



## AGENDA

### BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

6:00 PM

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI

DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN

DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT

DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

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 Ann Fagan Ginger, Attorney and Activist

**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

- Contract: Sorell Raino-Tsui for Public Artwork Commission for Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center/Young Adult Project Clubhouse (MLK/YAP)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any necessary amendments with Sorell Raino-Tsui for an amount not to exceed \$442,000 for a public art commission of an 885 square foot mosaic on the exterior East wall, exterior North wall, and interior North wall of the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center/Young Adult Project Clubhouse located at 1730 Oregon St.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530

## Consent Calendar

- 2. Contract No. 32000060 Amendment: Toshiba Business Solutions Inc for Citywide Multi-function Devices**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32000060 with Toshiba Business Solutions to extend the term through September 15, 2029, and to approve an additional \$2,000,000 for appropriations related for performance of this contract. This brings the total NTE amount of this contract to \$3,750,000 over a ten-year term.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 3. Purchase Order: Blaisdell's Business Products for Office Supplies, Printing Paper, Small Equipment and Office Furniture**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase the Blanket Purchase Order with Blaisdell's Business Products for the purchase of miscellaneous office supplies, printing paper, small equipment and office furniture. The City is currently piggybacking off Omnia Partners Region 4 ESC Contract No. R190301. The contract term will commence on June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, with the option of one (1) single-year renewal for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,100,000 over a two-year term, subject to the City's annual budget appropriation.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 4. Contract No. 32000164 Amendment: CGB Enterprise, LLC (purchased from Synthesis Group, Inc.) dba Minuteman Press Contract for Citywide Copying & Printing Services**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No: 32000164 with Minuteman Press, to provide copying and printing services to the City, increasing the amount by \$400,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$1,375,000 and extending the term until June 30, 2027.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 5. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on September 16, 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

- 6. Contract: Swifthawk Consulting, LLC for Professional Services**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Swifthawk Consulting, LLC for surge staffing services for the Berkeley Fire Department (Department), in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per year for the period October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028, with an option to extend for two (2) additional one-year terms, not to exceed \$300,000 per year.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
- 7. Updated Findings of Facts Associated with Berkeley Fire Code**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution revised with updated Findings of Facts associated with the Council's June 17, 2025, adoption of the Fire Code, and rescind Resolution No. 71,710-N.S.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
- 8. Contract No. 32300108 Amendment: Street Level Advisors, LLC for Housing Consulting Services**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a fourth amendment to Contract No. 32300108 with Street Level Advisors, LLC increasing the contract by \$36,450 for consulting services in a total amount not to exceed \$415,950, with a contract end date of December 31, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
- 9. Purchase Orders: CDW-G for using Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for Adobe Acrobat Pro Software**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to issue purchase orders with CDW Government LLC ("CDW-G") for Adobe Acrobat Pro ("Adobe") software, licensing and support, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners ("Omnia") for a total not to exceed amount of \$281,400 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500

## Consent Calendar

### 10. Updates to the Measure T1 Project List

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the updated list of current Measure T1 projects as outlined in the report.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

## Council Consent Items

### 11. The Parent Writing Circles Initiative- 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 \$500 from the discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to The Parent Writing Circles Initiative. 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 Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

### 12. Zoning Ordinance Modification for Telegraph Avenue Commercial District

**From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager and Planning Commission to amend BMC Chapter 23.204.020 to allow for Alcoholic Beverage Retail Sales in the Telegraph Avenue Commercial District.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

## Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

## Adjournment

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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### **Global Warming & Homelessness Solution**

1. Mike Vandeman

### **Berkeley Marina**

2. Paul Roberts

### **Freedom of Speech**

3. Lori Pottinger

### **Noise Detectors**

4. Rod Richardson

### **Rent Board**

5. Lance Montauk

### **Muwekma Ohlone Resolution Inquiry**

6. Aaron Lobo
7. Imraan Mohammed (2)
8. Etienne Yang

### **Housing & Homelessness**

9. Summer Brenner

### **Upzoning**

10. Susan Nunes Fadley

### **President**

11. Mona VScott

### **Prop 50**

12. Robbie Steinhart
13. Debbie LeVeon

**1598 University Construction Project**

14. Alice Chuang

**Corridor Meetings**

15. Nori Hudson

16. Joaquin R Carbonell IV

**Frances Albrier Community Center**

17. Mira Stein

18. Kelly Zito

**Vegetation Management Work Group**

19. Gina Rieger

20. Abhijit Bhat

21. Colin Arnold

**Large Vehicle Parking**

22. Steven Donaldson

**Berkeley's Future**

23. Margot Smith

**Center Street Concerns**

24. Lori Pottinger

**Bike Plan Feedback**

25. Carol Denney

**Tree Trimming Concern**

26. Kelly Zito

**Gray Panthers Speaker**

27. Betsy Morris on behalf of the Gray Panthers Berkeley East Bay

**E-Scooters**

28. Robert Borghese Byler (9)

**Middle East Conflict**

29. Crystyrusty

30. Russbumper

**Forwards**

31. Russbumper

**URL's**

32. Russbumper (2)

33. Candace Hyde-Wang

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports**

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- **Supplemental Communications and Reports 2**  
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