



PROCLAMATION CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

In accordance with the authority in me vested, I do hereby call the Berkeley City Council in special session as follows:

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021
4:00 PM**

JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – KATE HARRISON

DISTRICT 5 – SOPHIE HAHN
DISTRICT 6 – SUSAN WENGRAF
DISTRICT 7 – RIGEL ROBINSON
DISTRICT 8 – LORI DROSTE

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order and the Shelter-in-Place Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, there will not be a physical meeting location available.

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call:

Action Calendar

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again at the time the matter is taken up during the Action Calendar.

The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak use the "raise hand" function to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Presiding Officer may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. The Presiding Officer may, with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue, allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue.

Action items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair with the consent of Council.

Action Calendar – Old Business

- 1. Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID19 Budget Recovery**
From: Councilmember Droste (Author), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Arreguin (Co-Sponsor) (Reviewed by the Agenda & Rules Committee) (Continued from May 25, 2021)

Recommendation:

1. Refer to the City Manager and City Attorney to bring back changes to the enabling legislation to reorganize existing commissions as proposed below in a phased approach. Phase 1: Prioritize merging the Homeless Commission/Homeless Services Panel of Experts and Housing Advisory Commission/Measure O Bond Oversight Committee first, and request that the City Manager bring back changes to the enabling legislation to implement these consolidated commissions. Phase 2: All other Commissions as proposed in the report. As staff is able to make recommendations on consolidation, they can bring those recommendations forward one by one.
2. Refer to staff to develop recommendations on the transition to new consolidated commissions and the effective date of the changes.
3. Consider establishing 18 members on the new Climate and Environment Commission and establishing specific subcommittees focused on the policy areas of the merged commissions.
4. The Peace, Justice and Human Welfare Commission will be composed of only Mayor and Council appointees.
5. Refer to City Manager and Commissions the following additional considerations:
 - Federal, state or other external mandates that might be impacted, and determine how to handle.
 - Whether charters of to-be-merged Commissions were adopted by City Council, through measures or initiatives passed by voters, or are by Charter, and by what means they might be merged/adjusted.
 - What elements of each Commission to keep, update, or retire, as well as relevant topics/issues not currently covered that might be added to a more comprehensive and/or relevant merged Commission's charter.
 - Whether the merged Commission might include 9, or a greater number of members.
 - The possibility of requiring specific qualifications for

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appointment to the merged Commission. - The possibility of recommended or required Standing Committees of the Merged Commission. - Volunteer workload and capacity given scope of Commission's charter

Policy Committee Recommendation: Make a Qualified Positive Recommendation to City Council to: 1. Refer to the City Manager and City Attorney to bring back changes to the enabling legislation to reorganize existing commissions as proposed below in a phased approach. Phase 1: Prioritize merging the Homeless Commission/Homeless Services Panel of Experts and Housing Advisory Commission/Measure O Bond Oversight Committee first, and request that the City Manager bring back changes to the enabling legislation to implement these consolidated commissions. Phase 2: All other Commissions as proposed in the report. As staff is able to make recommendations on consolidation, they can bring those recommendations forward one by one. 2. Refer to the Commissions impacted a process to determine the charge/responsibilities of the newly merged commissions, and bring Commission input to the appropriate Policy Committees (as proposed by Vice-Mayor Droste in 4/5/21 submittal) for further recommendations to the City Manager on revised charge/responsibilities of merged commissions. 3. Refer to staff to develop recommendations on the transition to new consolidated commissions and the effective date of the changes. 4. Consider establishing 18 members on the new Climate and Environment Commission and establishing specific subcommittees focused on the policy areas of the merged commissions. 5. The Peace, Justice and Human Welfare Commission will be comprised of only Mayor and Council appointees. 6. Refer Councilmember Hahn questions to City Manager and Commissions: "Commissions to Combine/Merge - Suggested Considerations" - Federal, state or other external mandates that might be impacted, and determine how to handle. - Whether charters of to-be-merged Commissions were adopted by City Council, through measures or initiatives passed by voters, or are by Charter, and by what means they might be merged/adjusted. - What elements of each Commission to keep, update, or retire, as well as relevant topics/issues not currently covered that might be added to a more comprehensive and/or relevant merged Commission's charter. - Whether the merged Commission might include 9, or a greater number of members. - The possibility of requiring specific qualifications for appointment to the merged Commission. - The possibility of recommended or required Standing Committees of the Merged Commission - Volunteer workload and capacity given scope of Commission's charter.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Lori Droste, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

Public Comment - Items on this agenda only

Adjournment

I hereby request that the City Clerk of the City of Berkeley cause personal notice to be given to each member of the Berkeley City Council on the time and place of said meeting, forthwith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Berkeley to be affixed on this 3rd day of June, 2021.



Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Public Notice – this Proclamation serves as the official agenda for this meeting.

ATTEST:



Date: June 3, 2021
Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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Item #1: Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID19 Budget Recovery

1. Holly Scheider

