



Youth Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR

March 9, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Youth Commission

Submitted by: Samuel Kaplan-Pettus, Chairperson

Subject: Youth Commission Work Plan 2021

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At a regular meeting on December 20, 2020, the Youth Commission approved the Commission's 2021 Work Plan, which will be used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

M/S/C (Schlosberg/Cline/U).

Ayes: Draves; Zhou; Kaplan-Pettus; Birenbaum; Jay; Schlosberg; Abrahamson; Cline.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Orlando; Vazquez

BACKGROUND

See attached Work Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No environmental impacts or opportunities were identified as a result of this recommendation.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research and public input, new initiatives and recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

No fiscal impacts identified at this time.

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Attachment: Youth Commission 2021 Work Plan

City of Berkeley Youth Commission Work Plan

Mission:

Identifies the needs of youth, reviews, and recommends youth services and programs.

Activity	Resources	Outputs (What Has Happened So Far?)	Next Step	Goal	People
Berkeley Environmental Initiative	BHS Green Team BUSD Green Teams BHS Zero Waste club Sunrise CM Taplin	Letter sent to Berkeley Unified School District Board of Directors	Gather information and draft proposals	Help the City of Berkeley and Berkeley Unified School District reduce its impact on climate change	
Sexual Harm	Berkeley High Stop Harassing Title IX Officer Berkeley High Women's Student Union Commission on the Status of Women Juan Raygoza Sexual Harassment Advisory Committee	Letter sent to Berkeley Unified School District Board of Directors	Finalize subcommittee Hold Hearing Look into Sexual assault support group funding	Address widespread sexual harm at Berkeley Unified Schools	

Distance learning	Miles Miller	NA	Communication	Promote successfully equitable distance learning	
Expanding Youth Commission Influence	Laura Babbit Ana Vasudeo Other City Commission	NA	Investigating other youth commissions and youth city engagement policies	Increase the role and influence of the youth in the School District and City decision making	
Racial Justice at Berkeley Unified School District	Berkeley High Black Student Union Ethnic studies Department	NA	Discussing and Exploring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional Development (micro-aggressions) ● Student Survey ● Anti-racist education ● Instagram allegations ● The culture of Berkeley International High School 	Address widespread Racism at Berkeley Unified Schools	

<p>Filling Youth Commission</p>	<p>Mr. Dopman Berkeley High Administration</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Disseminate information on Youth Commission Communicate with City Clerk to ensure a speedy appointment</p>	<p>Work to fill all vacancies on the Youth Commission</p>	
<p>Gender Neutral bathrooms</p>		<p>NA</p>	<p>Form a Sub-Committee Reinstate the Gender Neutral Bathroom</p>	<p>Work to ensure that all students have a safe and appropriate bathroom</p>	
<p>Sexual health education Diversity--bodies we see- LGBTQ--</p>	<p>Sexual Health Information From Teens (SHIFT) club at Berkeley High</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Form a Sub-committee Explore Policy Changes Recommend Policy Changes to School Board</p>	<p>Work to improve Sexual Health Curriculum to better represent diversity in sexuality and body types, teach more about consent, include the emotional and pleasure aspects and be more inclusive.</p>	

<p>Trigger Warning, Graphic violence, and derogatory slurs policy</p>		<p>NA</p>	<p>Form a sub-committee</p> <p>Investigate current policies</p> <p>Explore other policies</p> <p>Recommend Policy Changes to School Board</p>	<p>Explore a District-wide policy to address the impact of inappropriate, graphic, and derogatory content upon students learning and safety.</p>	
<p>Vision 0 and free transit</p>	<p>Bike east bay CM Taplin Transportation</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Explore Youth Implementation</p>	<p>Ensure that all students have a safe way to get to school and around the city.</p>	
<p>Public Common Spaces</p>	<p>CM Robinson Director Vasudeo</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Explore current and proposed city planning projects to promote the interest and accessibility of youth</p>	<p>Promote the equitable and social use of common spaces for young people</p>	

