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Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 29, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: David Sprague, Fire Chief of Fire and Emergency Services
Subject: Designate the Line of Succession for the Director of Emergency Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the designated line of succession to the position of Director of Emergency Services in the event of an emergency, and rescinding Resolution No. 70,729-N.S.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) requires that the City Manager, who is the Director of Emergency Services, designate the order of succession to that office in the event the Director is unavailable to attend meetings and otherwise perform their duties during an emergency. Additionally, the City Council must approve the order of succession. (BMC Section 2.88.040)

BACKGROUND

On March 21, 2023 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 70,729-N.S. designating the line of succession to the position of Director of Emergency Services in the event the Director is unavailable to perform their duties during an emergency. Since that time, changes in personnel necessitate that a new designation be approved as set forth in the attached Resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

APPROVING THE DESIGNATED LINE OF SUCCESSION TO THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES POSITION AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 70,729-N.S.

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 2.88.030 designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Paul Buddenhagen, as City Manager, serves as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code Section 2.88.040, it is necessary to establish a line of succession for the Director of Emergency Services in the event that the Director is unavailable to attend meetings or otherwise perform their duties during an emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following order of succession to the position of Director of Emergency Services in the event the Director is unavailable to attend meetings or otherwise perform their duties during an emergency is hereby confirmed and approved:

1. David White, Deputy City Manager
2. David Sprague, Fire Chief
3. Jennifer Louis, Chief of Police

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 70,729-N.S. is hereby rescinded.