ANNOTATED AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 17, 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: 4:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:18 p.m.

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Blackaby) to suspend the rules and allow for a two-hour period for public comment on Item 1.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bartlett.

Action Calendar – New Business

1. Amending Resolution No. 71,513-N.S. Encampment Policy Resolution to Promote Healthy and Safe Neighborhoods to Include Prohibition Against Encampments in Close Proximity to Preschools and In-Home Early Childhood Daycare Facilities
From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Approve adoption of a new resolution amending the Encampment Policy to Promote Healthy and Safe Neighborhoods and rescinding Resolution No. 71,513-N.S. Recommend the new resolution adds proximity to licensed preschools and/or in-home early childhood daycare facilities to the list of circumstances in which the City Manager is authorized to close an encampment even when an offer of shelter is not practicable.
Specifically, it is recommended to add a 600foot buffer zone prohibiting encampments around preschools and in-home early childhood daycare facilities in order to safeguard the health and welfare of young children. Preschool-aged children are particularly vulnerable to a range of public health concerns because they are more likely to play closer to the ground, touching potentially infected objects and then putting their hands in their mouth. A buffer zone around these institutions should be adopted to minimize public health and safety risks. Resolution No. 71,513-N.S should add to the list of enforcement circumstances:
-The encampment is located within 600 feet of any licensed preschool and/or in-home early childhood daycare facility as measured by a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the parcel on which the preschool/in-home early childhood daycare facility is located to the nearest point of the encampment, including its associated belongings.
Further, refer to the City Manager to amend Administrative Regulation 10.2 to clarify that Temporary Non-Commercial (TNC) objects are prohibited within 600 feet of a licensed preschool/in-home early childhood daycare facility.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110
Action: 60 speakers. M/S/Failed (Lunaparra/Tregub) to amend the main motion to change the buffer zone to 300 feet.
Vote: Ayes – Tregub, Lunaparra; Noes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii.

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Taplin) to:
1. Adopt Resolution No. 72,502–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 and further revised at the meeting to add a Resolved clause to rescind the previous resolution.
2. Approve recommendation to refer amendments to AR 10.2 to the City Manager.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert; Noes – Lunaparra, Ishii.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Communications

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1. Sinian Xiao
2. Theresa Thornton
3. Kristin Ng
4. Dave Bloomquist
5. April Higashi
6. Linda Carr
7. Araxi Gundelfinger
8. Steve Tornallyay (3)
9. Anne Aronov
10. Jared Bhatti
11. Dana Hymel (2)
12. Gunnar Madsen
13. Lisa Brown (3)
14. Tim Sakhuja
15. M. Sarah Klise
16. Cameron Woo
17. Cathryn Bruno
18. Laura Owen and Peter Bartlett
19. Or Dobrin
20. Crystal Turnerhill (2)
21. Sebastien Robert
22. Justin Huang
23. Maria Chairez
24. Chloe Weil (2)
25. John Waters
26. Jeff Cooksey
27. Sara Peschel
28. Claudia Kawcyznska
29. Tracy Schrider
30. Jesse Wood
31. Danielle Hacker
32. 25 Similarly worded form letters

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- None

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33. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani
34. Alex Stettinski on behalf of Streetplus
35. Holly Gold
36. Andy Chung
37. Rain Rider
38. Hiroshi Wald
39. Moe Schandelson (2)
40. Tracy Schrider
41. M. Sarah Klise
42. Dave Bloomquist
43. Dana Hymel
44. Cameron Woo
45. Sara Margozzi
46. Jason N. Lawrence
47. Vanessa Vega
48. Cassandra Turgman
49. Regan Bice
50. Christine Reid
51. 29_bromine.journey
52. Morgan Smith
53. Chris and Anthony Saulnier
54. Jack von Euw
55. Susana Macarron
56. Sebastien Robert
57. Laura Owen and Peter Bartlett
58. Claudia Kawczynska
59. Ivo Linev
60. Fourth Street and West Berkeley business community members (2)
61. Patrick Kennedy
62. Niloo Nouri
63. Susan Schwartz
64. Douglas Smith
65. Zack Sultan
66. Gregory Kalkanis
67. Su-Yin Bickner
68. Elise Proulx
69. Annie Sultan
70. Meryl Siegal
71. Carole Marasovic on behalf of the Homeless Services Panel of Experts

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Against Encampments in Close Proximity to Preschools and In-Home Early Childhood Daycare Facilities

72. Anais Shergill
73. Beth Roessner
74. Steven Donaldson
75. Dorothea Dorenz
76. Jin Kim
77. Tom Attar
78. Anja
79. David Bullitt
80. Laura Owen
81. Josh Jacobs on behalf of the Homeless Services Panel of Experts
82. Karima Cammell (2)
83. Ben Ashwell (2)
84. Dana Hymel (2)
85. CC Miksza
86. 12 Similarly worded form letters