



**REVISED AGENDA  
(REVISED TO ADD A TELECONFERENCE LOCATION)**

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025  
6:00 PM**

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1027D BANCROFT WAY, BERKELEY CA 94710

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:

**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 Chochenyo (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:** *In addition to those items listed on the agenda, the Mayor may add additional ceremonial matters.*

1. Adjourn in memory of Christina Murphy, City of Berkeley Employee and former Rent Board Commissioner

**City Manager Comments:** *The City Manager may make announcements or provide information to the City Council in the form of an oral report. The Council will not take action on such items but may request the City Manager place a report on a future agenda for discussion.*

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters:** *Up to ten persons will be selected to address matters not on the Council agenda. If five or fewer persons are identified to provide non-agenda comment, each person selected will be allotted two minutes each. If more than five persons are selected to address matters not on the Council agenda, each person selected will be allotted one minute each.*

*In-person attendees wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Council agenda during the initial ten-minute period for such comment, must submit a speaker card to the City Clerk in person at the meeting location and prior to the moment that the Presiding Officer calls for public comment on non-agenda items. Remote attendees must raise their hand in the videoconference application when the Presiding Officer calls for non-agenda speakers. The first five raised hands on the videoconference application will be selected to speak and the first five cards drawn at the meeting will be selected to speak. The number of in-person and remote speakers selected may be adjusted by the Presiding Officer if fewer than five speakers from either format are identified.*

*The remainder of the speakers wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items will be heard at the end of the agenda.*

**Public Comment by Employee Unions (first regular meeting of the month):** *This period of public comment is reserved for officially designated representatives of City of Berkeley employee unions, with five minutes allocated per union if representatives of three or fewer unions wish to speak and up to three minutes per union if representatives of four or more unions wish to speak.*

## Consent Calendar

*The Council will first determine whether to move items on the agenda for “Action” or “Information” to the “Consent Calendar”, or move “Consent Calendar” items to “Action.” Three members of the City Council must agree to pull an item from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar for it to move to Action. Items that remain on the “Consent Calendar” are voted on in one motion as a group. “Information” items are not discussed or acted upon at the Council meeting unless they are moved to “Action” or “Consent”.*

*No additional items can be moved onto the Consent Calendar once public comment has commenced. At any time during, or immediately after, public comment on Information and Consent items, any Councilmember may move any Information or Consent item to “Action.” Following this, the Council will vote on the items remaining on the Consent Calendar in one motion.*

*For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again at the time the matter is taken up during the Action Calendar.*

**Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only:** *The Council will take public comment on any items that are either on the amended Consent Calendar or the Information Calendar. If ten or fewer persons are interested in speaking on an individual agenda item, each speaker may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Presiding Officer may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes. The Presiding Officer may, with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue, allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue. A speaker may only speak once during the period for public comment on Consent Calendar and Information items.*

*Additional information regarding public comment by City of Berkeley employees and interns: Employees and interns of the City of Berkeley, although not required, are encouraged to identify themselves as such, the department in which they work and state whether they are speaking as an individual or in their official capacity when addressing the Council in open session or workshops.*

## Consent Calendar

- 1. Adding an additional qualifying skillset for appointment to Measure FF Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC); Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Section 7.11.040**  
**From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,960-N.S. approving 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.  
**First Reading Vote:** Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – O’Keefe.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

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- 2. Amendment: FY 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt the first reading of an Ordinance amending the FY 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance No. 7,940–N.S. for fiscal year 2025 based upon recommended re-appropriation of committed FY 2025 funding and other adjustments in the amount of \$78,091,135 (gross) and \$58,150,646 (net).  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000
- 3. Minutes for Approval**  
**From: City Manager**  
**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).  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
- 4. Contract Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for Legislative and Funding Advocacy Strategy**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any necessary amendments with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for an ongoing tailored legislative and funding advocacy strategy from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$108,000.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
- 5. Appointment of Director of Human Resources**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of Janelle Rodrigues as the Director of Human Resources to be effective June 9, 2025, at an annual salary of \$240,000.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
- 6. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on May 20, 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

## Consent Calendar

- 7. Contract No: 32300104 Amendment: The Village of Love for Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee, to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300104 with The Village of Love to add \$250,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for services and operations at the Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center and extend the contract term through May 31, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
- 8. Funding Application: California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Infrastructure in connection with the proposed North Berkeley BART Affordable Housing Project**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: 1) Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate, enter into, and cause the City to perform its obligation under an agreement (including amendments) with East Bay Asian Local Development Consortium (EBALDC) and/or their affiliate relating to a funding application to the California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program for project-related transportation and infrastructure improvements for the North Berkeley BART (NBB) EBALDC Affordable Housing Project at the North Berkeley BART Station Area, for a total AHSC award amount of up to \$50 million. 2) Authorizing the City Manager to accept up to \$5.4 million in state Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) funds and complete selected transportation improvements if awarded.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
- 9. Revenue Grant Agreements: Funding Support from the State of California and Alameda County to Conduct Public Health Services**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit grant agreements to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Alameda County, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct public health promotion, protection, and prevention services for the following two revenue agreements: (1) Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention and Control in the projected amount of \$33,688 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 from CDPH. (2) Public Health Infrastructure Program in the projected amount of \$32,080 for FY 2026 from Alameda County.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

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- 10. Adopt a Resolution Establishing the Unrepresented Job Class Specification and Pay Scale of Fire Mechanic Lead**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution establishing the unrepresented job class specification and pay scale of Fire Mechanic Lead as outlined, with an hourly pay range of \$51.0771 - \$54.1740.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
- 11. Revise the Personnel Rules and Regulations to Add Section 9.02.1 Promotion – Salary Step Placement**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution revising the Personnel Rules and Regulations to add Section 9.02.1 Promotion – Salary Step Placement, which affords promotional placement on the step closest to the employee’s current earning rate that is at least 10% higher.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
- 12. Revise SEIU-MC MOU Section 17.13 Special Class Commercial Driver’s License Premium to Add 5% for Out-of-Class Lists**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution revising the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1021, Maintenance and Clerical (“Union”) Memorandum of Understanding Section 17.13 Special Class Commercial Driver’s License Premium to apply 5% differential to employees who maintain a Class A driver’s license and are approved to serve on out-of-class lists for Tractor Trailer Driver and Construction Equipment Operator.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
- 13. Revise Unrepresented Manual Section 13.19 to Add 5% Differential to Program Manager I Assigned to City Manager’s Office**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution amending the Unrepresented Employee Manual to add a 5% salary differential to Program Manager I positions assigned to the City Manager’s Office.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800

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- 14. Contract Amendment No. 10789: AMS.NET for Network Hardware, Installation and Professional Support services**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 10789 with AMS.NET, Inc. for network support of hardware, installation and professional services, for an additional \$300,000 for a total not to exceed of \$1,270,778.14 from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
- 15. Contract No. 084534-1 Amendment: NextGen Health Care Information Systems Inc. for Electronic Health Records**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 084534-1 with NextGen Healthcare Information Systems, Inc. (“NextGen”), increasing the amount by \$191,136 for a total contract value not to exceed \$1,010,472.20 and extending the term from September 30, 2010 through June 30, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
- 16. Protiviti Government Services Inc (“Protiviti”): Using General Services Administration (“GSA”) Vehicle for Professional Services Purchase Orders**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to issue purchase orders with Protiviti for the procurement of professional services using the GSA purchasing vehicle no. GS-35F-0280X for an amount not to exceed \$900,000 through June 30, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
- 17. Purchase Order: Operation Pride for tennis programs and tournaments**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order and any amendments with Operation Pride to provide youth and adult tennis services and tournaments for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000 through June 30, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

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- 18. Purchase Order: Samuel Kidane dba Life Long Tennis Academy**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order and any amendments with Samuel Kidane dba Life Long Tennis Academy to provide youth and adult tennis services for the City of Berkeley for a total amount not to exceed \$270,000 through June 20, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
- 19. Contract No. 32400029 Amendment: Baldoni Construction Services, Inc. for Echo Lake Camp Accessibility Upgrades**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution increasing the not to exceed amount for Contract No. 32400029 with Baldoni Construction Service, Inc. for the Echo Lake Camp Accessibility Upgrades Project by \$60,000 for an amended total not to exceed \$616,953.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
- 20. Contract No. 32400003 Amendment: Cooke & Associates Background Investigations**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Cooke & Associates, a background investigation services provider for public safety personnel, to increase the contract amount by \$280,000 to a total contract of \$580,000 and extend the contract term for two additional years expiring on July 31, 2028. This amendment will allow the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) and Berkeley Fire Department (BFD) to continue utilizing Cooke & Associates for timely, thorough, and high-quality background investigations of candidates, and will provide the City Manager with the authority to spend funds as needed under the amended contract to support ongoing public safety hiring needs.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
- 21. 2024 Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance Annual Report**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the 2024 Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance Annual Report.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

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- 22. Contract: Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions Inc., for Civic Center Building, Second Floor Carpet Replacement Project**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: (1) Accepting the California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) bid procedures, pursuant to City Charter Article XI Section 67.2 requirements; (2) Approving the CMAS Contract with Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions, Inc. for Carpet Replacements at the Civic Center Building located at 2180 Milvia; (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 terms and conditions of the agreements with Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$147,096, including a \$13,372 contingency.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 23. Contract No. 081671-1 (8318C) Amendment: RouteSmart Technologies, Inc. Software Maintenance**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 81671-1 (8318C) with RouteSmart Technologies Inc. to increase the contract by \$25,000, for a total not to exceed amount of \$235,743, to fund software license maintenance and support services, from June 30, 2025 through June 30, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 24. Declaration of Intent – Fiscal Year 2026 Street Lighting Assessments**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt two Resolutions granting the City Manager the authority to: (1) Approve the Engineer's Reports; (2) Set a public hearing to be held before the Council of the City of Berkeley at its June 17, 2025, meeting; and (3) Authorize the City Clerk to publish a Notice of the Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026 Levy of Assessments for Berkeley Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1982-1 and Street Lighting Assessment District 2018.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 25. Authorization for City Manager to evaluate policies to accelerate building decarbonization**  
**From: Environment and Climate Commission**  
**Recommendation:** Authorize the City Manager to evaluate and develop amendments to the 2025 Energy and CALGreen Codes and/or other ordinances to accelerate building decarbonization for Council consideration.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Sarah Moore, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400

## Council Consent Items

**26. Letter in Support of California State Senate Bill 692 (Arreguín) Relating to Vehicles and Homelessness**

**From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Kesarwani, Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a letter in support of California State Senate Bill 692 (Arreguín), relating to vehicles and homelessness, and distribute copies to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Jesse Arreguín, State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, State Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and State Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

**27. A resolution recognizing the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) community and urging support for Assembly Bill 91 — the “MENA Inclusion Act” (Harabedian)**

**From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution in support of California Assembly Bill 91, the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Inclusion Act (Harabedian), to ensure accurate and equitable demographic data collection for MENA communities. This bill mandates the creation of distinct categories for MENA groups in official demographic data, starting on January 1, 2027.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

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28. **Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to the annual Asian Cultural Festival**  
**From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$500 per Mayor/Councilmember from their D13 Discretionary Accounts, including \$500 from the Mayor and Councilmember Tregub, and contributions of \$250 each from Councilmembers Kesarwani, and Lunaparra. Other Councilmembers are invited to contribute to support annual Asian Cultural Festival in an amount of up to \$500. Funds will be transferred to the City's general fund and provided to the designated fiscal sponsor of the festival to ensure its successful production and community engagement.

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 impactful event, promoting cultural exchange, unity, and celebration of Berkeley's rich Asian American communities

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

29. **Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*  
**From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsors), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsors), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager a request for staff to identify a list of potential locations of City-owned and private properties (to be leased or acquired) – for the purpose of establishing 24/7 staffed shelter sites, including but not limited to indoor/outdoor camping areas, safe RV and car park zones, and/or congregate or non-congregate shelters for people experiencing homelessness based on the model used at Grayson Street and other models deemed successful by the City Manager. Further, refer to the City Manager to provide a report to the City Council that includes:

(1) Ongoing efforts to address homelessness and the mental health crisis within Berkeley's jurisdiction, including the work of non-governmental organizations the City is relying upon and, where possible, the cost thereof. (2) A gap analysis between resources required by the City to fully address homelessness and its current financial position. (3) A feasibility and cost analysis of Berkeley's ability to support additional shelter or services sites, including staffing and operational constraints. (4) A geographic equity assessment of where homeless services, shelters, and encampments have historically been and currently are located in Berkeley. (5) Opportunities to partner with Alameda County and other public agencies to utilize County, other governing jurisdictions, or state-owned land for temporary shelter and services outside of Berkeley's most heavily impacted neighborhoods

Moreover, refer to the City Manager to identify additional funding opportunities available through 2024 Measure W and affirm the City Council's position that local

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jurisdictions such as Berkeley, that are heavily impacted by the housing and mental health crisis, should be considered for an equitable share and speedy receipt of 2024 Proposition 1 funding from Alameda County.

Refer to the City Manager to affirm that the City Council's position is that, to the greatest extent possible, Measure W and other locally sourced funds should be used to support Berkeley-specific homelessness service needs.

Support the City Manager in collaborating with Alameda County and other neighboring jurisdictions to identify potential sites outside of Berkeley city limits that may be suitable and more cost-effective than sites within Berkeley.

Furthermore, affirm support for the following principles: 1. County resource investment in homelessness across the region should align proportionally with where homelessness is most prevalent and ensure support achieves racially equitable outcomes; 2. The use of Measure W and other funding for homelessness guided by Home Together 2030 Plan should be a local decision, with cities deciding how to divvy up investment between prevention, interim, and permanent housing; 3. Local priority for referrals into interim and permanent solutions – including everything from safe parking to shelter to permanent supportive housing and Homekey projects – should be commensurate with the level of funding provided; 4. Sustaining nonprofit capacity: (a) The homelessness response system relies heavily on nonprofit partners, many of whom face challenges in retaining staff due to funding constraints, salary limitations, and administrative burdens. (b) Measure W funding presents an opportunity to support not just direct services but also nonprofit infrastructure, helping organizations improve long-term sustainability. (c) Considerations include ensuring competitive wages, investing in staff retention strategies, and providing operational support. (d) Bonus funding consideration could be given to organizations that prioritize workforce sustainability through: (i) Competitive salaries and benefits for frontline staff; (ii) Efforts to retain high-performing, low-turnover teams; (iii) Investments in administrative capacity that enhance service quality and long-term viability

*Policy Committee Recommendation:*

*Send item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation which include the following proposed amendments:*

*Refer to the City Manager a request for staff to identify a list of potential locations of City properties and private properties (to be leased or acquired) – for the purpose of establishing 24/7 staffed shelter sites, including but not limited to indoor/outdoor camping areas, safe RV and car park zones, and/or congregate or non-congregate shelters for people experiencing homelessness based on the model used at Grayson Street and other models deemed by the City Manager to be successful.*

*Further, direct the City Manager to provide a report to the City Council of ongoing efforts to address the homelessness and mental health crisis within Berkeley's jurisdiction, including efforts by non-governmental organizations the city is relying upon, where possible, including the costs thereof, and a gap analysis between the resources required by the City to fully address homelessness and its current financial position.*

*As part of this report, direct the City Manager:*

*1) Conduct a feasibility and cost analysis of Berkeley's ability to support additional*

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*shelter or service sites, including staffing and operational constraints*

*2) Include a geographic equity assessment of where homeless services, shelters, and encampments have historically and currently been located in Berkeley;*

*3) Identify opportunities to partner with Alameda County and other public agencies to utilize County, other governing jurisdictions – or state-owned land for temporary shelter and services outside of Berkeley’s most heavily impacted neighborhoods*  
*Direct the City Manager to identify any additional funding opportunities available through 2024 Measure W and affirm the City Council's position that local jurisdictions such as Berkeley that are heavily impacted by the housing and mental health crisis should be considered for an equitable share and speedy receipt of 2024 Proposition 1 funding from Alameda County. Further, direct the City Manager to affirm that the City Council's position is that, to the extent possible, Measure W and any other locally sourced funds should be used to support Berkeley-specific homelessness services needs.*

*Support the City Manager in collaborating with Alameda County and other neighboring jurisdictions to identify potential sites outside of Berkeley city limits that may be suitable and more cost-effective than additional sites within Berkeley.*

*Further, affirm support for the following principles:*

*1. County resource investment in homelessness across the region should be commensurate with where homelessness occurs and targeted for racially equitable outcomes*

*2. Measure W and other funding for homelessness guided by Home Together 2030: Should be a Local City decision on the split between prevention, interim, and permanent housing*

*3. Local (City level) priority for referrals into interim and permanent solutions (including everything from safe parking to shelter to permanent supportive housing/HomeKey projects), commensurate with local funding.*

*4. Sustaining Nonprofit Capacity*

- The homelessness response system relies heavily on nonprofit partners, many of whom face challenges in retaining staff due to funding constraints, salary limitations, and administrative burdens.*
- Measure W funding presents an opportunity to support not just direct services but also nonprofit infrastructure, helping organizations improve long-term sustainability.*
- Considerations include ensuring competitive wages, investing in staff retention strategies, and providing operational support.*
- Bonus funding consideration could be given to organizations that prioritize workforce sustainability through:
  - Competitive salaries and benefits for frontline staff.*
  - Efforts to retain high-performing, low-turnover teams.*
  - Investments in administrative capacity that enhance service quality and long-term viability.**

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Shoshana O’Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7100

## Action Calendar

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action. For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again during the Action Calendar public comment period on the item*

*The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak line up at the podium, or use the "raise hand" function in Zoom, to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time. If ten or fewer persons are interested in speaking on an individual agenda item, each speaker may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Presiding Officer may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes. The Presiding Officer may, with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue, allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue.*

*Action items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair with the consent of Council.*

*The Presiding Officer may open and close an additional comment period for Action items on this agenda (excluding any public hearings, appeals, and/or quasi-judicial matters), at the start of the Action Calendar. Those who speak on an item during this comment period may not speak a second time when the item is taken up by Council.*

## Action Calendar – Public Hearings

*Staff shall introduce the public hearing item and present their comments. For certain hearings, this is followed by five-minute presentations each by first the appellant and then the applicant. The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak line up at the podium, or use the "raise hand" function in Zoom, to be recognized and to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time.*

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*When applicable, each member of the City Council shall verbally disclose all ex parte contacts concerning the subject of the hearing. Councilmembers shall also submit a report of such contacts in writing prior to the commencement of the hearing. Written reports shall be available for public review in the office of the City Clerk.*

### **30. FY 2026 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Update and Public Hearing #1**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Receive the FY 2026 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Update and conduct Public Hearing #1 on the FY 2026 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Update.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

## Action Calendar – Public Hearings

31. **LPC Appeal: 2500-2512 San Pablo Avenue, Landmark Application #LMIN2024-0004**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution affirming the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) decision to designate 2500-2512 San Pablo Avenue (APN: 054-1780-004-12) a City of Berkeley Landmark, and dismiss the appeal.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

## Action Calendar – New Business

32. **Appointment of Four Berkeley Residents to the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointments of up to four Berkeley residents to the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC), to be appointed by the City Council as a whole.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

## Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

### Adjournment

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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**Item #21: 2024 Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance Annual Report**

1. Hansel Aguilar on behalf of the Police Accountability Board
2. Jennifer Louis
3. Margaret A. Baker
4. John Lindsay-Poland

**Item #29: Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*

5. Kate Pocrass
6. Aimee Baldwin (2)
7. Cris Benton
8. Grant Damron
9. Pamela Michaud
10. Stacey Hara
11. Jack Anderson
12. Namita Gupta
13. Fran Haselsteiner
14. Patricia Brooks
15. Catherine Jenkins
16. Amber Richardson
17. Tamar J.
18. Kelley Kahn

**Ashby BART**

19. Peter Minor
20. Charlotte Daniels
21. 2076 Ashby Residences
22. Sotirios Vlavianos
23. Peter Magganas

**Encampments**

24. Halima Franklin (2)

**Ohlone Park**

25. Cynthia Harbaugh
26. Adam Leive
27. Daniel Jurnove
28. Roberta Focht
29. Lynn Jehle
30. Sasha Futran
31. Carlton and Alma
32. Tracy Thompson
33. Fred Schlachter
34. Patricia Itamoto

35. Julia Boekelheide
36. Dominique Ayako Baillet
37. Tamara Birdsall
38. Laura Garcia-Moreno
39. David Lerman (3)
40. Will Masterson
41. Karthik Gopalan
42. Erika Shore (2)
43. Diane Ross-Leech and Family
44. Isaac Nicholson
45. Elisabeth Goldstein
46. Nancy S. Rothschild
47. Stefany Reich-Silber
48. Diana Jensen
49. Wei-Bing Chen

#### **Rides for Seniors**

50. Kathi Pugh
51. Gerald Lenoir
52. Bonnie Lewkowicz
53. Darlene Bronson on behalf of the Commission on Aging

#### **Missing Middle**

54. Zelda Bronstein (3)
55. Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Street Encampments**

56. David White
57. Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani
58. Councilmember Mark Humbert
59. Councilmember Igor Tregub
60. Councilmember Terry Taplin

#### **E-Scooters**

61. Robert Borghese (4)

#### **Public Restroom Proposal**

62. James Chang
63. Mike Kim

#### **Bateman Mall Park**

64. Yula Paluy

#### **Bikeway Intersection Control**

65. Meryl Siegal

**Food Fest Invitation**

66. Dr. Ramesh Konda on behalf of the Association of Indo Americans

**Infill Housing**

67. Constance Rivemale

**Security Incidents**

68. Dixon Brooke

**UA Theater**

69. Melanie Lawrence & John Smail

70. Pamela Zelnik

71. Anne Herrick

**Housing Concerns**

72. Patricia Kipnis

73. Lynn Winsten

74. Jonnyruel Holder

**Treatment of Herbivorous Animals**

75. Rsw (2)

**Elevator Outrage**

76. Tony Schmiesing

77. Aryne Bailey

**Workshop**

78. Joel A. Biatch

**Crime Concerns**

79. Fran Haselsteiner

**ABSC Concern**

80. Abby Thorne-Lyman

**Drop-off Mailboxes**

81. Hali Hammer

**Deliberative Democracy**

82. Phil Allen

**Free Speech**

83. Sheila Jordan

**Specialized Care Unit**

84. Barbara Gilbert

**Work Concerns**

85. Pgcountymd63 (2)

**Hopkins/McGee**

86. Shirley Kirsten

87. Sandra Sanchez

**Edward Way**

88. Helen Hogg

**Home Alterations**

89. Marian and Desmond Simpson

**BUSD Investment Policies**

90. Cielo Rios

**Budget Concerns**

91. Rachel Bradley

92. Ben Buettner

**Arbor Day**

93. Mary-Louise Hansen

**Effects of Cement**

94. Cecelia Mautner

**Street Access**

95. Nenelle Bunnin

**Homeless Housing**

96. Aimee Baldwin

97. John Vinopal

**More Types of Homes**

98. Lee Bishop

**Habitability for Berkeley Residents**

99. Veena Nambiar

**Public Facilities Concern**

100. 2,084 Similarly worded form letters

**Middle East Conflict**

101. Chris Gilbert

102. Alicia Dattner

103. Barbara Erickson
104. Nicoletta Karam (4)
105. Barbara Romanowicz
106. Rachel Gita Schiff
107. Sophie Sawyer
108. Iris Gold
109. Gael Alcock
110. Russbumper
111. Camille watts-Zagha
112. Marc Sapir (2)
113. Allen Mayer
114. Dr. Roman Kazinnik and Dr. Sophia Kazinnik
115. Deborah Goldeen
116. Russbumper

#### **Letter**

117. Eid's TV and Electronics

#### **Screenshots**

118. Josh Atwood (2)

#### **Forwards**

119. Josh Atwood
120. Daveed Mandell (3)
121. David Lerman
122. Eid's TV

#### **URL's**

123. Inetjalopy
124. Josh Atwood (4)
125. Russbumper (7)
126. Madeleine Shearer
127. Lavell Young
128. Barryett Enge

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