



CONSENT CALENDAR

April 15, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Police Accountability Board (PAB)

Submitted by: Hansel A. Aguilar, Director of Police Accountability (DPA) & Secretary of the Police Accountability Board (PAB)

Subject: Proclamation of the City of Berkeley Designating April 17 as Police Accountability Day

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a proclamation declaring April 17 as Police Accountability Day to honor the establishment of civilian oversight of law enforcement in the City of Berkeley through the founding of the Police Review Commission and to reaffirm the City’s commitment to police accountability and transparency. The proclamation encourages the Police Accountability Board and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability to collaborate with community organizations, educational institutions, and local leaders to organize events, initiatives, and activities that raise public awareness and promote engagement in police accountability. Additionally, the proclamation will reaffirm the City of Berkeley’s dedication to being a national leader in police accountability, advancing policies and practices rooted in justice, equity, and community trust.

**SUMMARY**

This report provides formal reasons why April 17 should be designated as Police Accountability Day.

Recommendations include, but are not limited to:

- To provide an annual opportunity to reflect on Berkeley’s leadership in police oversight.
- To honor the contributions of the Police Review Commission, Police Accountability Board, and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability.
- To engage the community in discussions and actions that strengthen trust and accountability in policing.

- To underscore the importance of ongoing efforts to advance equitable and just policing practices.
- To foster stronger relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.
- To commemorate the founding of the Police Review Commission.
- To celebrate the City's continued commitment to police accountability and transparency.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION**

There are no identifiable fiscal impacts associated with these recommendations.

### **CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

Currently, there is no day that commemorates the founding of the Police Review Commission.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of Berkeley has a longstanding tradition of leadership in civilian oversight of law enforcement, exemplified by the establishment of the Police Review Commission (PRC) on April 17, 1973, through Ordinance No. 4644-N.S. The founding of the PRC was a groundbreaking step towards transparency, accountability, and community trust in policing practices, setting a national example for civilian oversight.

In November 2020, Berkeley voters approved Measure II, which replaced the PRC with the Police Accountability Board (PAB) and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability (ODPA) to strengthen oversight powers, modernize practices, and reaffirm the City's commitment to equitable law enforcement oversight. Measure II represents a significant evolution in the City's approach to police accountability, ensuring that the principles of justice, transparency, and fairness remain at the forefront of law enforcement practices. Civilian oversight of law enforcement plays a critical role in promoting procedural justice, protecting civil rights, and enhancing public safety, both locally and across the nation.

At its March 5, 2025, regular meeting, the PAB unanimously approved a resolution recommending that the City Council designate April 17 as "Police Accountability Day".<sup>1</sup> Designating this day would provide an annual opportunity to reflect on Berkeley's leadership in police oversight, honor the contributions of the PRC, PAB, and ODPA, and engage the community in discussions and actions that strengthen trust and accountability in policing. Recognizing Police Accountability Day underscores the ongoing commitment to advancing equitable and just policing practices while fostering stronger relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

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<sup>1</sup> March 5, 2025 PAB Regular Meeting Recording (relevant discussion at [54:30:00-58:39:00]) : <https://youtu.be/X-c0A5Uc--0?si=S91NDBIo4NIgTL3v>

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS**

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with this report.

**RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The PAB presents these recommendations for City Council, aimed honoring the contributions of the PRC, PAB, and ODPA.

**CONTACT PERSON**

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Attachments:

1. PAB Resolution No. 2025-0010
2. Proclamation of the City Of Berkeley Designating April 17 As Police Accountability Day



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0010**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 17 AS POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY DAY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 17, 1973, the City of Berkeley established the Police Review Commission (PRC) through Ordinance No. 4644-N.S., becoming a pioneer in civilian oversight of law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the founding of the PRC marked a historic commitment by the City of Berkeley to ensure transparency, accountability, and community trust in policing practices; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2020, Berkeley voters overwhelmingly approved Measure II, which replaced the PRC with the Police Accountability Board (PAB) and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability (ODPA) to enhance oversight powers, increase transparency, and strengthen the City's commitment to police accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure II established the PAB and ODPA as integral components of a modern and robust civilian oversight framework, ensuring continued dedication to the principles of fairness, equity, and justice in law enforcement oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, civilian oversight of law enforcement continues to play an essential role in promoting procedural justice, protecting civil rights, and enhancing public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing April 17 as Police Accountability Day would serve as an opportunity for the community to reflect on the progress made in police accountability, honor the work of civilian oversight bodies, and reaffirm the City's commitment to equitable and just law enforcement practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of Police Accountability Day would also underscore the importance of police accountability as a cornerstone of democracy, community trust, and public safety both locally and nationwide.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Police Accountability Board and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability urge the Berkeley City Council to designate April 17 as Police Accountability Day; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this day shall be commemorated annually to highlight the importance of civilian oversight, community engagement, and the continuous pursuit of fairness and justice in law enforcement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the PAB and ODPA will collaborate with community organizations, educational institutions, and local leaders to host events, discussions, and activities to educate and engage the public on police accountability and the legacy of the Police Review Commission; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the City of Berkeley reaffirms its commitment to being a national leader in police accountability and to advancing policies and practices that uphold the principles of justice, transparency, and community trust.

**Adopted on:** March 5, 2025

**RESOLUTION VOTING RESULTS**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Calavita	X		
Cayetano	X		
Leftwich	X		
Williams	X		
Wilson	X		

**Total:** 5 Ayes, 0 No

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Joshua Cayetano, as Chair of the Police Accountability Board, hereby certify the accuracy of the voting results contained in this document.

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**Joshua Cayetano,**  
Chair of the Police Accountability Board

Date

I, Hansel A. Aguilar, witnessed the signing of this document and can confirm that the signature, whether physical or electronic, belongs to Joshua Cayetano. I have signed this document below as a witness to the signing.

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**Hansel A. Aguilar,**  
Director of Police Accountability &  
Secretary to the Police Accountability  
Board

Date

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY DESIGNATING APRIL 17 AS POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Berkeley has a longstanding tradition of leadership in civilian oversight of law enforcement, exemplified by the establishment of the Police Review Commission (PRC) on April 17, 1973, through Ordinance No. 4644-N.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, the founding of the PRC was a groundbreaking step toward transparency, accountability, and community trust in policing practices, setting a national example for civilian oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2020, Berkeley voters approved Measure II, which replaced the PRC with the Police Accountability Board (PAB) and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability (ODPA) to strengthen oversight powers, modernize practices, and reaffirm the City's commitment to equitable law enforcement oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure II represents a significant evolution in the City's approach to police accountability, ensuring that the principles of justice, transparency, and fairness remain at the forefront of law enforcement practices; and

**WHEREAS**, civilian oversight of law enforcement plays a critical role in promoting procedural justice, protecting civil rights, and enhancing public safety, both locally and across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, designating April 17 as Police Accountability Day provides an annual opportunity to reflect on Berkeley's leadership in police oversight, honor the contributions of the PRC, PAB, and ODPA, and engage the community in discussions and actions that strengthen trust and accountability in policing; and

**WHEREAS**, the recognition of Police Accountability Day underscores the importance of ongoing efforts to advance equitable and just policing practices, fostering stronger relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City of Berkeley hereby designates April 17 as Police Accountability Day to commemorate the founding of the Police Review Commission and to celebrate the City's continued commitment to police accountability and transparency; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the City of Berkeley encourages the Police Accountability Board and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability to collaborate with community organizations, educational institutions, and local leaders to host events, educational programs, and activities that promote public awareness and engagement on issues of police accountability; and

**BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED**, that the City of Berkeley reaffirms its dedication to being a national leader in police accountability, advancing policies and practices that reflect the values of justice, equity, and community trust.

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Mayor Adena Ishii

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Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

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Councilmember Terry Taplin

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Councilmember Ben Bartlett

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