



AGENDA

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 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.*

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.

Recess Items

- Contract No. 32400122 Amendment: Buhler Commercial for Willard Park Clubhouse and Restroom Replacement Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during the City Council recess to increase Contract No. 32400122 by \$30,000 for a not to exceed amount of \$6,861,067.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Consent Calendar

- 2. 2026 Tax Rate: Transportation Network Company User Tax**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,985–N.S setting the 2026 tax rate (effective January 1, 2026) for the transportation network company at the following rates: 62 cents on the user for each prearranged trip that originates in the City that is not part of a pooled prearranged trip and 30 cents for each pooled prearranged trip on each user who arranges each prearranged trip that originates in the City and which comprises part of the pooled prearranged trip.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 3. Adopt Revisions to the 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution modifying the City Council regular meeting schedule for 2025, with starting times of 6:00 p.m., to reschedule the November 4, 2025, regular meeting to November 10, 2025.
Financial Implications: See Report
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
- 4. Contract: Healthy Black Families for the African American Holistic Resource Center Project Sankofa**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Healthy Black Families (HBF) for the African American Holistic Resource Center Project Sankofa, which will be funded through the State of California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports funds, for a not to exceed amount of \$300,000, through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, (510) 981-7000

Consent Calendar

5. Revenue Grant: FEMA Seismic Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a letter of commitment of matching funds for a seismic Hazard Mitigation Grant application for the City of Berkeley Civic Center Project-Seismic Retrofit of MSB and VMB to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and subject to its award, to accept the grant, execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments, accept any additional funding allocations from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and designate the City Manager as the applicant's authorized agent. If awarded, the grant will underwrite the seismic retrofit of two historic and critical buildings in Berkeley's Civic Center, the Maudelle Shirek Building ("MSB" or "Old City Hall") and the Veterans Memorial Building ("VMB").

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530

6. Revenue Grant: FEMA Fire Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a letter of commitment of matching funds for a Hazard Mitigation Grant application for the City of Berkeley Home Hardening and Defensible Space Grants Project to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and subject to its award, to accept the grant, execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments, accept any additional funding allocations from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and designate the City Manager and Deputy City Manager as the applicant's authorized agents.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400, David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

7. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on October 14, 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

- 8. Contract No. 10271 Amendment: Lease of 1521-1535 University Avenue**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 10271 with Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) through June 30, 2031, adding \$1,200,000 for a total contract amount of \$2,709,949.20, to fund lease payments for 1521-1535 University Avenue.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
- 9. Contract No. 31900009 Amendment: McKinley House (2111 McKinley Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94703)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900009 with Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) through June 30, 2026, adding \$84,474 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$911,133, to fund Mental Health clients living at 2111 McKinley Avenue in Berkeley.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
- 10. Contract: Preferred Alliance, Inc. for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase the amount of the current contract and any amendments with Preferred Alliance Inc., to continue to provide third party administration of the City's Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program which expires at the end of 2025. An extension is necessary through June 30, 2027. A contract cap increase is required in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to continue services.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
- 11. Contract: ESI Group for IBM Hardware, Software, and related Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with ESI Group for IBM hardware, software and related services (AS400) for the FUNDS\$ system for an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for the period commencing on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500

Council Consent Items

- 12. Residents Oppose Broadcasting Obnoxious Cacophony Out in Public (ROBOCOP) (Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)**
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager a request that the City Attorney draft amendments to Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.40, Community Noise, to prohibit in certain circumstances the installation and use of motion-activated surveillance devices that emit artificial or pre-recorded sound—including alarms, sirens, or voice recordings—in response to the presence or motion of persons in the public right-of-way or on private property that is open to the public, with additional clarification regarding location parameters and permissible volume levels. This prohibition shall apply to such devices when installed in the public right-of-way or on private property when triggered by motion in the public right-of-way, and when the sound emitted is audible in public areas. The prohibition shall not apply to conventional burglar alarms that activate only in response to unauthorized entry or tampering.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item with a qualified positive recommendation to Council, requesting that the City Attorney draft ordinance language as outlined in the recommendation, with additional clarification regarding location parameters and permissible volume levels.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
- 13. Urging Police Accountability Board Regulations Completion**
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution urging the Police Accountability Board (PAB), Berkeley Police Association (BPA), the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) and the City of Berkeley to complete negotiations on final PAB Regulations.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

Information Reports

- 14. Changes to Special Events Permitting Fees and Requirements**
From: City Manager
Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
- 15. Referral Response Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness**
From: City Manager
Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Information Reports

16. **Staff Shortages: City Services Constrained by Staff Retention Challenges and Delayed Hiring Audit Status Report**
From: City Manager
Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
17. **Civic Arts Grant Awards: Fiscal Year 2026**
From: City Manager
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
18. **Update: HR Response: Audit Directive(s) for Comprehensive Domestic Violence Policy to Support City Employees**
From: City Manager
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
19. **Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2000 Blake Street /#LMIN2025-0003**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Adjournment

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Numainville".

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

## **Communications**

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### **Road Repair**

1. Gene Hendrix

### **Spray Paint Concern**

2. Phil Ardery

### **Affordable Housing**

3. Margot Smith

### **Bicycle Accident Concern**

4. Suzanne Sattergren

### **Berkeley Bicycle Plan**

5. Nathaniel Kane on behalf of parents of children at Sylvia Mendez Elementary School
6. Kelly Hammargren
7. Evan Lovett-Harris
8. Megan R. Schwarzman
9. Cindi Goldberg
10. Save Hopkins
11. Marguerite Lee
12. Tom Lent
13. Margaret Leventhal
14. Ben Gerhardtstein on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
15. Noah Budnick on behalf of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission

### **Railroad Quiet Zones**

16. Rod Richardson

### **Transparency at Commission Meetings**

17. Dorothea Dorenz

### **RV Policy Proposal**

18. Tony Boyle

### **Bologna as Precedent**

19. John J. Parman

**CareBridge Program**

20. Fran Haselsteiner

**Rose Street Concerns**

21. Walk Bike Berkeley

**Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project**

22. Transition Berkeley Board Members

**Health Policy Change**

23. Anson Chau

**Berkeley Cannabis Tax**

24. Louise Booth

**Draft Berkeley Reparations Note**

25. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen

**Upzoning**

26. Vivian Pisano

27. Anne Boersma

**Berkeley Beef Concern**

28. Cybersailor

**SB79**

29. Margots999

**California Theater**

30. Charlene M. Woodcock

**Transportation Services**

31. Anastasia Gomes

**Research Collaboration**

32. Neel Shetty

**Mr. Mopps Read-In Event**

33. Jen Corn

**Berkeley High Safety Zone**

34. Cassandra Tesch

**Sun Day Berkeley**

35. Kera Binns

**Public Comment**

36. Rose A. Davila

**Public School Athletic Trainings**

37. Nicoletta Karam

**EMBER**

38. Nenelle Bunnin

**Slice of Our Markets**

39. Cynthia Murdough

**Children Safety Concerns**

40. Angela Patterson Briscoe

**Downtown Berkeley Concerns**

41. Ed Iskander

**8<sup>th</sup> Street**

42. Angela Beggs (2)

43. Marriane Riddle

44. Natasha Ravnik

**New Micro Mobility Study**

45. Nicolas Nagle

46. Scott Artis

**Construction Settlement Repairs**

47. Hector91 Phuentes

**Berkeley Marina**

48. Beatriz Quinones

**Encampments**

49. Jo Ann Driscoll

50. John Waters

**Mechanical Street Sweeping**

51. Scott Stewart

**Kala Bagai Way Naming**

52. Prabhjot Singh

53. Negeene Mosead

**PIN Request**

54. Alexander Merenkov

**2020 Kittrege**

- 55. Alexander Merenkov (6)
- 56. Manreet Gill
- 57. HCI
- 58. K Street Flats

**E-Scooters**

- 59. Robert Borghese (8)
- 60. Devin Dollinger (2)
- 61. Nicolas Nagle (3)
- 62. Wahid Amiri

**Eid's Television**

- 63. Eid

**Elementary Reading Program Concerns**

- 64. 2,989 Similarly worded form letters

**Newsletters**

- 65. Richard Schwartz
- 66. Todd Jersey

**Forwards**

- 67. Russbumper

**URL's**

- 68. Russbumper (2)

**Supplemental Communications and Reports**

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