions:  
Surveillance Technology Ordinance (BMC 2.99)

1. Accept the Surveillance Acquisition Report and approve the Surveillance Use Policy for the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program.
2. Accept the Surveillance Acquisition Report and approve the Surveillance Use Policy for Community Video Streams.
3. Approve updated Surveillance Use Policies for fixed video cameras, reflecting Council-directed revisions to previously approved technology.

Police Equipment Ordinance (BMC 2.100)

4. Accept the Police Equipment Impact Statement and approve the Police Equipment Use Policy for UAS.

Contract Authority

5. Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract with Flock Safety to add Drone as First Responder (DFR) hardware, software, and services for an initial three-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

6. Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract with Flock Safety to add Condor PTZ fixed surveillance cameras for an initial four-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$310,000, with an option to extend for one additional three-year term, for a total not to exceed \$600,000.

7. Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract with Flock Safety to add Flock Nova investigative software for a one-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, funded by the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) grant previously accepted by Council on July 29, 2025.

8. Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract with Flock Safety to renew Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) for a two-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$330,000, with an option to extend for an additional two-year term, for a total not to exceed \$660,000.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

**Action:** M/S/C (Bartlett/Tregub) to accept revised materials from Councilmember Bartlett on Item 26.

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

**Action:** M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 1:30 a.m.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**Action:** M/S/Failed (Humbert/Kesarwani) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 2:00 a.m.

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

## Action Calendar – New Business

**Action:** 132 speakers. M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to continue Item 26 to a special meeting on June 2, 2026.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## Information Reports

27. **Settlement Agreement – Berkeley People’s Alliance et. al. v. City of Berkeley et. al., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24CV064980; Cal. Court of Appeal Case No. A172245**

**From:** City Attorney

Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6950

**Action:** Received and filed.

**Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 0 speakers.**

## Adjournment

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

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 1:27 a.m.

## Communications

**Item #1: 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**

1. Brianna Morales on behalf of the Housing Coalition

**Item #18: Whistleblower Investigation Report on Ambulance Purchase**

2. Dorothea Dorenz

**Item #26: Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority**

3. Jesse Rosemoore
4. Laura Preuss
5. Zipporah Collins
6. Kelly Hammargren
7. Artemisia Spencer Mace on behalf of Councilmember Ben Bartlett
8. Kamala Visweswaran
9. Tobias Smith
10. Maryann Osullivan
11. Lanny Devuono
12. Margot Smith

13. Wendy Alfsen and Barb Atwell
14. Steve Tracy
- 15.9 Similarly worded form letters “I am writing to urge you to oppose...”

### **Billboards**

16. Stephanie Tran

### **Upzoning**

17. John Duffy Tillman
18. Candace Taira
19. ReCheng Tsang
20. Melanie Lawrence & John Smail
21. Susie Zukor (2)
22. Marguerite Talley
23. Crystal Brunzell
24. Judith Bebelaar
25. Elissa Kittner
26. Jane Maxwell
27. Kate Pocrass
28. Anne Boersma
29. Kayla Feder
30. Janet Stromberg
31. Margot Smith (2)
32. Catherine Durand
33. Elke Glendenning
34. Vicki

### **Bike Lanes on Hopkins**

35. Phyllis Orrick
36. Dewayne Cecil

### **Save the Date**

37. John Craner

### **2425 Durant Ave**

38. Gregory Kalkanis

### **Affordable Housing**

39. Julie Chervin
40. Stephen Alpert (4)
41. Janet Stromberg

### **2190 Shattuck Ave**

42. Alex Sathler

**Berkeley Albany Little League**

43. Frank Knowles

**ADA Concerns**

44. Jon Ruel Holder II (2)

**Sanctuary Cities**

45. Peter Yeung

**Police Dogs**

46. Margot Smith

**Thursday Market**

47. Kathleen Krier

**Tear Gas Concerns**

48. Margot Smith

49. Moni Law

**Parking Survey**

50. Glenn Alex

51. Barbara Gilbert

**Restaurant Inspection Audit**

52. David Lerman

**Proposed Fire Code Modification**

53. Ben Gerhardstein (3)

54. David Sprague (2)

**Gap of Bollards**

55. Shirley Kirsten (2)

**Zone Zero and Water Hose**

56. Krista Denton

**Kala Bagai Way**

57. Guneeta Singh Bhalla

**Men's World Cup**

58. Jeffrey Church

**New Star Street Fair**

59. Sofia Naranjo (2)

**Persian New Year Invitation**

60. Jacob Cohen on behalf of The Persian Center

**Harrison Street**

61. John Waters

**Special Assessments**

62. Jamila Dunn

**Joy of Cooking**

63. Oona Garthwaite

**Labor Dispute Concern**

64. Julie Guilfooy

**AC Transit Driver**

65. Janie Mansfield

**BESO**

66. Megan Enright

**EMBER**

67. Margot Murtaugh

**California Department of Insurance**

68. Sharon Smith

**Performance Metrics/Outcomes**

69. Steve Kromer

**World Cities Summit 2026 Invite**

70. Hugh Lim

**Hillegass and Ashby**

71. Jim Thornton

**Overnight Construction Concerns**

72. Matt Weber (2)

73. Jen Loy

**URLs**

74. Fred Dodsworth

75. John J. Parman

76. Russbumper (2)

**Newsletters**

77. Berkeley Art Center

- 78. Shelbi Walker
- 79. Downtown Berkeley Association
- 80. Russbumper

### **Forwards**

- 81. Russbumper (3)

### **E-Scooters**

- 82. Robert Borghese (9)
- 83. Carson Lepre (6)
- 84. Lime Virtual Ride Expert

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 1**

### **Item #18: Whistleblower Investigation Report on Ambulance Purchase**

- 85. A Protected Whistleblower

### **Item #26: Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority**

- 86. Gregory Kalkanis
- 87. Justin Weber-Stover
- 88. Morgan Presley
- 89. Jackie Patterson Brenner
- 90. Steve Kanofsky
- 91. Leonard Pitt (2)
- 92. Maryann O'Sullivan
- 93. Jose Vilar
- 94. James Angus
- 95. Cheryl Flippen
- 96. Liz Christiano
- 97. Jan Scantlebury
- 98. Wilson Conn
- 99. Tobey M. Weibe
- 100. Margot Smith (3)
- 101. George Perezvelez
- 102. Sierra Zephyr
- 103. Anna vB
- 104. Charlene M. Woodcock
- 105. Rachel Bradley
- 106. Deborah Abraham
- 107. Summer Brenner
- 108. Russbumper
- 109. Ruth Rogow
- 110. Janice Murota
- 111. Bernard Marszalek
- 112. Grantsthompson
- 113. Jesse Rosemoore
- 114. 11 Similarly worded form letters "Flock markets itself..."

115. 45 Similarly worded form letters “The data that is being collected...”

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 2**

### **Urgent Item: Referral to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially Rename Cesar Chavez Park for Dolores Huerta, Co-Founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and Feminist Advocate**

116. Urgent item submitted by Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani  
117. Catherine Ryan (2)  
118. Stacy Taylor  
119. Peggy Scott  
120. Marguerite Lee  
121. Tyler K Johnson  
122. Eric Friedman (2)  
123. Theodore Raphael  
124. Jesse Stills

### **Item #7: Mills Act Contract – 2845 Woolsey Street**

125. Jeff Baker

### **Item #26: Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority**

127. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby  
128. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Mark Humbert, Councilmember Shoshana O’Keefe, Councilmember Terry Taplin, and Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani  
129. Revised agenda material submitted by Mayor Adena Ishii, Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember Igor Tregub  
130. Office of the Director of Accountability  
131. Kitty Calavita  
132. Lucas Cantor  
133. Olivia Page  
134. Beth Roessner  
135. Christina Rodriguez  
136. Beth Schoenfeld  
137. John Waters  
138. Rose E. Aplustill  
139. Rowyn McDonald  
140. Rosa Bay on behalf of the East Bay Community Law Center  
141. Tim Beinke  
142. Jeremiah Maller  
143. Sam Holtzman  
144. Jennie Bertone  
145. Jason Martens  
146. Kelly Hammargren  
147. Edith Friedman  
148. Alex Stephens  
149. Susan Bassein

- 150. Alexis Adorador
- 151. Lori Hines
- 152. Karen Armstead
- 153. Neil Egbert on behalf of the Berkeley Police Association
- 154. Gregory Kalkanis
- 155. Kathy Brasil
- 156. Liz Grubin
- 157. Emma Coleman
- 158. Ztangi
- 159. Wendy Alfsen
- 160. Sally Nelson (2)
- 161. Cheryl Fippen
- 162. MaryAnn Furda
- 163. Sibel Guner
- 164. Clay Spencer
- 165. Bruce H. Feingold
- 166. Maggie Lee
- 167. Visit Berkeley
- 168. 17 Similarly worded form letters “The data that is being collected...”

### **Supplemental Communications and Reports 3**

**Urgent Item: Referral to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially Rename Cesar Chavez Park for Dolores Huerta, Co-Founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and Feminist Advocate**

- 169. Linda Franklin

**Item #18: Whistleblower Investigation Report on Ambulance Purchase**

- 170. Presentation submitted by the City Auditor

### **Action Calendar**

**Item #26: Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority**

- 171. Presentation submitted by the Police Department
- 172. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Ben Bartlett
- 173. Office of the Director of Police Accountability
- 174. Kate Rassbach
- 175. Dirk Neyhart
- 176. William Gordon
- 177. Laura Hill on behalf of the Bay Area Council
- 178. Juli Dickey
- 179. Patrick Golier
- 180. Heather Flett
- 181. Melake Getabecha
- 182. Margaret Phillips

183. Jack Kurzweil
184. Nathan Henry Mizell
185. Mark McDonald
186. Linda Wood (2)
187. Sanjog Singh
188. Sheila Goldmacher
189. David DeSouza
190. Ann May and Rodney Freeland
191. Noelle Fa-Kaji
192. Deb DenHerder
193. Elizabeth Ferguson
194. Michella Ralston
195. Joan Guilford and Richard J Jackson
196. David Fielder
197. Wendy Patterson
198. Kiara Ott
199. Phillip Wong
200. Devin Pastika
201. Vanessa Drake Moraga
202. Anna Henry
203. Justine Kessler
204. A Coalition of Bay Area Elected Officials, Community Organizations, Small Business Leaders and Owners, and Victims' Advocates
205. Joe Norton
206. Vanessa Cordova
207. Effie Bourgin
208. Steve Kuttner
209. Ben Powers
210. Elizabeth Ditmars
211. Craig Knudsen (2)
212. Paris Cotz
213. Andrew Sauter
214. Michael Singer
215. David Lerman
216. Tammy Kremer
217. Thomas Yamaguchi
218. Jonathan Ruchlis
219. Shok Saidmuradov
220. Linda Maio
221. Laralynn Rapoza
222. Daivd Rosen
223. Christine Staples
224. Jim Best
225. Lorraine Mahley
226. Lisa Jervis
227. Almira Tanner

228. Becca Schonberg
229. Diana Maria Rossi
230. John J. Parman
231. Joel Myerson
232. Friends of Adeline
233. Maryann O'Sullivan (2)
234. Oren
235. Kathy Kojimoto
236. Helen Walsh
237. Kelly Hammargren
238. Rebecca on behalf of the Berkeley Immigration Collaborative
239. Patricia Erwin
240. Wendy Alfsen
241. Russbumper
242. Peter Deibler
243. Patrick Golier
244. Becca Freed
245. Elena Pinsky
246. Jeremiah Maller
247. Moni Law
248. Andrew Glickman
249. Frances Ann Haselsteiner (2)
250. Bob O'Leary
251. Hempirez
252. 42 Similarly worded form letters "The data that is being collected..."

**Miscellaneous**

253. Carole Marasovic