



Energy Commission

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES July 23, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Sarah Ranney, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani
Alison LaBonte (Vice Chair), *District 2*, Councilmember Taplin
Brianna McGuire (Chair), *District 3*, Councilmember Bartlett
Daniel Tahara, *District 4*, Councilmember Tregub
Yasmin Mahmoudian, *District 5*, Councilmember O'Keefe
Les Guliasi, *District 6*, Councilmember Blackaby
Misha Kesselman, *District 7*, Councilmember Lunaparra
Kera Binns, *District 8*, Councilmember Humbert
Vacant, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii
Mabel Athansiou, *Youth Commissioner*
Shanza Syed, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:02

Commissioners Present: LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Ranney, Mahmoudian,

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):

5 member(s) of the Public
0 comments

4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (July 23, 2025)

Motion/second to approve the July 23, 2025 Minutes (Binns, Tahara). The motion carried: 6-0-2-2; **Ayes:** LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Athanasiou, Syed. **Absent:** Ranney, Mahmoudian

5. Agenda Check:

6. Update from Chair (Brianna McGuire)

7. Update from Staff (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion & Action: Hear a presentation and provide input on the [Zero Waste Strategic Plan](#) (Ruth Abbe) [Public Comments: 1]

9. Discussion & Action: Hear an update on Sun Day (9/21) event planning (Kera Binns) [Public Comments: 0]

Motion/second to endorse and sign on as partners for Sun Day (LaBonte, Kesselman). The motion carried: 8-0-0-2; **Ayes:** LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, Mahmoudian*

**Per the Commissioner Manual (p. 38), the Commission's role is advisory to the City Council, and the Commission may not act as a sponsor of, or participate in, community events without the authorization of the Council. As a result, this vote is not currently valid.*

Commissioner Guliasi exited the meeting at 7:25pm

10. Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
- b. Justice (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
- c. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
- d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

11. Commission Liaison Reports [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
- b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (vacant)
- c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
- d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
- e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
- f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)
- h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

12. Potential Items for Future Agenda [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Just Transition update (Sept-Oct)
- b. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Sept-Oct)

- c. Councilmember referral ranking and the nexus with climate/environment (Sept-Oct)
- d. Reach Codes update (Sept-Oct)
- e. Vision 2050+
- f. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- g. Transfer Station
- h. City efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- i. Bicycle Boulevards

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Communications

14. Announcements from Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:41 pm (Binns, Kesselman). The motion carried: 7-0-0-3;
Ayes: LaBonte, McGuire, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Gulasi, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou,
Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, Mahmoudian, Gulasi.

Minutes Approved:

/S/ Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary