



URGENT ITEM AGENDA MATERIAL

Government Code Section 54954.2(b)
Rules of Procedure Chapter III.C.5

THIS ITEM IS NOT YET AGENDIZED AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE AGENDA AS A LATE ITEM, SUBJECT TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S DISCRETION ACCORDING TO BROWN ACT RULES

Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

Item Description: Additional 2025 Council Appointments

This item is submitted pursuant to the provision checked below:

- Emergency Situation (54954.2(b)(1) - majority vote required)
Determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5.
- Immediate Action Required (54954.2(b)(2) - two-thirds vote required)
There is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda for this meeting being posted.

Once the item is added to the agenda (Consent or Action) it must be passed by the standard required vote threshold (majority, two-thirds, or 7/9).

Facts supporting the addition of the item to the agenda under Section 54954.2(b) and Chapter III.C.5 of the Rules of Procedure:



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URGENCY ITEM
CONSENT CALENDAR
February 25, 2025

To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Adena Ishii
Subject: Additional 2025 Council Appointments

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving a change in appointment to the 2x2 Partnership Committee, one change in appointment to the JPA Lead Abatement body, and on additional appointment to the AC Transit/Berkeley Interagency Liaison Committee, for a term ending on January 31, 2026 or until new appointments are made.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Council Representative Appointments

After careful review, the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) council recognized a conflict of interest with the existing appointment of Councilmember O'Keefe to the 2x2 Committee. Therefore, a new representative from council shall be made to avoid such a conflict. We recommend Councilmember Blackaby be the new appointee for this body.

The Joint Powers Association Lead Abatement body is scheduled to regularly meet during our scheduled Budget and Finance Council Committee meetings. This presents a scheduling conflict for Chair Councilmember Kesarwani to attend either group. Therefore, a new representative is needed to avoid such a conflict. We recommend Councilmember Tregub be the new appointee for this body.

The AC Transit/Berkeley Interagency Liaison Committee requires two appointments for members and one alternate. The previous council item appointed Councilmember Kesarwani to join this committee, with Councilmember O'Keefe as the alternate. Our office presumed Councilmember Taplin would continue in his existing seat as the second member. We were then notified that the City must explicitly reappoint Councilmember Taplin to continue in serving as a member. Therefore, we recommend Councilmember Taplin be added as the additional appointee to this committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No identifiable environmental effects from taking this action.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution - APPROVING CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2X2 COMMITTEE, JPA LEAD ABATEMENT BODY, AND THE AC TRANSIT/BERKELEY INTERAGENCY LIAISON COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

APPROVING CHANGES AND ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2X2
COMMITTEE, JPA LEAD ABATEMENT BODY, AND THE AC TRANSIT/BERKELEY
INTERAGENCY LIAISON COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City Council has numerous appointments to various Partnership Committees and Regional Bodies, and makes new appointments every two years following the General Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, at times, appropriate changes are needed to allow for any avoidance of conflict of interest, conflicts in scheduling, and fulfillment of expectations in membership to such bodies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it officially makes the following changes to appointments for the period ending January 31, 2026, or until new appointments are approved:

Partnership Committees:

2x2 Committee of the City Council and the Board of Education

Remove Councilmember O'Keefe

Appoint Councilmember Blackaby

Regional Committees:

Joint Powers Authority – Lead Abatement

Remove Councilmember Kesarwani

Appoint Councilmember Tregub

Appoint Councilmember O'Keefe as an alternate

AC Transit/Berkeley Interagency Liaison Committee

Appoint Councilmember Taplin