



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 20, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk
Subject: Minutes for Approval

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of April 14, 2025 (closed), April 15, 2025 (special and regular), April 22, 2025 (special), April 25, 2025 (special), April 28, 2025 (special) and April 29, 2025 (regular).

CONTACT PERSON

Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Attachments:

1. April 14, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
2. April 15, 2025 – Special City Council Meeting
3. April 15, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting
4. April 22, 2025 – Special City Council Meeting
5. April 25, 2025 – Special City Council Meeting
6. April 28, 2025 – Special City Council Meeting
7. April 29, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

4:30 P.M.

2180 MILVIA STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94704

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94703

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:36 p.m.

Present: Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:37 p.m.

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:42 p.m.

Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 0 speakers

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will convene in closed session to meet concerning the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS; GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Negotiators: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, David White, Deputy City Manager, Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, Monica Walker, Interim Human Resources Director, Chaka Young, Employee Relations Manager

Employee Organizations: Berkeley Fire Fighters Association Local 1227 I.A.F.F., Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association Local 1227 I.A.F.F., Berkeley Fire EMS Professionals Association, Berkeley Police Association; SEIU 1021 Community Services and Part-Time Recreation Activity Leaders, SEIU 1021 Maintenance and Clerical, IBEW Local 1245, Public Employee Union Local 1, Unrepresented Employees

Action: No reportable action taken.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a) and 54956.9(d)(1):

a. *RealPage, Inc. v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, No. 3:25-CV-03004-JSC (N.D. Cal.)

Action: No reportable action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

No reportable action taken.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the City Council closed session meeting held on April 14, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

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Councilmembers:

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:06 p.m.

Present: O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:09 p.m.

Councilmember Taplin present at 4:09 p.m.

Councilmember Tregub present at 4:10 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:10 p.m.

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

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Humbert) to accept revised material from the City Manager on Item 1 and Item 2.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bartlett, Tregub.

Action: 48 speakers. M/S/C (Blackaby/Humbert) to:

1. Adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 7,958–N.S. as written in the revised materials submitted at the meeting 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. Second reading scheduled for May 6, 2025.

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.

3. Adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 7,959–N.S. as written in the revised materials submitted at the meeting to amend certain portions of Section 19.48.020 of the Berkeley Municipal Code (“Amendments to the California Fire Code”). Second reading scheduled for May 6, 2025.

4. Adopt Resolution No. 71,710–N.S. 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.

5. Schedule the second reading and public hearing for May 6, 2025.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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Communications

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

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

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25. Sheila Krystal
26. Mary-Louise Hansen
27. Jane Terjung
28. Nancy and Daniel Manheim
29. Nancy Yaple
30. Scott Murray
31. Connie Field
32. Katherine Hansen
33. Jane Hausauer
34. Lota and Mac Rygiel
35. Heidi Hartman
36. Janice Thomas
37. Nicole Fouladi
38. Candace Hyde-Wang
39. Randall and Kathleen Gee
40. Ruth Ehrenkrantz
41. Thelma Tajirian
42. Sowmya Swaminathan
43. Leah and John Rosenthal
44. Norman Vance
45. Roger and Zoe Hill
46. Margaret Cullen
47. Ethan Karp and Sue Lynn Thomas
48. Alistair Sinclair and Nataliya Libina
49. Alfred Twu
50. Anil Aswani
51. Karen Eisenstadt
52. Cindy Rosenthal
53. Mike Travis and Linda Skory

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

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54. Revised agenda material submitted by David Sprague

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

55. Revised agenda material submitted by David Sprague
56. Presentation submitted by the Fire Department
57. Lynne Clenfield and Ellen Pasternack
58. Ian Meyers

59. Krishen Laetsch
60. Johanna Nichols
61. Laura Graham
62. Eric Weaver
63. Phillip Price
64. Jane Terjung (3)
65. Maria Sakovich
66. Vanessa Drake Moraga
67. Joan H Hollinger
68. CV Deering
69. Jeffrey Heller
70. Carol H. Reitan
71. Richard Laden (2)
72. Isabelle Gaston
73. Rebecca Mills
74. Samson
75. William Callow
76. Nancy Gillette
77. Michel Thouati
78. Mary Pat Farrell
79. Shawna Hartman Brotsky
80. Chuck and Martha Cornwall
81. Bob and Irene Byrne
82. Bob Flasher
83. Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld
84. Katherine Ritter
85. Monika Weis
86. Susan Bailey
87. Jenny Wenk
88. Tim Frederick
89. Joan Diamond
90. Wendy Pulling
91. Dan Lieberman
92. Travis Longcore and John Harte
93. Lisa Brunet
94. David Johnson
95. Schuyler Bailey
96. Nancy Riddle
97. Peter S. Bailey
98. Elizabeth Sharf
99. Brent Blackaby
100. Stephanie Henkle
101. Kester Watters
102. Mary Lee Noonan
103. Yakov Wiegmann
104. Sara Sanderson
105. Sonya Baehr and Tom Jones
106. Sybil Hatch
107. Manuela Albuquerque
108. Michael Walden and Judith Schelly

- 109. Nenelle Bunnin
- 110. Jonathan Eden
- 111. Carly Loveman
- 112. Barbara Gilbert
- 113. Phebe Fletcher

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 7:05 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 7:33 p.m.

Report from Closed Session:

The City Council met in closed session and authorized the City Attorney to settle a claim for personal injuries by Rohan Agarwal for \$75,000.00, in exchange for a release of all claims against the City.

The City Council also met in closed session and authorized the City Attorney to settle a claim for real property transfer tax overpayment in the matter of *DS PROPERTIES 17 LP v. City of Berkeley, et al.* (Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 23CV038353) in the amount of \$250,000.00, in exchange for dismissal of the case and a release of all claims against the City.

Land Acknowledgement Statement: *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day
2. Recognition of Muslim-American Appreciation
3. Recognition of Education and Sharing Day for Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe
4. Adjourn in Memory of Mrs. Willie Ann Bullock, Berkeley Resident

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor noted Item 30 regarding the recent peer review for the Auditor's Office.

City Manager Comments:

Item 27 Notice of Decision for 2425 Durant has been appealed and will be before Council at a future meeting.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 1 speaker.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to accept an urgency item from Councilmember Taplin pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Kala Art Institute 2025 Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of such Funds.

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 31 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Bartlett) to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated, including the policy committee recommendation on Item 20 to take no action.

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

Urgent Item: Kala Art Institute 2025 Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of such Funds

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Taplin, to the Kala Art Institute, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, to support Art Kala 51st Anniversary Party, an exhibition, auction, and benefit to support Kala's artistic, cultural, and educational programs, with funds relinquished to the city's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Taplin, and any other councilmembers who would like to contribute.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,711–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$500; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$100; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$100; Mayor Ishii - \$500.

1. Proposed Amendments to the Building Emissions Saving Ordinance (BESO); Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 19.81

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a second reading of Ordinance No. 7,953–N.S. amending the Building Emissions Saving Ordinance (BESO), Chapter 19.81 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, to establish a flexible resilience standard for small residential buildings containing up to four units.

First Reading Vote: All Ayes.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,953–N.S.

Consent Calendar

2. Establishment of M-RD Zoning District, Associated General Plan and West Berkeley Plan Amendments, and Environmental Impact Report

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a second reading of Ordinance No. 7,957–N.S. amending Title 23 of the Berkeley Municipal Code and the Zoning Map to establish the Manufacturing, Research & Development (M-RD) zoning district to encourage redevelopment of the former Pacific Steel Casting (PSC) site.

First Reading Vote: All Ayes.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,957–N.S.

3. Police Accountability Board – Appointment of New Member

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution appointing a new member to the Police Accountability Board nominated by Vice-Mayor Bartlett.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,712–N.S.

4. Contract: University of California, San Francisco for Encampment Resolution Funding Research Evaluation

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract and any necessary amendments with The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its San Francisco campus, to evaluate the success of its Encampment Resolution Funding Round 3 (ERF-3), for a term of two years (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026) and in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,713–N.S.

5. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on April 15, 2025

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Action: Approved recommendation.

Consent Calendar

- 6. Contract No. 32200086 Amendment: Crisis Services of Alameda County for Mental Health Crisis Line**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32200086 with Crisis Services of Alameda County for Mental Health Crisis Line services for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$100,000 through June 30, 2028. This amendment will add \$50,001, as well as extend the contract term three years.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,714–N.S.
- 7. Contract No. 32200191 Amendment: Options Recovery for Substance Use Disorder Services Co-Location**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32200191 with Options Recovery for Substance Use Disorder services for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000 through June 30, 2027. This amendment will add \$500,000 and two years to the contract term.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,715–N.S.
- 8. Contract No. 32000177 Amendment NextRequest PRA Software**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000177 with NextRequest for software hosting, implementation, maintenance and related services for a Public Records Act Respons Software System, for an additional amount not to exceed \$61,098, for a total not to exceed value of \$194,475, for the period commencing on July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,716–N.S.
- 9. Purchase Order with Multiquip Inc. for a Portable Emergency Power Generator for Berkeley Tuolumne Family Camp**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution allowing the City to participate in Sourcewell contract bid procedures and authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase order for one Multiquip Portable Generator and associated options with Multiquip Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$116,766.
Financial Implications: General Fund - \$116,766
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,717–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 10. Proclamation of the City of Berkeley Designating April 17 as Police Accountability Day**
From: Police Accountability Board
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.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Police Accountability Board, (510) 981-4950
Action: Adopted proclamation.
- 11a. Berkeley Police Department Texting Offences: An Independent Investigation by the Police Accountability Board** *(Reviewed by the Public Safety Policy Committee)*
(Item contains supplemental material)
From: Police Accountability Board
Recommendation: The Police Accountability Board formally recommends to the City Council that it:
1. Pass an ordinance or otherwise affirm the Police Accountability Board's ability to access documents and records in furtherance of its central accountability function, consistent with Charter Amendment Section 125.
2. Adopt a robust resolution ensuring full and meaningful accountability for sworn officers—whether on-duty or off-duty—who engage in misconduct of any kind, but especially actions or expressions of racial or other types of bias.
3. Direct the City Manager to work with the Berkeley Police Department, Police Accountability Board, and the Office of the Director of Police Accountability to create a public repository to fulfill the vision of California Penal Code Section 832.7(b)(1), allowing for transparency in cases of sustained allegations of officer racism or other discriminatory conduct or expression.
4. Call on California state legislators to extend the prohibition on arrest quotas, which are currently limited to the California Vehicle Code (Section 41600 – 41603).
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to City Council with a negative recommendation.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Police Accountability Board, (510) 981-4950
Action: Moved to Action Calendar. See action for Item 11b. (Item contains supplemental material)

Consent Calendar

**11b. Resolution: Affirming Support for Berkeley Police Department, Police Accountability Board, and Office of the Director of Police Accountability in Response to Downtown Task Force Texting Offenses Investigation
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution affirming our community's support for the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) and acknowledging the work of the Police Accountability Board (PAB) & the Office of the Director of Police Accountability (ODPA) in investigating BPD's Downtown Task Force texting offenses, ultimately making recommendations to increase trust, transparency, and accountability. Additionally, the Resolution condemns any and all racism and misconduct, affirms the City Council's opposition to arrest quotas, and asks the California Legislature to extend the prohibition on arrest quotas, which are currently limited to the California Vehicle Code.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

Action: Moved to Action Calendar. 16 speakers. M/S/C (Blackaby/Kesarwani) to 1) accept the report from the Police Accountability Board with thanks for their efforts; and 2) adopt Resolution No. 71,718–N.S. as published in Item 11b.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – Lunaparra.

Council Consent Items

12. Referral to City Attorney for Sanctuary City Ordinance

From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Referral to the City Attorney to return to City Council in June with an analysis and recommendation regarding the codification of Berkeley's Sanctuary policies and protections through a city ordinance.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Action: Approved recommendation.

13. Budget Referral: Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project Unfunded Balance

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author)

Recommendation: Refer to the fiscal year 2025-26 budget process \$150,000 to fund the outstanding balance for consultant costs to finalize the design concepts to complete the Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project, which has already been awarded \$5.3 million in construction funds to complete the project.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

Action: Approved recommendation.

Council Consent Items

14. **Establish Rules and Limits When Community-Based Organizations Receive City Funding Without Procurement to Promote Transparency, Fairness, and Stewardship of Public Funds** *(Reviewed by the Budget and Finance Policy Committee)*

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Approve the Resolution and refer to the City Manager to establish an open and transparent process for community-based organizations seeking a grant of emergency funds outside of the City's existing request for proposal (RFP) or other procurement processes. The process to be established should include the following components:

- Annual Funding Limit. Establish a maximum amount of \$25,000 annually to be granted to a Berkeley-based non-profit or public organization, and a grand total of \$225,000 annually to up to nine community-based organizations operating in Berkeley.

- "Declaration of Need" Form Available on a City Webpage. A Declaration of Need application form should be made available on a dedicated City webpage to ensure all community-based organizations have an equal opportunity to learn about the availability of funds, including the deadline for submitting the completed form.

- Declaration of Need Form Should Require Documentation of Financial Need and Non-Profit Status (When Appropriate). The Declaration of Need form should be short to reduce the burden on community-based organizations but should include at a minimum a request to explain the purpose/need for the funds and document the organization's financial need. In addition, the City should verify that the organization is a registered non-profit organization (if applicable).

- Selection Process. The City Manager shall establish a process for selecting qualifying community-based organizations, including establishing a scoring criteria and submitting recommendations to Council as part of the annual budget development process. Pursuant to Budget and Finance Policy Committee discussion, to the extent practicable, consider awarding funds on a rolling basis to better support agencies who may be facing a fiscal emergency.

- Financial Reporting Requirement for Selected Community-Based Organizations. For organizations selected to receive emergency funding of up to \$25,000, the City shall enter into a contract that requests documentation at six months and 12 months to ensure that funds were used for the purpose for which they were requested. This financial reporting requirement should apply as soon as practicable to FY2024-25 budget allocations, and continue for future budget years.

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

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,719–N.S. as recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee.

Council Consent Items

15. **Celebración Cultural Sylvia Mendez (Spring Cultural Celebration) by the Sylvia Mendez School PTA: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$1,500 from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to the Sylvia Mendez Elementary School PTA to host a Spring Cultural Celebration event on April 27, 2025, on campus. The funds will be relinquished to the City's General Fund from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and the discretionary council office budgets of any other City Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,720–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$200; Mayor Ishii - \$500.
16. **Resolution Commemorating April 24, 2025, as Berkeley Holocaust Remembrance Day**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution proclaiming April 24, 2025, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Berkeley, in memory of those who were murdered and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators; and committing to never forgetting the events of the Holocaust, actively working to combat antisemitism, racism, bigotry, and hatred in all forms, and promote human rights and dignity for all.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,721–N.S.

Council Consent Items

17. **Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to 2025 Virtual Holocaust Remembrance Day Program**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Co-Author), Councilmember O’Keefe (Co-Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including \$500 from Councilmember O’Keefe, \$500 from Councilmember Tregub, \$500 from Councilmember Humbert, and \$500 from Mayor Ishii to support the City’s Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program with funds relinquished to the City’s general fund.
 The relinquishment of funds from Councilmembers O’Keefe, Tregub, Humbert and Mayor Ishii’s respective discretionary Council Office Budgets as well as any other members of the Berkeley City Council who would like to contribute, allows the City of Berkeley to invite the community to its 22nd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day virtual program, created by the community with City Council support.
 This year’s program will be held virtually on April 24, 2025.
Financial Implications: See report
 Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,722–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$500; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$500; Councilmember O’Keefe - \$200.
18. **Resolution in Support of California Senate Bill 42 (Umberg, Allen) California Fair Elections Act of 2026 to Amend Sections 85300 and 85320 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution in support of California State Senate Bill 42 (Umberg, Allen) California Fair Elections Act of 2026 to Amend Sections 85300 and 85320 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974, which is moving through the legislature to appear on the California general election ballot on November 3rd, 2026; and distribute copies to the California Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Jesse Arreguín, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, California Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas to advocate for its passage.
Financial Implications: Staff time
 Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,723–N.S.

Council Consent Items

19. **Budget Referral for Thousand Oaks Park Playground Update**
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer \$80,000 to the June budget process (FY26 Mid-Biennial Update) for the completion of a new airplane themed play structure at Thousand Oaks Park, located at 1700-1780 Tacoma Avenue.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Approved recommendation.
20. **Study: Sabbatical Leave for City of Berkeley Employees**
From: Councilmember Hahn (Author) (Reviewed by the Budget & Finance Policy Committee)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager study of a potential Sabbatical Leave policy for all City of Berkeley employees, modeled after the City's existing agreements with several bargaining units.
Consult with labor partners and City employees to explore a variety of terms and options, and the costs/benefits of unpaid, partially paid, and paid Sabbatical Leaves. Report findings to Council, outlining possible options and their financial impacts as well as potential benefits to recruitment, morale, longevity of tenure, and wellbeing.
Policy Committee Recommendation: Forward item to Council with a negative recommendation.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Sophie Hahn, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: No action taken, as recommended by the Budget & Finance Policy Committee.
21. **Music in the Elmwood Festival: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Humbert (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember including \$1,000 from Councilmember Humbert to the Elmwood Business Association for the Music in the Elmwood Festival on Sunday, May 4, 2025 with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Humbert and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,724–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$100; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$200; Mayor Ishii - \$500.

Information Reports

- 22. Age-Friendly Berkeley Update**
From: City Manager
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Received and filed.
- 23. Climate Action Plan and Resilience Update**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 24. Notice of Decision: 21 Mosswood Road/#LMIN2024-0007**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 25. Notice of Decision: 2138 Cedar Street/#LMSAP2024-0008**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 26. Notice of Decision: 2231 McKinley Avenue/#LMIN2024-0005**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 27. Notice of Decision: 2425 Durant Avenue/#LMIN2024-0008**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 28. Environment and Climate Commission 2025 Work Plan**
From: Environment and Climate Commission
Contact: Sarah Moore, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 29. Police Accountability Board Recommendation: Former Board Member Recognition**
From: Police Accountability Board
Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Police Accountability Board, (510) 981-4950
Action: Received and filed.
- 30. City Auditor's Office 2024 Peer Review Results**
From: Auditor
Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750
Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 10 speakers.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the City Council regular meeting held on April 15, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

**Item #13: Budget Referral: Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project
Unfunded Balance**

1. Wahid Amiri
2. Clifford Fred
3. Carole Bennett-Simmons, Dave Drummond, and Mike Nettles on behalf of CHIA

Alternative Housing

4. Eric Taylor
5. Claire Heinzelman
6. David Freeling
7. George Torgun
8. Leigh Stewart, Iris Juan and Baby Theo from West Berkeley
9. Cameron Woo
10. Allan Abshez
11. Heather Clague
12. Vincent Casalaina
13. Russ Greene
14. Mallorie Baron
15. Claudia Kawczynska
16. Kristine Dixon
17. Alexander Stec
18. Stephen Born
19. Jane Franch
20. Monika Mann
21. Tom Stifler
22. Jan Ruchlis
23. Linda Zagula

24. Camille Antinori
25. Frako Loden
26. Erik Schmitt
27. Stephen Most
28. Catherine Born
29. Rebecca Herman
30. Diana Bohn
31. Julie Feldman
32. Jim Rosenau
33. David Levinson
34. Orion Fulton
35. Amy Hill
36. Charlene Washington

Encampments

37. Lj Cranmer
38. John Craner
39. Daniel Korson
40. Noami Friedman

Fire Concerns

41. Dr. Richard A. Laden
42. Marek z Jeziorek
43. Janet Stromberg

EMBER

44. Maureen Burke
45. Ruth Ehrenkrantz
46. Gary Croner
47. Scott Sacherer
48. Bruce Brody
49. Michael Downs

Resolution for Mahmoud Khalil

50. Emily Katz
51. Allen Barth
52. Jean Tepperman
53. Leah
54. Florence Viray
55. Ann-Marie Hogan
56. Summer Brenner
57. Gael Alcock
58. Juli Dickey
59. Linda Worthman
60. Lori Berlin
61. Paula Aiello

- 62. Lexine Alpert
- 63. Annie Alcott
- 64. Sasha Stahl
- 65. Farida Ibegazen
- 66. Janice Schroeder (2)
- 67. Rafael Jesus Gonzalez
- 68. Libby Sayre
- 69. Haiganoush Preisler
- 70. David Bacon
- 71. Michael Lonergan
- 72. Anita Medal
- 73. Kathleen Weaver
- 74. Wade Skeels
- 75. Hali Hammer
- 76. Jonah Gottlieb
- 77. Jaleh Niazi
- 78. Esfandiar Imani
- 79. Christopher Kroll
- 80. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen
- 81. Elana Auerbach

Proclamation to Honor

- 82. Jen Gall

SeeClickFix

- 83. Stefan Lasiewski

Oxford Elementary

- 84. Aimee Baldwin (4)

Proclamation Request

- 85. Lindsay Reynolds

The Tiger Trials

- 86. Myles Nye

Social Justice

- 87. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen

Work Concerns

- 88. Pgcountymd63 (2)
- 89. Paul Buddenhagen

Paratransit Concerns

- 90. Daveed Mandell (13)

Commercial Warehouse Space

91. David Lerman

Animal Control Officer Concern

92. Erika Jordan

Health Department

93. David Lerman

Shelter Concerns

94. Nikki Brown

Thank You

95. Kat Schaaf

Invitation

96. Martha Larsen

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

97. David Lerman

98. Elana Auerbach

Berkeley Ferry Plan

99. Katherine Calvert

100. Maxwell Davis on behalf of the Sierra Club

Graffiti Concerns

101. Dahlia Frydman

Restaurant Week

102. Jeffrey Church on behalf of Visit Berkeley

Red Cross

103. Tim O'Brien (2)

San Francisco Bay Ecosystem

104. Charlene M. Woodcock

Legal Concern

105. Chris Bogado (2)

Peace and Justice Commission

106. Tom Luce

Berkeley Marina

- 107. Bill
- 108. Jim McGrath
- 109. Domond Lee
- 110. Gordon Stout (4)
- 111. Alean Daniel
- 112. Jack Morel
- 113. Ken Poulton
- 114. Andrew Sullivan
- 115. Kris Urban
- 116. Eugenia McCauley
- 117. Dave Spragg
- 118. Darren Bass
- 119. David Breaux
- 120. Dave Bloch
- 121. Marilee Allan
- 122. Mike Geranio
- 123. Margo Rey
- 124. Jeffrey Finn
- 125. John Hadley
- 126. Brice Chung
- 127. Kevin Graehl
- 128. Dave Gertler
- 129. Beatriz Quinones
- 130. Cheong-Tseng Eng

Willard Park

- 131. Mandie Caroll
- 132. Robert Abiad
- 133. Austin Abrams
- 134. Ellen Borjesson
- 135. Elizabeth Greene
- 136. Elizabeth Morris
- 137. Ashley Kayler

Infestation Concern

- 138. Andrew Graham

Traffic Concern

- 139. Wahid Amiri
- 140. Erin Burfield
- 141. Barbara Gilbert

Bike Plan

- 142. Michael Frantz
- 143. Christopher Hamilton (2)

Adeline Landscape Improvement

144. Markus Feyh

Government Concerns

145. Kellie Stoddart (2)

Paw Fund

146. Paw Fund

E-Scooter

147. Robert Byler (3)

148. Videth Ok (2)

149. Robert Borghese (4)

150. Lucas Miller

Daylighting Laws

151. Sandra Sanchez (2)

152. Kait Kolacy

153. Shirley Kirsten (2)

Public Restroom

154. Hannah Karpilow

155. Alex S. Merenkov

156. Aimee Baldwin (2)

Middle Housing

157. John Minot-Schwartz on behalf of East Bay for Everyone and East Bay YIMBY

158. Maxwell Davis on behalf of the Sierra Club

Police Action

159. Inetjalopy (4)

Surveillance System at CVS

160. Curtis Walters

DBA Annual Meeting

161. John Craner (2)

Ashby BART

162. Friends of Adeline

Dark Sky and Pollinators/Habitat

163. Carol Hirth

Hybrid Shelter

164. Claudia Kawczynska

Bicycle Count

165. Kelly Hammargren

Richmond Bridge

166. Lucas Miller (2)

Housing Concern

167. Bingo Fantasy Football

168. Eid

ICE Concerns

169. Russbumper

Middle East Conflict

170. Miya Frick

171. Ibegazen Farida

172. Dorothea Dorenz (2)

173. Martha Staskawicz

174. Kyla Danysh

175. Barbara Erickson (2)

176. Russbumper

Forwards

177. Josh Atwood

178. Eid (2)

179. Margot Smith

Screenshots

180. Josh Atwood (5)

URL's

181. Russbumper (25)

182. Josh Atwood (2)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #13: Budget Referral: Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project Unfunded Balance

183. Elizabeth Starr

184. Ray

185. Irene Rice

186. John Steere

187. Janice Schroeder

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #11a: Berkeley Police Department Texting Offences: An Independent Investigation by the Police Accountability Board (Reviewed by the Public Safety Policy Committee) (Item contains supplemental material)

- 188. Wendy Alfson and Barb Atwell
- 189. Mary-Lee Kimber Smith
- 190. Elana Auerbach
- 191. Gael Alcock
- 192. Leonard Pitt
- 193. Diana Bohn
- 194. Zipporah Collins

Item #11b: Resolution: Affirming Support for Berkeley Police Department, Police Accountability Board, and Office of the Director of Police Accountability in Response to Downtown Task Force Texting Offenses Investigation

- 195. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen

Item #13: Budget Referral: Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project Unfunded Balance

- 196. Margot Cunningham
- 197. Paul Carman
- 198. John Steere
- 199. Drew Kravin
- 200. Virginia Hanger
- 201. Merle Norman and Curtis Beech

Item #19: Budget Referral for Thousand Oaks Park Playground Update

- 202. Susan Schwartz, Friends of Five Creeks
- 203. Luke Lin
- 204. Robert Matano and Darlene Basmajian

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Urgent Item: Kala Art Institute 2025 Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of such Funds

- 206. Submitted by Councilmember Terry Taplin

Item #11a: Berkeley Police Department Texting Offences: An Independent Investigation by the Police Accountability Board (Reviewed by the Public Safety Policy Committee) (Item contains supplemental material)

- 207. Summer Brenner
- 208. Luzia Ogle-Sporer

Item #13: Budget Referral: Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project Unfunded Balance

- 209. Ben Gerhardstein on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
- 210. Carol Hirth
- 211. Valeria Vincent Sancisi

Item #16: Resolution Commemorating April 24, 2025, as Berkeley Holocaust Remembrance Day

212. Linda Press Wulf and Stanley Wulf

Item #19: Budget Referral for Thousand Oaks Park Playground Update

213. Claudia Berger

214. Gahl Pratt Pardes

215. Margaret Murphy and Nate D'Anna

Miscellaneous

216. CHIA

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 9175 LARK STREET, ELK GROVE, CA 95624

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

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

DISTRICT 5 – SHOSHANA O'KEEFE
DISTRICT 6 – BRENT BLACKABY
DISTRICT 7 – CECILIA LUNAPARRA
DISTRICT 8 – MARK HUMBERT

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:04 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Taplin recused for potential conflict of interest at 6:14 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:17 p.m.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

1. **ZAB Appeal: 2274 Shattuck Avenue, Use Permit #ZP2023-0079**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board decision to approve Use Permit #ZP2023-0079 to demolish the commercial building (preserving and renovating the front façade and lobby), and construct a 17-story (183 feet, plus 5-foot parapet), 214,032-square-foot, mixed-use residential building with 227 dwelling units (including 23 Very Low-Income Density Bonus qualifying units), and one ADA parking space, and dismiss the appeal.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 54 speakers.

Recess 7:46 p.m. – 8:04 p.m.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Humbert) to close the public hearing.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Recused – Taplin (Recused for Potential Conflict of Interest).

Action: M/S/C (O’Keefe/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,725-N.S. affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board decision to approve Use Permit #ZP2023-0079 to demolish the commercial building (preserving and renovating the front façade and lobby), and construct a 17-story (183 feet, plus 5-foot parapet), 214,032-square-foot, mixed-use residential building with 227 dwelling units (including 23 Very Low-Income Density Bonus qualifying units), and one ADA parking space, and dismiss the appeal.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Recused – Taplin (Recused for Potential Conflict of Interest).

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Humbert) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Recused – Taplin (Recused for Potential Conflict of Interest).

Adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the City Council special meeting held on April 22, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #1: ZAB Appeal: 2274 Shattuck Avenue, Use Permit #ZP2023-0079

1. Laura Fujii
2. Frances Wilson
3. Constance Rivemale
4. Summer Brenner (2)
5. Sharon Gong
6. Neil Goldstein
7. Laura and Rose
8. Laura Linden (6)
9. R. Kowalski
10. Lisa Lewis
11. East Bay for Everyone
12. Greg King and Gary Parks
13. Anjali Devi
14. Allen Michaan
15. Barbara Hadenfeldt
16. Jane White
17. Gretta Goldenman
18. Gale Garcia
19. Todd Jersey
20. Mary Ann Gallagher
21. Sara Sunstein
22. James Angus, Liz Linden, Eve Angus, and Lucy Angus
23. Jjbrogan
24. Mollie Starr
25. Kathi Pugh and Josh Maddox
26. Lisa Titus
27. Barbara Kloehn
28. Rose Ellis
29. Dan Ondrasek
30. Kyle Miller
31. Harvey Smith
32. Madeleine Roberts (3)
33. Tom Lippe on behalf of Save the UA Berkeley

34. Scott Selmanoff
35. 283 Similarly worded form letters

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #1: ZAB Appeal: 2274 Shattuck Avenue, Use Permit #ZP2023-0079

36. Paula Aiello
37. Elana Auerbach
38. Mary Ann Gallagher
39. Connie Oliphant
40. Maxwell Davis on behalf of the Sierra Club
41. Lindsay Mugglestone
42. Dorothy Lubliner
43. Laura Linden
44. Rose
45. Rose Thomsen
46. James Bondi on behalf of Caitlin Hibma
47. Laura Fujii
48. 51 Similarly worded form letters

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #1: ZAB Appeal: 2274 Shattuck Avenue, Use Permit #ZP2023-0079

49. Gregory Kalkanis
50. Kelly McHan
51. Mary Takemoto
52. Clifford Fred
53. John Coveney
54. Kathleen M. Crandall
55. Pat Schwinn
56. Molly Miller
57. Alexa Chipman
58. Ross Bernet
59. Tom Lippe on behalf of Save the UA Berkeley
60. Rose
61. Elana Auerbach
62. Anjali Rojas
63. Donna West
64. Gary Parks
65. Christine U'Ren
66. Ken Walker
67. Cindy Shamban
68. Rachel Rosen
69. David Mendelsohn
70. Laura Linden
71. 12 Similarly worded form letters "Stop the demolition"
72. 46 Similarly worded form letters "Support the use permit"

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: ZAB Appeal: 2274 Shattuck Avenue, Use Permit #ZP2023-0079

73. Presentation submitted by the Planning Department
74. James M. Lloyd

75. Julia Robertson
76. Todd Darling
77. Gretta Goldenman
78. Lee Bishop
79. Laura Morland
80. Madeleine Roberts Rich (2)
81. John Carnahan
82. Paul Bickmore
83. Michael Fullerton
84. Rafa Sonnefeld
85. Robin R. Baral
86. Jack Farrell
87. Nancy D. Kates
88. Eileen Adams
89. Robin R. Baral on behalf of Hanson Bridgett LLP
90. James Hendry
91. Annie Wormhoudt
92. 8 Similarly worded form letters "Please reject the appeal"
93. 10 Similarly worded form letters "Stop the demolition"
94. Unknown
95. Unknown

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, April 25, 2025
10:00 AM**

1 SEAWALL DRIVE, BERKELEY, CA 94710

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: 10:08 a.m.

Present: Taplin, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett

Public Comment – 1 speaker

Council Discussion

1.a. Introduction

1.b. Values and Group Agreements

1.c. City Council Norms and Procedures

Break

1.d. Team Building Activity

1.e. Discussion of Council Priorities

Action: Council discussion on the topics listed above. No action taken.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Blackaby) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kesarwani, Bartlett.

Adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the special City Council meeting held on April 25, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

- None

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Monday, April 28, 2025
5:00 PM**

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 17900 JAMBOREE RD, IRVINE, CA 92614

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94703

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 5:04 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: None

Councilmember Taplin participated in the meeting remotely under the just cause exception in the Brown Act.

Action Calendar

Special City Council Meeting: Possible Ceasefire Resolution for Gaza Conflict; and the Impact and Effects of the Conflict on the Berkeley Community and Abroad

1. **Resolution for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza, and an End to U.S. Military Aid to Israel, and Support for Palestinian Self-Determination From: Peace and Justice Commission**

Recommendation:

1. The City of Berkeley Council adopt a resolution for a ceasefire in Gaza, and an end to U.S. military aid to Israel, and support for Palestinian self-determination.
2. Send a copy of the resolution to President Joseph R. Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Vice President Kamala Harris, Representative Barbara Lee, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Laphonza R. Butler, Representative Cori Bush, and Representative Rashida Tlaib.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Rex Brown, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7000

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Humbert) to suspend the rules and establish a three-hour public comment period for the agenda item with time for both in-person and online speakers.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – Lunaparra.

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Ishii) to suspend the rules and extend the public comment period for an additional hour.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Ishii; Noes – Taplin; Abstain – Humbert.

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Lunaparra) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 12:00 a.m.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – New Business

Action: M/S/Failed (Ishii/Blackaby) to adopt the resolution submitted by Mayor Ishii and Councilmember Bartlett in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 titled “Resolution Reaffirming the City of Berkeley’s Commitment to Combatting Hate, Supporting a Lasting Peace Between Israel and Gaza, Opposing a U.S. Occupation of Gaza and Respecting Freedom of Speech.”

Vote: Ayes – Bartlett, Tregub, Lunaparra, Ishii; Noes – Blackaby; Abstain – Kesarwani, Taplin, O’Keefe, Humbert.

Action: 197 speakers. M/S/Carried (Lunaparra/Ishii) to adopt Resolution No. 71,726–N.S. submitted by Councilmember Taplin in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 titled “Reaffirming Berkeley’s Commitment to Peace, at Home and Abroad.”

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – Lunaparra; Abstain – Bartlett.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/O’Keefe) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – Lunaparra.

Adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

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Communications

Item #1: Resolution for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza, and an End to U.S. Military Aid to Israel, and Support for Palestinian Self-Determination

1. Iris Greenberg-Smith
2. Diana Bohn
3. Allen Mayer
4. David Garner
5. John Wolfe

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #1: Resolution for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza, and an End to U.S. Military Aid to Israel, and Support for Palestinian Self-Determination

6. Revised agenda material submitted by Mayor Adena Ishii and Councilmember Ben Bartlett
7. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Terry Taplin
8. Robert Bonam (2)
9. Sriram Gopalakrishnan
10. Youval Dar
11. Sara S Ishikawa
12. Jamie Cooney
13. Angie Chang
14. Hali Hammer
15. Pat O'Brien
16. Jan Leuin
17. Cynthia Papermaster and CODEPINK Bay Area Chapter
18. Tam Sababa
19. Tal Garner
20. Kelly Hammergren
21. Stephen M. Lipson
22. Julie Goldobin
23. Gayle McLaughlin
24. Kate Greene
25. Susanne (Sanne) DeWitt
26. Nathan Hunt
27. Fredda Cassidy
28. Laura Lipman
29. Deborah Cohan
30. Jon Jackson
31. Terry Fletcher
32. Ana Tellez-Witrigo on behalf of Richmond Mayor Eduardo Martinez
33. Alan Kittner
34. Claudia Jimenez
35. Carl Nelson
36. Esther Brass-Chorin
37. Daren Fields
38. Sari Alper
39. Shifra Pride Raffel (2)
40. Miriam Green
41. Linda Press Wulf and Stanley Wulf
42. Sara Sunstein
43. Ilene Lee
44. Cynthia Papermaster
45. Dorothea Dorenz (3)
46. Naama Sadan
47. Jean Tepperman
48. Tamara Gurin
49. Desmid Lyon
50. Vicki Sommer (2)
51. Ellen Feigenbaum and Peter Schwab
52. John Farnkopf
53. Sally Nelson

54. Madeline Feingold
55. Rachel Schiff
56. Michal Weber
57. Jude Berman
58. Michael Cassidy (2)
59. Larry Hobel
60. Larry Bradshaw
61. Imtiaz Ghori
62. Stephanie Guynn and William Guynn (2)
63. Rosa Harroun
64. Simin Shamji
65. Kara Nelson
66. Marsha Rosenblatt
67. Andrea Cassidy
68. Leah Greenblat
69. Leah Rothman
70. Stevie Schwartz
71. Sarah Lefton
72. Judy and Isaac Lieber
73. Marisa Lin
74. Michelle Mascarenhas
75. Allen Mayer
76. Judd Goodman
77. Janice Schroeder
78. Lori Berlin and Michael Stephens
79. Omowale Fowles
80. Jim Haydel
81. Faith Meltzer
82. Hannah King
83. Rob Wrenn
84. Mary Wrenn
85. Rissa Coplan
86. Zohe Slack
87. Jason Rose
88. Barbara Gilbert
89. Betsy Bigelow-Teller
90. Bruce Feingold
91. Howard Hertz
92. Kyra Subbotin
93. Marc Sapir
94. Monica Renner
95. Friends of Adeline
96. Mary Prophet
97. Mati Teiblum
98. Tarnel Abbott
99. Elsa Tranter
100. Leah Rosenthal
101. Moni T. Law
102. Kathy Kojimoto
103. Scott Sepke
104. Valeria Kaim

105. Jeannine Cohen
106. Khalil Bendib
107. Joel A. Biatch
108. Avi Tsang Jaffe
109. Jonathan Jaffe
110. David Spero
111. Coby Huizenga
112. Tobie Lurie
113. Ednah Beth Friedman
114. Thomas F. Luce
115. Orli Loewenberg
116. Harry Devlin
117. 46 Similarly worded form letters "On behalf of the Berkeley community"
118. 15 Similarly worded form letters "I wish to express my concerns"
119. 8 Similarly worded form letters "As a resident of Berkeley"

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: Resolution for an Immediate and Permanent Ceasefire in Gaza, and an End to U.S. Military Aid to Israel, and Support for Palestinian Self-Determination

120. Alan Jencks
121. Sara Sunstein
122. Wendy Patterson
123. Naomi Kincler
124. Barryett Enge (2)
125. Lyra King (2)
126. Monica Renner
127. Idit Minka
128. Malka Weitman
129. Leah Greenblat
130. Vicki Sommer
131. Elana Auerbach
132. Martha Wallner
133. Hassan Fouda
134. Stephania Widger
135. Dorothea Dorenz
136. Eric Friedman
137. Cynthia Papermaster
138. Anna Concepcion
139. William Selig
140. Kelsi Perttula
141. Shirley Kirsten
142. Amanda Berger
143. Dahlia Frydman (2)
144. Anita Barrows (2)
145. Sonja Trauss (2)
146. Gabriela Kipnis (2)
147. JJ Noire (5)
148. Yoshiko I. Wada
149. Karen Roekard
150. Paul Liem

151. Elana Naftalin-Kelman
152. David Sweet-Cordero
153. Elaine Stelton
154. Tarek Milleron
155. Noga Ravid
156. Jean Krois
157. Nitzan Pelman
158. Grace Morizawa on behalf of the Japanese American community
159. John Hagopian
160. Vanessa and Andres Moraga
161. Tony Schmiesing
162. Niloofar Shambayati
163. Robin Wenrick
164. Miriam Ferris
165. Alicia Tan
166. Anne Marx
167. Richard Boubelik
168. Daniel Brownson
169. Robin Milleron
170. David Levinson
171. Lorrie Beth Slonsky
172. Pamela Sawyer
173. Melissa Chapman
174. Barry Rosen
175. Amy Zucker Morgenstern
176. Camille Watts-Zagha
177. Rachel on behalf of the Jewish Coalition of Berkeley
178. Mollie Starr
179. Kelly Segal
180. Tobey M. Wiebe
181. Esther Brass
182. Tamara Gurin
183. Anna Talamo
184. Jim Haydel
185. 50 Similarly worded form letters
186. Thomas F. Luce

MINUTES
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 29, 2025
6:00 PM

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

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:08 p.m.

Present: Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Kesarwani

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 6:14 p.m.

Councilmember Taplin participated in the meeting remotely under the just cause exception in the Brown Act.

Land Acknowledgement Statement: *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley’s residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley’s incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Adjourn in memory of Mary Wainwright, former Berkeley Councilmember
2. Adjourn in memory of David “Chicken” Nesmith, Environmental Activist
3. Adjourn in memory of Betty and Jimmie Pugh, Berkeley Residents
4. Adjourn in memory of Bill Chapman, League of Women Voters

City Manager Comments: None

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor stated that feedback on the FY 2026 Audit Plan is welcome; thanked staff, Council, and the public for their engagement with the Auditor’s Office; and noted the successful restaurant inspection audit in Item 32.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 6 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Humbert) to accept an urgency item from Councilmember Blackaby pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Support for AB-389 Personal Income Tax: Tax Credits: Fire-Resistant Home Improvements (Wallis).

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 34 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to adopt the Consent Calendar, as amended, in one motion except as indicated, including the policy committee recommendation on Item 19 to take no action.

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

Urgent Item: Support for AB-389 Personal Income Tax: Tax Credits: Fire-Resistant Home Improvements (Wallis)

From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember O’Keefe (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution in support of AB-389 Personal Income Tax: Tax Credits: Fire-Resistant Home Improvements (Wallis) and send copies to Assemblymember Greg Wallis, the Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation, Assemblymember Mike Gipson (committee chair), Assemblymember Tri Ta (committee vice chair), Senator Jesse Arreguín, and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,727–N.S.

1. Minutes for Approval

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of March 10, 2025 (closed), March 11, 2025 (special and regular), March 18, 2025 (special and regular), March 25, 2025 (special and regular).

Financial Implications: None.

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

2. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on April 29, 2025

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager’s threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Action: Approved recommendation.

Consent Calendar

- 3. Contract: Public Consulting Group for Professional Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Public Consulting Group (PCG) for professional services related to the Ground Emergency Medical Transport (GEMT), Quality Assurance Fee (QAF), Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), and Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transport (PP-GEMT) programs using the General Services Agency's (GSA) contract No. 47QTCA20D004Y for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in the base term from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027 with two (2), two (2) year extensions to March 31, 2031 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 in total.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,728–N.S.
- 4. Amend Berkeley Police Association (BPA) MOU Section 19.5 Administrative Leave for Captains (50 hours increased to 60 hours)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution amending Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) for Berkeley Police Association (BPA) MOU Section 19.5 Administrative Leave for Captains to increase administrative leave from 50 to 60 hours.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,729–N.S.
- 5. Contract No. 31900270 Amendment: Dell Marketing LP ("Dell")**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900270 with Dell Marketing LP ("Dell") for the purchase of hardware, software, and related services utilizing the County of Riverside Agreement 8084445, for an additional \$2,786,057 for a total not to exceed value of \$8,197,733 for the period commencing on November 1, 2019 and through October 31, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,730–N.S.
- 6. New Contract: New Contract: Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Open Data Portal (ODP) Hosting Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a new contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., for the purposes of hosting the City's Open Data Portal, in an amount not to exceed \$171,323 for the period commencing on July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,731–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 7. Adjustment to Police Accountability Board Stipend Cap Following AAO #1 Carryover Approval**
From: Director of Police Accountability
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution temporarily increasing the stipend cap for Police Accountability Board (PAB) members to ensure the distribution of previously approved funds and provide compensation for meetings that exceeded the existing monthly cap.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Office of Director of Police Accountability, (510) 981-4950
Action: 3 speakers. M/S/C (O’Keefe/Lunaparra) to adopt Resolution No. 71,732–N.S. temporarily increasing the stipend cap for Police Accountability Board (PAB) members to ensure the distribution of previously approved funds and provide compensation for meetings that exceeded the existing monthly cap.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Lunaparra, Ishii; Noes – Taplin; Abstain – Humbert; Recused – Blackaby (former member of PAB covered by increase).
- 8. Contract No. 32200208 Amendment: West Coast Code Consultants for Plan Checking Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32200208 with West Coast Code Consultants (WC3) to add additional funds, increasing the contract amount by \$100,000 to a new total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,600,000
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,733–N.S.
- 9. Contract No. 32200207 Amendment: Telesis for Plan Checking Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32200207 with Telesis to add additional funds, increasing the contract amount by \$100,000 to a new total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,600,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,734–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 10. Purchase Order Amendment: Braun Northwest Inc. for Two (2) 2025 Ford F-450 North Star Engine Remount of Ambulance Bodies to New Chassis**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the purchase order with Braun Northwest, Inc. to purchase two (2) 2025 Ford F-450 North Star Ambulance chassis by increasing the purchase order spend amount by \$75,000 for a total not-to-exceed spending amount of \$505,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,735–N.S.
- 11. Final Map of Tract 8717: 805 Jones Street**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the final map of Tract Map 8717 for a 7-unit condominium project consisting of 6 residential units and 1 commercial unit at 805 Jones Street.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,736–N.S.
- 12. Contract: Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc. for FY 2025 Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving plans and specifications for the FY 2025 Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project, Specification No. 25-11690-C; 2. Accepting the bid of Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc. as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder; and 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications in an amount not to exceed \$12,323,848.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,737–N.S.

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13. **Contract: Terocons Inc. for South Berkeley Bikeway and Bus Stop Improvements Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving plans and specifications for the South Berkeley Bikeway and Bus Stop Improvements Project, Specification No. 25-11716-C; 2. Accepting the bid of Terocons Inc., the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder; and 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Terocons Inc. and any amendments, extensions, and/or change orders until completion of the Project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, in an amount not to exceed \$4,208,200, which includes a 10% contingency for unforeseen circumstances.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,738–N.S.
14. **Contracts: M&A Towing and City Towing for Towing Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to:
1. Execute a contract with any amendments with M&A Towing to provide towing services for a three (3) year period from May 1, 2025, to May 1, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with an option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.
2. Execute a contract with any amendments with City Towing to provide towing services for a three (3) year period from May 1, 2025, to May 1, 2028 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with an option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,739–N.S. (M&A Towing); and Resolution No. 71,740–N.S. (City Towing).

Council Consent Items

15. **Budget Referral Funding Afterschool Program Expansion**
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer \$300,000 to fund afterschool program expansion to the Fiscal Year 26 Mid-Biennial Budget Update.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Councilmember Tregub added as a co-sponsor. Approved recommendation.

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- 16. Budget Referral Funding F and G Dock Deck Replacement**
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)
Recommendation: Refer \$250,000 for F and G dock replacement funding to the Fiscal Year 26 Mid-Biennial Budget Update.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Councilmember Humbert added as a co-sponsor. Approved recommendation.
- 17. Berkeley Juneteenth Festival: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author)
Recommendation: Approve the expenditure of funds, including \$2500 from Councilmember Bartlett for pre-planning of the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival (organized by Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc. 501(c)3), with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Bartlett and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
Action: Councilmember Taplin and Mayor Ishii added as co-sponsors. Adopted Resolution No. 71,741–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$500; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$200; Councilmember Humbert - \$500; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Mayor Ishii - \$500.

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- 18. Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to Bay Area Robotics Education Sustainability Alliance for the 2025 Berkeley High Robotics Team’s East Bay Regional Robotics Competition. From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember O’Keefe (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)**
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$250 per member of the City Council from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including \$250 from Mayor Ishii and Councilmembers O’Keefe, Taplin, and Tregub, and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute, to support the Berkeley High Robotics Team (Berkeley 5419) in hosting the East Bay Regional FIRST Robotics Competition . Funds will be transferred to the City’s general fund and to Bay Area Robotics Education Sustainability Alliance, a fiscal agent for the 2025 Berkeley High Robotics Team’s East Bay Regional Robotics Competition to support this valuable community event. The relinquishment of funds from the respective discretionary Council Office Budgets of such members of the Berkeley City Council who wish to contribute will support this important initiative, fostering STEM education, student leadership, and international collaboration.
Financial Implications: See report
 Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Amended the resolution to raise the contribution limit to \$500. Adopted Resolution No. 71,742–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$500; Councilmember O’Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Mayor Ishii - \$500.
- 19. Resolution: Opposition to Police Brutality and Use of Force on Nonviolent Protesters (Reviewed by the Public Safety Policy Committee)**
From: Councilmember Harrison (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution reaffirming the City of Berkeley’s opposition to and condemning police brutality towards nonviolent protesters and discouraging use of “less-lethal” weapons for crowd control.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to City Council with a negative recommendation.
Financial Implications: See report
 Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: No action taken, as recommended by the Public Safety Policy Committee.
 Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – Tregub, Lunaparra.

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20. **Letter in Support of SB 456: Muralist Exemption**
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author)
Recommendation: Send a letter to Senator Angelique Ashby (cc: Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Jesse Arreguin, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks) in support of Senate Bill 456, which would exempt muralists from having to obtain a contractor's license through the Contractors State Licensing Board (CSLB) before being commissioned for public and private art projects.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Councilmember Bartlett and Mayor Ishii added as co-sponsors. Approved recommendation.
21. **Budget Referral: Deportation Defense Legal and Education Funds**
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Process an allocation of \$200,000 for Deportation Defense Legal and Education Funds.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160
Action: Approved recommendation with the revision in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from Councilmember Blackaby.
22. **Adding ADA expertise to the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee**
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Approve an amendment to the Measure FF SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) Resolution and Ordinance approved for establishment at the March 18, 2025 Council Meeting, to add an additional qualifying skillset for appointment: a background in ADA compliance and the accessible infrastructure challenges that seniors and disabled community members face.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160
Action: Moved to Action Calendar. 7 speakers. Mayor Ishii added as a co-sponsor. 1. Adopted Resolution No. 71,743–N.S. with paragraph 2 of the second resolved clause revised to read “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, or the implementation of municipal bond or tax measures. Council shall also strive to ensure that at least one member of the SSCOC has experience with ADA compliance and/or the accessible infrastructure challenges facing seniors and the disabled community.”; and 2. Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,960–N.S. Second reading scheduled for May 20, 2025.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – O'Keefe.

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23. **Amend AB-645 (2023-2024) to add the City of Berkeley to California's Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot**
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to send to Assemblymember Buffy Wicks and Senator Jesse Arreguin, requesting that the Legislature amend AB-645 (Friedman) Vehicles: Speed Safety Pilot Program (2023-2024), in order to add the City of Berkeley to the pilot.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,744–N.S. as revised Supplemental Communications Packet #1 by Councilmember Blackaby.
24. **Refer \$25,000 to the June 2025 Mid-Biennial Budget Process to Partially Cover Street Spirit's Operational and Programming Costs**
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author)
Recommendation: Refer \$25,000 to the June 2025 Mid-Biennial budget process to subsidize the cost of running Street Spirit's drop-in center and vendor coordination program.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Councilmembers Tregub and O'Keefe, and Mayor Ishii added as co-sponsors. Approved recommendation as revised material in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 by Councilmember Lunaparra.
25. **Supporting State and Regional Funding for Bay Area Public Transit**
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution Supporting State and Regional Funding for Bay Area Public Transit.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Councilmembers Blackaby, Tregub, and Humbert. Adopted Resolution No. 71,745–N.S.
26. **Resolution Supporting a State Budget Request for the CalFresh Fruit and Vegetable EBT Program and Endorsing AB 936 (CalFresh Fruit and Vegetable Supplemental Benefits Program)**
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Councilmembers Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Councilmembers Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution supporting a State Budget Request to reinstate CalFresh Fruit and Vegetable EBT Program and endorsing AB 936.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,746–N.S.

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27. **Defer \$150,000 referral for Round Park from Nov 2024 FY2025 AAO#1**
From: Councilmember Humbert (Author)
Recommendation: Place a hold on or otherwise defer the FY2025 \$150,000 budget referral from the November 2024 AAO#1 budget, which set aside funding for initiating a process to potentially convert the median informally known as “Round Park” (and possibly other nearby medians) to an official City park in District 8.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180
Action: Approved recommendation.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

28. **Submission of the 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2025 Annual Action Plan**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing on the 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan and Program Year (PY) 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP), including allocations of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME); and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to:
1. Execute any resultant agreements and amendments for agencies receiving funding under the CDBG, ESG, or HOME Program in accordance with the proposal approved hereunder. If the federal government does not allocate sufficient funds to cover the allocations attached to this resolution in this year or subsequent years, the City may either terminate the resultant agreements with agencies without any liability occurring to the City. A record copy of said contracts and any amendments are on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and
 2. Allocate 20% of the PY 2025 (FY26) CDBG funds to the Planning and Administration, up to 17.83% for public services, and the remaining to be distributed to Housing Services and Community Facility Improvements as outlined in Exhibit A with the Public Facility Improvements being a flexible line item should the HUD allocation differ than the amount currently allocated; and
 3. Allocate the allowable 10% of PY 2025 (FY26) HOME funds for program administration, up to the allowable 5% for CHDO operating support, and allocate the remainder to the Housing Trust Fund; and
 4. Allocate the allowable 7.5% of the PY 2025 (FY 2026) ESG to Administration, \$6,676 to the HMIS system and the remaining amount to Rapid Rehousing, and shelter activities (not to exceed 60% of PY25 ESG entitlement); and
 5. Carry over any ESG earlier unspent funds from PY 2024 (FY 2025) into PY 2025 (FY 2026) and allocate those funds to the Stair Navigation Center operator (currently Bay Area Community Services (BACS)) for ESG eligible activities (e.g., rapid rehousing). The BACS Stair Center has used ESG funding for shelter operations and rapid rehousing activities for the past few years and is well-equipped to meet HUD’s program and administrative requirements. These funds will be included in the First Amendment to the FY 2026 Annual Appropriations Ordinance; and
 6. Finalize the 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan, including the PY 2025 Annual Action

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Plan, and the Regional Analysis of Impediments, including responses to public comments received until April 29, 2025 adding required U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) application forms and certifications, and including other HUD required information, submit it to HUD, and execute all documents necessary to receive the City's entitlement grants under the CDBG, ESG and HOME Programs.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 2 speakers.

M/S/C (Ishii/Tregub) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Blackaby) to adopt Resolution No. 71,747–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

29. Implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the 1500 Block of Virginia Street

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon its conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. Section 25P by adding a subsection to implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) on the south side of Virginia Street, between California and Eola streets (1528-1546 Virginia Street) in RPP Area N.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.

M/S/C (Ishii/Lunaparra) to close the public hearing.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – O'Keefe.

Councilmember O'Keefe absent 8:36 p.m. – 8:58 p.m.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Lunaparra) to adopt Resolution No. 71,748–N.S.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – O'Keefe.

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**30. Zoning Ordinance and General Plan Amendments Relating to Middle Housing
From: City Manager**

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion:

1. Adopt first reading of an Ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) and the Zoning Map, for the purposes of encouraging development of “middle housing” in areas currently zoned R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-2A and MU-R (“low-density residential districts”), with an effective date of September 1, 2025; and
2. Adopt a Resolution amending the General Plan for the same purpose.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Action: Item 30 removed from the agenda by the City Manager.

Information Reports

31. 2025 Police Accountability Board Workplan

From: Police Accountability Board

Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-4950

Action: Received and filed.

32. Restaurant Inspections Audit Report Wins National Recognition

From: Auditor

Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750

Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 3 speakers.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Bartlett/Lunaparra) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii;
Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – O’Keefe.

Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the City Council regular meeting held on April 29, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

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1. Margot Smith
2. Eric James Schroeder
3. Gael Alcock
4. Gary Parsons
5. Susan Taylor
6. Curtis Manning
7. Janet Stephens
8. Laura Klein
9. Leah Kaizer
10. David Whipple
11. Vicki Sommer
12. Ondine Norman
13. Ellen Kramer
14. Eric King
15. Carol Hirth (2)
16. John Brogan
17. DP Neyhart
18. Dr. Anne Boersma
19. Lisa Bruce
20. Brandon Yung (2)
21. Dr. Amanda Le
22. Anne Weinberger
23. Cece Littlepage
24. Sabina McMurtry
25. Dawn Thomas
26. Andrea Yankowski
27. Steven Douglas
28. Lynn Sherrell
29. Victoria Kahn
30. Alison Monroe
31. Vincent Casalaina
32. Alisa Foster
33. Rachel Bradley

Item #32: Restaurant Inspections Audit Report Wins National Recognition

34. Liz Ruhland

Berkeley Green New Deal

35. EJ Cire

2024 Annual Report

36. Jennifer Cogley

Ohlone Greenway

- 37. Erik Dreher
- 38. Alastair MacDowell
- 39. Wei-Bing Chen
- 40. Susan Springborg and Greg Martin
- 41. Lynn Jones
- 42. Greg Gurnick
- 43. Karen Dabrusin

Proposed Unhoused Location

- 44. Tim Sakhuja
- 45. Todd Jersey
- 46. Aimee & Meryl, Beautiful San Pablo
- 47. Terry Betts
- 48. Andrew Johnson
- 49. Karina Racz
- 50. Sara Jusseame
- 51. Calvin Collier
- 52. Jan Dizon and Matthew Noah
- 53. Patricia Erwin
- 54. Orion Fulton

Berkeley Advanced Biomaterials

- 55. Terry Albury

Moellering Field Plan

- 56. Charles Siegal on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
- 57. Wahid Amiri

Housing Market Practices

- 58. LiJia Gong, Angelo Pis-Dudot, Lee Hepner, and Leah Simon-Weisberg

Work From Home Concern

- 59. Pgcountymd63

Encampments

- 60. Amber Richardson
- 61. Nigel

Project @ 3000 Shattuck Ave

- 62. Sallie Hanna-Rhyne and Neighbors
- 63. Alisha Pember

Thank You

- 64. John Craner
- 65. Martin Bourque (2)

Claim Update

66. Eid (2)

Ada/California Street

67. Shirley Kirsten (2)

68. Emily Brandt

Caltrans Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

69. Terrance Davis

Surveillance

70. Lavell Young

Government Concerns

71. Josh Atwood

Fair Housing Conference

72. Caroline Peattie

ICE Concerns

73. Alex S. Merenkov (2)

Columbus Statue in Brooklyn Borough Hall Plaza

74. Alex Judah (2)

Rides for Seniors

75. Barbara Gilbert

76. Ben Buettner

77. Vanessa Arrendondo

78. Daveed Mandell

Housing

79. S. Entwistle

Citizen Concern

80. Inetjalopy

Green Cans

81. Karen Ball

Plans

82. Tillymaui

Fines

83. Cecelia Mautner

Ordinance No. 7,681 PRA Concern

84. Cassia Stepak

Use of Resources

85. Lavell Young

Low Density

86. Richard Boubelik

Multistory Apartments

87. David Lerman

Harrison Street

88. Magnus Flying Colors Racing

Berkeley Branch Closure

89. Erika Shore

E-Scooters

90. Robert Borghese (2)

Police Alternative

91. Moni T. Law

Mental Health Needs

92. Jenean Fear

Nevada Cares Campus

93. John Craner

Screenshots

94. Lavell Young

95. Josh Atwood

Forwards

96. Russbumper (4)

97. Josh Atwood

98. Maxina Ventura

URL's

99. Russbumper (13)

100. Josh Atwood

101. Lavell Young (4)

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104. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Lunaparra

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105. Robert Roth
106. Joaquin R. Carbonell
107. Frances C. Moore
108. Andrew Doran
109. Alden Mudge
110. Sally Greenspan
111. Sarah Wittmer
112. Sabina McMurtry
113. Juliana Fredman
114. Dean Metzger
115. Theresa Gensler
116. Nancy Richerson
117. Michael Parman
118. Vicki Sommer
119. Emeritus Alan Ramo
120. Jane Terjung
121. Anne Boersma
122. Miriam Nathanson
123. Carol Hirth
124. Shelley Golomb
125. Nenelle Bunnin
126. Michael Walden and Judith Schelly
127. Sara Hartley
128. John Allen
129. Sarah Baughn
130. Bruce & Annie Nalezny
131. Eric King
132. Zachary Lamb
133. Peggy Mendelson
134. The Neighborhoods Council Executive Committee
135. Eric Friedman
136. Bryce Nesbitt
137. John J. Parman

- 138. Robb Wrenn
- 139. 20 Similarly worded form letters

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Item #25: Supporting State and Regional Funding for Bay Area Public Transit

- 140. Kate Harrison

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- 141. Jeff and Kim Haltiner
- 142. Warren Pottebaum
- 143. Ben Gerhardstein
- 144. Stephen Sperber
- 145. Lisa Vogel
- 146. Harrison Alter
- 147. Crystal Brunzell
- 148. Brandon Yung
- 149. Linda and Steven Rosen
- 150. Bill Kristy
- 151. Lance Williams
- 152. David Lerman (2)
- 153. Albert Buixade
- 154. Jenny Vaughan
- 155. Syl
- 156. John Coveney
- 157. Aileen Paterson
- 158. Carol Cohen
- 159. Jason Warriner
- 160. Jamie Ruth
- 161. Alicia Carter
- 162. Andrea Yankowski
- 163. Emilie Strauss
- 164. Adelaide Jenkins
- 165. Stefan Elgstrand on behalf of State Senator Jesse Arreguin
- 166. Janet Stromberg
- 167. Alexandra Crisafulli
- 168. Kenny Yip
- 169. Janet Maestre
- 170. Barbara Fisher
- 171. Elizabeth Exter
- 172. David Johnson
- 173. Micah Stilwell
- 174. Jennifer Fisher
- 175. Tamara Birdstall
- 176. Tres Lundquist
- 177. Lovell Jarvis
- 178. Alex Mas

- 179. David Meyer
- 180. Katherine Hansen
- 181. Toni Mester
- 182. Pam Zelnik
- 183. Elizabeth Lamoureaux
- 184. 8 Similarly worded form letters

Urgent Item: Support for AB-389 Personal Income Tax: Tax Credits: Fire-Resistant Home Improvements (Wallis)

- 185. Submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby

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Item #28: Submission of the 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2025 Annual Action Plan

- 186. Presentation submitted by Health, Housing, and Community Services Department

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- 187. Presentation submitted by Public Works Department

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- 188. Elizabeth Snowden and Charles P. Smith
- 189. Aimee Baldwin (3)
- 190. Rachel Gold
- 191. Leslie Firestone
- 192. Elizabeth Ottinger & Derek Bremner
- 193. Erin Scott
- 194. Eduardo Teixeira
- 195. Nico Calavita
- 196. David Killion and Rosamond Smith
- 197. Gale Garcia
- 198. Richard Neese
- 199. Michelle Pasternack
- 200. 14 Similarly worded form letters

Miscellaneous

- 201. Unknown

