



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:

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025
4:00 PM**

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

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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 the Action Calendar public comment period on the 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. If ten or fewer persons are interested in speaking on an individual agenda item, each speaker 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.

The Presiding Officer may open and close an additional comment period for Action items on this agenda (excluding any public hearings, appeals, and/or quasi-judicial matters), at the start of the Action Calendar. 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 – New Business

1. **Adoption of CALFIRE Map and Additional Areas Designated as the City of Berkeley Fire Hazard Severity Zones** *(Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation:
 1. Adopt first reading of an Ordinance to designate Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) within the Local Responsibility Area as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) pursuant to Government Code Section 51178, and
 2. Designate areas not identified as Very High and High Fire Hazard Severity Zones by the State Fire Marshal, as Very High, and High Fire Hazard Severity Zones following a finding supported by substantial evidence in the record that the requirements of Government Code Section 51182 are necessary for effective fire protection within the area.*Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to City Council with a positive recommendation.*
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

Action Calendar – New Business

2. **Modification and Adoption of Berkeley Fire Code Local Amendments** *(Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)*

From: City Manager

Recommendation:

1. Adopt the first reading of an Ordinance which proposes to amend certain portions of Section 19.48.020 of the Berkeley Municipal Code (“Amendments to the California Fire Code”);
2. Adopt a Resolution setting forth findings as to local conditions applicable to the revised portions of Section 19.48.020 that require more stringent standards than those provided by the 2022 California Fire Code (“CFC”) and amending Resolution No. 70,611–N.S.;
3. In compliance with state law on adopting such codes by reference, hold a public hearing following the first reading, and before the second reading, and schedule the second reading and public hearing for May 6, 2025.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to City Council with a positive recommendation.

Financial Implications: Staff time

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

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 this 9th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Adena Ishii, Mayor

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

ATTEST:



Date: April 9, 2025

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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Item #1: Adoption of CALFIRE Map and Additional Areas Designated as the City of Berkeley Fire Hazard Severity Zones (Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)

1. Scott Murray
2. Jason Warriner
3. Robert Godes
4. Roger and Zoe Hill
5. Dr Bruce Feingold

**Item #2: Modification and Adoption of Berkeley Fire Code Local Amendments
(Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)**

6. Robert and Frederica Breuer
7. Ann Hoyer
8. Lisa Titus
9. Patricia and Michael Henry
10. Greg Murphy
11. Miriam Nathanson
12. Kuniko Weltin-Wu and Hung-His Wu
13. Joan MacQuarrie
14. Krista Denton
15. David Cumpton and David Folzenlogen
16. Linda Friedman
17. Joan Lester
18. Ruth Langridge
19. John Hitchen
20. Elizabeth Shedd
21. Miki Tal
22. Margaret Cullen
23. Pamela Montanaro
24. Shivaom

