

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

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026
4:00 PM**

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

DISTRICT 5 – SHOSHANA O’KEEFE
DISTRICT 6 – BRENT BLACKABY
DISTRICT 7 – CECILIA LUNAPARRA
DISTRICT 8 – MARK HUMBERT

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:03 p.m.

Present: Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett

Councilmember Taplin present at 4:09 p.m.

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:16 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:42 p.m.

Action Calendar – New Business

1. **Presentation and Discussion of Second 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 second 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. Affirm the direction to prepare ballot language for a potential \$300 million General Obligation bond measure for the November 3, 2026, ballot to fund priority infrastructure investments;
2. Provide input on the list of infrastructure projects for the \$300 million General Obligation bond; and
3. Affirm the direction to prepare 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.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: 15 speakers. M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to:

1. Affirm the direction to prepare ballot language for a potential \$300 million General Obligation bond measure for the November 3, 2026, ballot to fund priority infrastructure investments; and

2. Affirm the direction to prepare 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.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Communications

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1. Phil Allen
2. Larry and Mary Ann Wight
3. Susan Schwartz on behalf of Friend of Five Creeks
4. Emma Gobler
5. Lisa Cain
6. Nina
7. Katherine Schaaf
8. Susan Austin
9. Jeffrey J. Carter
10. Jan Ruchlis

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11. Ray Yep
12. Nicola Reinhardt
13. Laura A Schmidt
14. Sarah Watts
15. Joel Myerson
16. Todd Jersey

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17. Presentation submitted by the City Manager's Office
18. John Callaway
19. Linda and Steven Rosen