



## 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:

**Friday, May 24, 2024  
10:30 AM**

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - DIMAN HOUSE, 41 CHARLESFIELD STREET,  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02912

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 740 S. BROADWAY, 5TH FLOOR, LOS ANGELES  
CA 90014

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JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI

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## Preliminary Matters

### Roll Call:

## Action Calendar

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action. 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 during one of the Action Calendar public comment periods on the item. Public comment will occur for each Action item (excluding public hearings, appeals, and/or quasi-judicial matters) in one of two comment periods, either 1) before the Action Calendar is discussed; or 2) when the item is taken up by the Council.*

*A member of the public may only speak at one of the two public comment periods for any single Action item.*

*The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak line up at the podium, or use the "raise hand" function in Zoom, 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. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes. 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 – Scheduled Public Comment Period

*During this public comment period, the Presiding Officer will open and close a comment period for each Action item on this agenda (excluding any public hearings, appeals, and/or quasi-judicial matters). The public may speak on each item. Those who speak on an item during this comment period may not speak a second time when the item is taken up by Council.*

## Action Calendar

### 1. **Community Survey for Potential November 2024 Ballot Measures**

#### **From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Receive the report, which provides information on a potential Parks Tax increase and a Measure P extension and increase, and provide direction on the upcoming community survey, as well as any other proposed measures.

**Financial Implications:** None

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700, Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000, Anne Cardwell, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

## Action Calendar

### 2. Council Referral – Request for City Council to place a limited Library tax on the November 2024 ballot

**From: Board of Library Trustees**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution to include on the November 2024 ballot a measure levying a new, limited tax in order to maintain current levels of Library services, building maintenance, collections and staffing. The proposed rate is 6¢ per square foot of residential building space and 9¢ of commercial building space, with annual adjustments, and exempting low-income homeowners. The recommendation is to place this measure on the ballot, using language that aligns as closely as possible with the language employed by Godbe Research in the March 2024 community survey: “To maintain Berkeley Public Library services/ facilities such as: - summer reading programs for children; - keeping qualified librarians; - quality places for children; - homework help/ tutoring; - book, material/ digital collections; - maintain library facilities; - senior/ accessible programs; and - maintain weekday and weekend hours; shall the Berkeley Public Library measure be adopted, levying 6¢ per square foot of residential building space (other rates detailed in the voter handbook), providing \$5,600,000 annually, until ended by voters, with annual adjustments, and exempting very low-income homeowners?”

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Tess Mayer, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6100

## 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 May 21, 2024.



Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

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

ATTEST:



Date: May 21, 2024

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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