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ACTION CALENDAR  
February 26, 2019

To: Members of the City Council  
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín  
Subject: Retirement of Council Ad Hoc Subcommittees

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Officially retiring the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Community Benefits, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Urban Shield, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Small Business, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Automatic Door Openers effective immediately, and;
2. Retiring the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Paid Family Leave and Fair Work Week, and Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Climate Emergency effective March 31, 2019, and requesting that these Ad Hoc Subcommittees complete their business before that time and make a recommendation to the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The City Council has created several Standing and Ad Hoc committees in order to study and analyze important city issues. Once an Ad Hoc Subcommittee has completed its work it must report back to the City Council, in some cases by an established target date. Some Ad Hoc committees may not always have a specific report back date and a formal action of the Council is needed to officially clarify the status of the Subcommittee.

The City Council Rules of Procedure Chapter II, Section I, state that when an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee is established by the Council there must be a specific charge or outline of responsibilities which must be completed, and a target date established for a report back to Council. The maximum life of a Subcommittee is one year unless extended.

The City Council Rules of Procedure and Order Chapter II, Section I, also states that Subcommittees must be reviewed annually by the Council to determine if they are to continue.

Throughout 2017 and 2018, the Council established a number of Ad Hoc Subcommittees to study important issues and review proposed legislation. Some of



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these Ad Hoc Committees were established with a date certain by which they must complete their work, and some Subcommittees have no target date.

In order to allow more review and public comment on proposed legislation, the City Council voted on December 11, 2018 to create a system of Standing Policy Committees. The new Standing Policy Committees negate the need for multiple Ad Hoc Subcommittees to review Council items and discuss important policy issues.

### **Status of Existing Ad Hoc Subcommittees**

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on NCRIC and Urban Shield and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Small Business have completed their designated responsibilities and have reported back to the City Council. They should therefore be officially retired.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Community Benefits was established on January 23, 2018 to review a specific City Council item "*Strengthening Provisions of Significant Community Benefits in the Downtown*". One year has passed since the Subcommittee was established and since that time the Council has asked the Planning Commission to amend the Development Agreement process, which will enable taller buildings Downtown to seek streamlined approval and provide specific community benefit packages. Because of this, the Agenda and Rules Committee voted on January 7, 2019 to take no action on the "*Significant Community Benefits*" item. Therefore this Subcommittee should be retired.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Automatic Door Openers was established on October 13, 2017 to analyze the issue of automatic door openers in new multi-unit residential buildings and whether to apply the requirement to existing buildings. One year has passed and the Council did not extend the life of the Subcommittee. Therefore it should be retired.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Paid Family Leave and Fair Work Week was established on April 3, 2018 to review and make recommendations on legislation expanding Paid Family Leave and Fair Scheduling requirements for employees. This Ad Hoc Subcommittee was created with no target date to report back. This item requests that the Subcommittee complete its work and make a recommendation to the City Council by March 31, 2019.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Climate Emergency was created on June 12, 2018 with the primary goal of coordinating a regional Climate Emergency Mobilization Town Hall. The Subcommittee, chaired by Councilmember Davila, organized a Town Hall in August 2018. Since that time the Subcommittee has met regularly to discuss ways to implement the city's Climate Emergency Declaration. With the creation of a Standing Policy



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Committee on Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment and Sustainability and multiple City Commissions (Energy, Zero Waste, CEAC, Transportation) developing policies on accelerating our Climate response, it is appropriate to retire this Subcommittee and allow the new Council Committee and City Commissions to carry on the work. This item requests that the Subcommittee complete its work by March 31, 2019 and make a recommendation to the City Council.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

To maintain an accurate accounting of the status of Council committees so that it is clear to the public which committees are active and inactive.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects associated with the recommendation of this report.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution



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RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.  
SUNSET OF COUNCIL AD-HOC COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, the City Council has created several standing and ad hoc committees to address significant city issues; and

WHEREAS, some of these committees have completed their tasks and are no longer active.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Community Benefits, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Urban Shield, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Small Business, Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Automatic Door Openers are hereby retired; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Paid Family Leave and Fair Work Week, and Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Climate Emergency are officially retired effective March 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the Council requests that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Paid Family Leave and Fair Work Week and Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Climate Emergency complete their business and make a recommendation to the City Council by March 31, 2019.