



## AGENDA

### BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 10, 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. Evie Wozniak, Berkeley Resident

**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. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on November 10, 2025**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids 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

- 2. Contract: Tablet Command for Mobile CAD and Incident Command**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or their designee to enter into a contract and any amendments with Tablet Command for Mobile CAD and Incident Command by piggybacking on a contract with the City of Long Beach. The Berkeley contract will be effective November 5, 2025, and end on September 21, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 which includes one-time startup costs. The contract may be extended for three additional one-year periods at a cost not to exceed \$85,000 per year.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
- 3. Contract: 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, or delegate, to issue purchase orders with Protiviti for professional services using GSA purchasing vehicle no. GS35F-0280X in support of the following City Departments: Fire, Public Works, and Information Technology, for an amount not to exceed \$892,000 through June 30, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473, Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300, Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
- 4. Amend Resolution No. 71,682-N.S for Joint Homekey+ Application for MLK House at 2942-44 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 71,682-N.S authorizing the City Manager or his designee to increase the requested grant funds amount to the State of California Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department’s Homekey+ program for the MLK House project from \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

## Consent Calendar

**5. Grant Application: The 2025 Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant program of the California Division of Boating & Waterways**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to 1) Submit a grant application to the California Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) 2025 Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant program for the removal and disposal of anticipated abandoned vessels located at the Berkeley Marina; 2) Accept the grant; 3) Execute any amendments; and 4) Authorize a local match contribution of \$1,000.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

## Council Consent Items

**6. Fifteenth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: City Sponsorship and Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund**

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

**Recommendation:**

1. Adopt a Resolution co-sponsoring the 15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on January 19, 2026.

2. Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment, the fiscal sponsor of the 15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

**7. Reappointment of Dr. P. Robert Beatty to the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees**

**From: Mayor Ishii (Author)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution reappointing Dr. P. Robert Beatty to the Board of Trustees of the Alameda County Abatement District for a four-year term ending on January 1, 2030.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

## Council Consent Items

### 8. Resolution of the City of Berkeley Supporting the Bay Area Air District's Zero Emission Building Appliance Rules

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

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution in support of the Bay Area Air District's Zero-Emission Building Appliance Rules phasing out the sale of polluting gas-fired water heating and space heating equipment starting in 2027 for water heaters and 2029 for furnaces. The resolution also supports common-sense amendments to the rules to ensure flexibility for residents who have particular difficulty with compliance.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

## 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.*

*If ten or fewer persons are interested in speaking during a public hearing, 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.*

*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.*

## Action Calendar – Public Hearings

### 9. Adoption of the 2025 California Fire Code with Local Amendments

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:**

1. Adopt the first reading of an Ordinance repealing the Berkeley Fire Code (Berkeley Municipal Chapter 19.48) and reenacting BMC Chapter 19.48;
2. Adopt a Resolution setting forth findings of local conditions that require more stringent building standards than those provided by the 2025 California Fire Code (“CFC”) and rescinding Resolution number 71,710–N.S.;
3. Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution establishing annual permit fees, inspection and billing rates for inspection of property sites by the Berkeley Fire Department, and rescinding Resolution number 71,837–N.S. and all Resolutions amendatory thereof.
4. In compliance with state law on adopting such codes by reference, hold a public hearing following the first reading and before the second reading, and schedule the public hearing for December 2, 2025.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

## Action Calendar – New Business

### 10. Adoption of and Amendments to the California Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:**

1. Adopt the first reading of an Ordinance creating a new Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 19.49 and adopting the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code, Title 24 Part 7, along with local amendments.
2. Adopt a Resolution setting forth findings of local climatic, geological, and topographical conditions that require more stringent standards than those in the State Code.
3. In compliance with state law on adopting such codes by reference, hold a public hearing following the first reading, and before the second reading, and schedule the second reading and public hearing for December 2, 2025.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

## Action Calendar – New Business

11. **Annual Surveillance Technology Report for Body Worn Cameras, GPS Trackers, Fixed Surveillance Video Cameras, Parking Enforcement Officer Automated License Plate Readers, the Street Level Imagery Project, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Fixed Automated License Plate Readers**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, adopt a Resolution accepting the Surveillance Technology Report for Body Worn Cameras, GPS Trackers, Fixed Surveillance Video Cameras, Automated License Plate Readers, the Street Level Imagery Project, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Fixed Automated License Plate Readers.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

## Council Action Items

12. **Referral to Amend Berkeley Municipal Codes 3.24.120 and 3.24.300 to Improve Procedure for Designating Landmarks, Historic Districts and Structures of Merit**

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

**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager and City Attorney to amend two related Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) sections: 3.24.120, “Landmarks, Historic Districts and Structures of Merit-Designation-Initiation Procedures,” and its related BMC section 3.24.300, “Appeals-Procedures Required-City Council Authority.”

This referral recommends refinements to the procedure for designating landmarks, historic districts, and structures of merit to discourage frivolous designations, often of sites that are planned to be redeveloped to address our City’s housing shortage.

Proposed amendments include the following two changes to the BMC:

- 1) Raising the threshold for the number of residents needed to sign the verified application of initiation of designation from 50 to 200; and
- 2) For properties located in residential zoning districts, require 51 percent of the residents within a 300-foot radius of the subject building/structure to be among the applicants signing on to initiate the landmark / structure of merit designation, similar to the threshold used for other City procedures by the Planning and Public Works departments. We note that this second requirement may necessitate the collection of more than 200 signatures.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

## Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

## Adjournment

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North Branch – 1170 The Alameda, Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch – 1901 Russell

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

## **Communications**

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### **Waterside Workshops**

1. Erin Woodell

### **California Writers Club**

2. Richard Schwartz (2)

### **My Town AI**

3. John J. Parman

### **Dia de Los Muertos Event**

4. Adriana Betti on behalf of the Muertos Committee

### **Strong Shoreline Initiative**

5. Rigel Robinson

### **IKE Kiosks**

6. Sylvia

### **Care for Homeless People**

7. Diana Bohn

### **Housing Concerns**

8. Benito Romero

**Traffic Safety**

9. Whytes

**Business Rights**

10. Todd Andrew (2)

11. Beth Roessner

**New CA State Legislation**

12. Todd Andrew

**Drone Proposal**

13. Wendy Alfsen

**Flock Concerns**

14. Margots999

**Elementary Reading Program**

15. Marlene Cohen

**Eid's Television**

16. Eid (3)

**Newsletters**

17. Berkeley Art Center

18. Downtown Berkeley Association

**Middle East Conflict**

19. Rebecca Ayers Azran (3)

**Forwards**

20. Russbumper (3)

**URL's**

21. Russbumper

**E-Scooters**

22. Robert Borghese (6)

23. Devin Dollinger (4)

24. Wahid Amiri (3)

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