

ANNOTATED AGENDA
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 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

*This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid model with both in-person and virtual attendance. Attend this meeting remotely using [Zoom](#). To request to speak, use the “raise hand” function in Zoom. To join by phone: Dial **1-669-254-5252** or **1-833-568-8864 (Toll Free)** and enter **Meeting ID: 160 802 0564**. To provide public comment, Press *9 and wait to be recognized by the Chair. To submit a written communication for the public record, email council@berkeleyca.gov.*

Live captioned broadcasts of Council meetings are available on B-TV (Channel 33) and via [internet video stream](#). All Council meetings are recorded.

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting, however, if you are feeling sick, please do not attend the meeting in person. The City Council may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.

Pursuant to the City Council Rules of Procedure and State Law, the presiding officer may remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting. Prior to removing an individual, the presiding officer shall warn the individual that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and that their failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal. The presiding officer may then remove the individual if they do not promptly cease their disruptive behavior. “Disrupting” means engaging in behavior during a meeting of a legislative body that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting and includes, but is not limited to, a failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by a legislative body, or engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force.

Government Code Section 84308 (Levine Act) - Parties to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use are required to disclose if they made contributions over \$500 within the prior 12 months to any City employee or officer. Parties and participants with a financial interest are prohibited from making more than \$500 in contributions to a decisionmaker for the 12 months after the final decision is rendered on the proceeding. The above contribution disclosures and restrictions do not apply when the proceeding is competitively bid, or involves a personnel or labor contract. For more information, see Government Code Section 84308.

Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:08 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:25 p.m.

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 Jewish-American Heritage Month – May 2026
2. Recognition of Affordable Housing Month – May 2026
3. Recognition of Muslim Holidays Eid-al-Fitr and Eid-al-Adha

City Manager Comments: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 0 speakers.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 4 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

1. Sale of Real Property – 1631 Fifth Street

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,006-N.S. approving the sale of City property at 1631 Fifth Street and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents required to sell the property for \$750,000.

First Reading Vote: All Ayes.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,006–N.S.

2. Amendments to Berkeley Municipal Code Title 23 (Zoning) for Consistency with State Law and Technical Edits (SLTE 2026)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,007-N.S. amending Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Title 23. The proposed changes apply to the sections of the BMC listed below:

- Section 23.202.020 (Residential Districts – Allowed Land Uses)
- Section 23.202.050 (Residential Districts – R-1 Residential Multi-Unit 1 District)
- Section 23.202.080 (Residential Districts – R-2 Residential Multi-Unit 2 District)
- Section 23.202.090 (Residential Districts – R-2A Residential Multi-Unit 2A District)
- Section 23.206.030 (Manufacturing Districts – Additional Permit Requirements)
- Section 23.206.060 (Manufacturing Districts – M Manufacturing District)
- Section 23.206.070 (Manufacturing Districts – MM Mixed Manufacturing District)
- Section 23.206.080 (Manufacturing Districts – MU-LI Mixed Use-Light Industrial District)
- Section 23.206.090 (Manufacturing Districts – MU-R Mixed Use Residential District)
- Section 23.304.100 (General Development Standards – Site Features in Residential)
- Section 23.306.030 (Accessory Dwelling Units – Development Standards)
- Section 23.306.040 (Accessory Dwelling Units – Permit Procedures)
- Section 23.322.040 (Parking and Loading – General Requirements)
- Section 23.322.050 (Parking and Loading – Parking Reductions)
- Section 23.322.100 (Parking and Loading – On-site Loading Spaces)
- Section 23.326.070 (Demolition of Non-Residential Buildings)
- Section 23.330.030 (Density Bonus—Application Requirements)
- Section 23.330.080 (Density Bonus – Regulatory Agreements)
- Section 23.410.020 (Appeals and Certifications – Appeal Subjects and Jurisdiction)
- Section 23.502.020 (Glossary – Defined Terms)

First Reading Vote: All Ayes.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,007–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 3. 1646 and 1650 Fifth Street Re-Zoning and Associated General Plan Amendments**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,008-N.S. amending the Zoning Map to rezone portions of 1646 and 1650 Fifth Street from Mixed Use-Light Industrial (MU-LI) to Mixed Use-Residential (MU-R).
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,008–N.S.
- 4. Police Accountability Board – Appointment of New Member**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution appointing a new member to the Police Accountability Board (PAB) nominated by Councilmember Tregub.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,255–N.S.
- 5. Contract No. 32600118 Amendment: Clariti for Special Events Permitting Software**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend existing contract with Clariti Cloud, Inc. (Contract No. 32600118) to add a Special Event permitting module to the City’s new permitting platform, in an amount not to exceed \$121,000, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$5,480,128.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000, Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,256–N.S.
- 6. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on May 12, 2026**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager’s threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.
Financial Implications: \$1,700,000 - Various Funds
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Approved recommendation.

Consent Calendar

- 7. Contract No. 32100110 Amendment: JotForm, Inc. for a HIPAA Compliant Platform to Support Clinical Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32100110 with JotForm, Inc. by adding \$39,832, bringing the contract total to an amount not to exceed \$149,050 and extending the end date through May 13, 2028.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,257–N.S.
- 8. Contract No. 32300108 Fifth Amendment: Street Level Advisors, LLC for Housing Consulting Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a fifth amendment to Contract No. 32300108 with Street Level Advisors, LLC increasing the contract by \$146,310 for consulting services in a total amount not to exceed \$562,260, with a contract end date of September 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,258–N.S.
- 9. Contract No. 32300207 Amendment: Easy Does It for Accessible Wheelchair Van Services for Seniors & the Disabled**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to amend Contract No. 32300207 with Easy Does It increasing the amount by \$57,000 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$232,000. These services support accessible wheelchair van services to customers of the Aging Services Division’s Berkeley Rides for Seniors & the Disabled program.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,259–N.S.
- 10. Contract No. 32300180 Amendment: GoGo Technologies, Inc. for Transportation Services for Seniors & the Disabled**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee, to amend Contract No. 32300180 with GoGo Technologies, Inc. for a 24/7 concierge call center to arrange rides with Uber and Lyft for the City’s seniors and disabled community. This amendment will add \$500,000 in funding for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for a not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,260–N.S.

Consent Calendar

11. Revenue Grant Agreements: Funding Support from Essential Access Health to Conduct Public Health Services

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a grant application to Essential Access Health, to accept the grant, execute any resultant revenue agreement and amendment, and implement the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses to conduct public health promotion, protection, and prevention services for the Essential Access Health revenue agreement in the projected amount of \$120,000 for April 1, 2026 to March 30, 2027.

Financial Implications: See report.

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,261–N.S.

12. Revenue Grant Agreements: Funding Support from the State of California and Alameda County to Conduct Public Health Services

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit grant agreements to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and 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 two revenue agreements:

1. Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention and Control in the projected amount of \$16,361 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 from CDPH. (Fund: 312)

2. Public Health Infrastructure Program in the projected amount of \$32,080 for FY 2027 from Alameda County. (Fund: 312)

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,262–N.S. (Tuberculosis Prevention), Resolution No. 72,263–N.S. (Public Health Infrastructure).

13. Contracts: As-needed Tree Services

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt four Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute the following contracts, and any amendments, extensions, or other change orders for as-needed tree services, each for a period of May 29, 2026 to May 28, 2029:

1. Bay Area Tree Specialist, for an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000.

2. Hamilton Tree Service, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000.

3. The Professional Tree Care Company, for an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000.

4. West Coast Arborists, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,264–N.S. (Bay Area Tree), Resolution No. 72,265–N.S. (Hamilton Tree), Resolution No. 72,266–N.S. (The Professional), Resolution No. 72,267–N.S. (West Coast).

Consent Calendar

14. License Agreement – Aqua SuperPower, Inc. for Marine Electric Vessel Charging Station at K Dock at the Berkeley Marina

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a license agreement with Aqua SuperPower, Inc. to install and operate a marine electric vessel charging station at K Dock at the Berkeley Marina for a period of 12 years.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,268–N.S.

15a. Exploitation of Vulnerable Homeowners *(Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)*

From: Commission on the Status of Women

Recommendation: That Council refer to the City Manager to direct the Department of Health and Human Services and other relevant departments and divisions to draft materials, written and visual (DVDs/VHS) to provide to homeowners vulnerable to exploitation, those being older and minority homeowners subject to exploitation from realtors, appraisers, lenders, speculators and others. For the appropriate department or division to identify a means of distribution of these materials to locations frequented by older and minority homeowners including senior centers, community organizations, medical providers and faith-based organizations. To promote the availability of these materials through public notices and local media. To return to Council with the draft materials and proposed locations of distribution within 6 months of the passage of this recommendation at Council. That in addition to English, materials be written, spoken, and otherwise communicated in other languages in which residents in Berkeley communicate.

Policy Committee Recommendation: Send the commission item and the companion report to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation that the Council refer the items to the Commission on Aging for further development. Further recommend that the Commission on Aging research existing models and templates, and consider a regional approach to design and distribution materials.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Okeya Vance-Dozier, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7100

Action: See action for Item 15b.

Consent Calendar

- 15b. Companion Report: Exploitation of Vulnerable Homeowners** *(Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Support the Policy Committee's recommendation for this item.
Policy Committee Recommendation: Send the commission item and the companion report to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation that the Council refer the items to the Commission on Aging for further development. Further recommend that the Commission on Aging research existing models and templates, and consider a regional approach to design and distribution materials.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee.

Council Consent Items

- 16. Berkeley Juneteenth Festival: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Approve the expenditure of funds, including \$2500 from Councilmember Bartlett for pre-planning of the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival (organized by Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc., 501(c)3), with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Bartlett and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
Action: Councilmembers Taplin and Blackaby added as co-sponsors. Adopted Resolution No. 72,269–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$500; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Tregub - \$200; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Mayor Ishii - \$250.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

**17. Lease Agreement: Patpatia & Associates, Inc. for 125-127 University Avenue
From: City Manager**

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt first reading of an Ordinance executing a lease agreement with Patpatia & Associates, Inc. to lease second floor office space located at 125-127 University Avenue in the Berkeley Waterfront. The initial lease term is anticipated to begin July 1, 2026 and end June 30, 2029, with two-1-year options to extend.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 0 speakers.

M/S/C (Kesarwani/Humbert) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Kesarwani) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 8,009–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 9, 2026.

Vote: All Ayes.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 1 speaker.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Communications

Budget Concerns

1. Homeless Services Panel of Experts
2. Kristine Dixon
3. Walter Wood
4. Barbara Gilbert
5. David Lerman (2)
6. Tom Bellingham
7. Eric Friedman (2)
8. Julia Lauren
9. Joel Libove
10. Abhijit Bhat
11. Sarah Baughn
12. George Perezvelez
13. John F. Clarke
14. Fred Krieger
15. Jane Tierney
16. John Hershberger

Zoning

17. Robert Cooperstein
18. Barbara Hadenfeldt
19. Victor Ichioka
20. John J. Parman (2)
21. Todd Andrew
22. Laura Klein
23. Margot Smith
24. Stephen Alpert (4)

Hopkins Street

25. Alan Gould
26. Stephen Alpert
27. Heath Maddox
28. Eli Doberne-Rokach
29. Patty Lipinska
30. Katherine de Runtz
31. Ben Gerhardstein and Karen Parolek, on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley, and Libby Lee-Egan, on behalf of North Berkeley Now!
32. Kim Haltiner
33. William Springer
34. Seth Gold
35. Bill Hickman
36. Sarah Wittmer
37. Shirley Kirsten (3)
38. Matthew Dimond
39. Grace Munakata
40. David White
41. Michela Lee
42. Josie Gerst
43. Michael Tompkins
44. Jennifer Cole
45. Leni Siegel
46. Calla Schmidt (and Silas)
47. Rachel Bradley
48. Michael Frantz
49. Carol Goines
50. Sonya Baehr (2)
51. Chris Hamilton
52. D.
53. Marguerite Lee
54. Ross Knight
55. Jean Weininger

Repaving Request

56. Aine Le
57. Etsuko Tobar
58. Sam Kessel

- 59. Kessa Giles
- 60. David Giles
- 61. Art Goldberg

Rename City Park

- 62. Daniel Borgstrom
- 63. judyandrich
- 64. Sally Nelson
- 65. Gerald Derblich
- 66. Virginia Browning (2)
- 67. Ken Blum
- 68. Jennifer Chou
- 69. Sherry Shannon
- 70. Everett Wetchler
- 71. Ryan Casey
- 72. Gianna Michael

EMBER and Zone Zero

- 73. Deirdre Duhan
- 74. Susan McCutchan
- 75. Jane Terjung & Bill Naylor
- 76. James H. Hurley
- 77. Mona Halaby
- 78. Irene Brydon
- 79. Cindy Larson
- 80. Chief David Sprague

Gabe Catalfo Fields

- 81. Celine Bonfils
- 82. Orion and Brie Fulton
- 83. Irene Reyes-Kaludi, on behalf of Bay Area Adult Soccer League and Ted Steen, on behalf of Eastshore Alliance Futbol Club

Street Sweeping

- 84. David Lerman
- 85. Scott Stewart

Ferry Project Comments and DEIR

- 86. Charley Paffenbarger
- 87. Liza McNulty
- 88. Mike Vandeman
- 89. Clifford Fred
- 90. Paul Kamen (5)

Berkeley World Cup Logo

- 91. Jeffrey Church, on behalf of Visit Berkeley

SF Mime Troop

- 92. Summer Brenner

Parking Meters

93. Lucas Miller

Promoting Local Businesses

94. Eric Friedman

Blue Curb at 1231 Addison

95. Alfred Twu

Parking at 6th & Bancroft Way

96. Rachel Berry

Crosswalk at College Avenue and Garber Street

97. Anne Whyte

Tier 2 Transit Stops in Berkeley

98. Ron Kelly

UC Berkeley Construction and Noise Concerns

99. Julia Lauren

100. Daniel Auten

Proclamation Request

101. Jo-Hsin (Stacy) Tang

2128 Oxford Street and Zoning Adjustments Board Meeting

102. Steven Schuyler (8)

Daylighting Law Concerns

103. Shirley Kirsten (4)

Missing Person Report Concerns

104. Hanifea Click (2)

105. Desma Patterson (2)

106. Angela Floyd

107. Jody

Animal Rights Concerns

108. Matthew A. King

109. Richard Woods

Shen Yun Performances

110. Joel Ng

Access to Basic Needs Concerns

111. Elizabeth Johnston (2)

Public Disturbance

112. Elizabeth Johnston (2)

Public Radio

113. Eid

Trafficking Concern

114. Jodi Schiller

Links and Forwards

- 115. russbumper (4)
- 116. crustyrusty

Upcoming Events

- 117. Adriana Betti, on behalf of R.I.S.E.
- 118. Daley Michael, on behalf of Shake Shack (2)
- 119. Downtown Berkeley Association
- 120. Visit Berkeley
- 121. Port of Oakland
- 122. Berkeley Art Center

eScooters

- 123. Robert Borghese (12)
- 124. Carson Lepre/Anosh Dumasia/Antonio Vargas on behalf of Veo (12)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #5: Contract No. 32600118 Amendment: Clariti for Special Events Permitting Software

- 125. Lisa Bullwinkel

Item #10: Contract No. 32300180 Amendment: GoGo Technologies, Inc. for Transportation Services for Seniors & the Disabled

- 126. Gregory Kalkanis

Item #16: Berkeley Juneteenth Festival: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

- 127. Delores Nochi Cooper on behalf Berkeley Juneteenth Cultural Celebrations

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

- None