

ORDINANCE NO. 7,960-N.S.

ADDING AN ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING SKILLSET FOR APPOINTMENT TO MEASURE FF SAFE STREETS CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (SSCOC); AMENDING BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 7.11.040

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. That Berkeley Municipal Code Section 7.11.040 is amended to read as follows:

7.11.040 SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee

A. The City Council shall establish a SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) to review expenditures and progress reports from the City Manager and City Auditor to ensure compliance with the intent of this chapter, evaluate the impacts and outcomes of tax expenditures on this chapter's stated goals, and prepare public reports on the committee's findings.

B. Composition:

1. The SSCOC shall consist of seven members, as follows:
 - (a) Two members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission
 - (b) One member of the Environment and Climate Commission
 - (c) Four members of the public who are Berkeley residents
2. SSCOC members from commissions shall be appointed by their respective bodies, and members of the public shall be appointed by the City Council as a whole. Members of the public shall be required to have a background in civil engineering, transportation engineering, infrastructure program management, the implementation of municipal bond or tax measures, or ADA compliance and the accessible infrastructure challenges that seniors and disabled community members face.
3. The SSCOC annually shall elect one of its members as the chairperson and one of its members as the vice-chairperson.

C. The City Manager shall designate a staff person to serve as secretary of the committee.

D. The committee shall establish a regular place and time for meeting. All meetings shall be noticed as required by law and shall be scheduled in a way to allow for maximum input from the public. The frequency of committee meetings shall be as determined by City Council Resolution, but no less than four per year.

E. The committee may make and alter rules governing its organization and procedures which are consistent with this Chapter or any other applicable ordinance of the City. A majority of the members appointed to the committee shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed is required to take any

action.

F. The Committee shall prepare an annual independent report of progress and performance. Each report shall be made publicly available on the City's website and submitted to the City Council.

Section 2. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on April 29, 2025, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Blackaby, Humbert, Kesarwani, Lunaparra, O'Keefe, Taplin, Tregub, and Ishii.

Noes: None.

Absent: O'Keefe.