



## AGENDA

### BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 2, 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, Community 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

- 1. Amendments to Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale or Use of Coordinated Pricing Algorithms (BMC 13.63)**  
**From: City Attorney**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,992-N.S. amending the Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale or Use of Coordinated Pricing Algorithms (BMC 13.63).  
**First Reading Vote:** Ayes - Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bartlett.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6950

## Consent Calendar

### 2. **Amendment: FY 2026 Annual Appropriations Ordinance**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,993-N.S. amending the FY 2026 Annual Appropriations Ordinance No. 7,977–N.S. for fiscal year 2026 based upon recommended re-appropriation of committed FY 2025 funding and other adjustments authorized since July 1, 2025.

**First Reading Vote:** Ayes - Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bartlett.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Maricar Dupaya, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

### 3. **Sanctuary City Contracting Ordinance Updates**

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

**Recommendation:** Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,994-N.S. amending the Sanctuary City Contracting Ordinance (BMC 13.105) to mirror key definitions with the language in the new Sanctuary City Ordinance and shorten the Right to Cure time period from 90 days to 30 days.

**First Reading Vote:** Ayes - Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bartlett.

**Financial Implications:** None

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

### 4. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Title 23 of the Berkeley Municipal Code for Consistency with State Law and Technical Edits (SLTE 2025)**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 7,995-N.S. amending the following sections of the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) to maintain consistency and accuracy:

- 23.202.030 Additional Permit Requirements (Residential)
- 23.202.050 R-1 Single Family Residential District
- 23.202.080 R-2 Restricted Two-Family Residential District
- 23.202.090 R-2A Restricted Multiple-Family Residential District
- 23.202.100 R-3 Multiple-Family Residential District
- 23.206.090 MU-R Mixed Use Residential District
- 23.326.030 Demolition of Residential Units
- 23.326.040 Eliminating Dwelling Units through Combination with Other Units

**First Reading Vote:** All Ayes.

**Financial Implications:** None

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

## Consent Calendar

### 5. Minutes for Approval

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of November 6, 2025 (special), November 10, 2025 (closed), November 10, 2025 (regular), November 18, 2025 (special and regular).

**Financial Implications:** None

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

### 6. Revised Conflict of Interest Code

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving a revised Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Berkeley and rescinding Resolution No. 71,108–N.S.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

### 7. Acceptance of Grant Funds and Contract: Healthy Black Families – Equity 4 Black Berkeley (E4BB) Transition

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: 1. Accepting \$90,000 in grant funds from the San Francisco Foundation to support the Equity 4 Black Berkeley (E4BB) initiative; and 2. Authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract and any amendments with Healthy Black Families (HBF) for an amount not to exceed \$90,000 to provide technical assistance, fiscal sponsorship, and organizational development services to support the establishment of an independent nonprofit organization to carry forward the work of Equity 4 Black Berkeley.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Rex Brown, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

### 8. Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Downtown Property-Based Business Improvement District (PBID) Petition and Ballot on Behalf of the City of Berkeley

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: 1. Authorizing the City Manager to approve and sign the "Preliminary Petition to Reestablish the Downtown Berkeley Property-Based Business Improvement District" document on behalf of City-owned properties in the proposed Downtown PBID area; and 2. In the event the petition is successful in generating a ballot process to reestablish a Downtown PBID, authorizing the City Manager to vote YES on any ballots on behalf of City-owned properties in the proposed Downtown PBID area.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

## Consent Calendar

**9. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on December 2, 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

**10. Contract: CentralSquare Technologies, LLC for Dispatch Center Software and Services**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or their designee to enter into a contract with Central Square Technologies, LLC for Dispatch Center software and services using Sourcewell Contract No. 030425. The four-year contract base period will begin on December 1, 2025, and end November 30, 2029, and will not exceed \$103,635. There will be two optional one-year extensions, from December 1, 2029, to November 30, 2031. The total six-year contract amount will not exceed \$212,602 which includes a \$20,000 contingency.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

**11. Revenue Contract: 2026 Community Services Block Grant**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to:  
1. Accept the 2026 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract to provide services for low-income people from January 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027; and, 2. Execute any resultant agreements and amendments including amendments that may decrease or increase the contract amount, add discretionary funding, and change or update the contract terms.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

**12. Contract No. 32000232 Amendment: Worldwide Travel Staffing for Nurse Registry Services**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to amend Contract No. 32000232 with Worldwide Travel Staffing for nurse registry services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,772,580 through June 30, 2027. This amendment will add \$500,000 in funding and two years to the contract term, through June 30, 2027.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

## Consent Calendar

**13. Loan Modifications for Existing Housing Trust Fund Projects: Margaret Breland Homes (2577 San Pablo Avenue) and Mable Howard Apartments (3250 Sacramento Street)**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving amendments to existing Housing Trust Fund (HTF) loan documents for Margaret Breland Homes and Mable Howard Apartments to: 1. Approve the transfer of ownership of both properties to Berkeley Senior Recap, L.P., a new ownership entity formed to apply for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), with Resources for Community Development (RCD) as the Managing General Partner; 2. Approve the addition of the future tax credit investor limited partner at the time of the construction loan closing, as required by the LIHTC program; 3. Approve the extension of the City's current loans and regulatory agreements for both properties to new 55-year periods and the reduction of interest rates from 6% simple interest to the Applicable Federal Rate (AFR) in effect at the time of construction loan closing (currently approximately 4.8%); and 4. Authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute all documents required to effectuate these actions, including amendments to existing loan agreements.

**Financial Implications:** See report.

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

**14. Contract No. 081263-1 Amendment: Uprise Claremont Behavioral Services for Employee Assistance Program Services**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 081263-1 with Uprise Claremont Behavioral Services (Claremont) in order to provide continued services for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) by approving the rate increases for January 1, 2026 through January 1, 2029 and extending the contract from December 31, 2025 through January 1, 2029.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800

**15. Adoption of Successor Memorandum Agreement: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:**

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the successor three-year Memorandum Agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245 with a term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, authorizing the City Manager to execute and implement the revised terms and conditions of employment set forth in the Memorandum Agreement; and

2. Adopt a new classification and salary resolution for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1245 and rescinding Resolution No. 70,453-N.S.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800

## Consent Calendar

- 16. Contract: Plante Moran for Professional Services and Licensing of Informatica Integration Platform as a Service (iPaaS)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Plante Moran for professional services and software licensing of the Informatica Integration Platform as a Service (iPaaS) in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 from December 3, 2025 through December 31, 2027.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
- 17. Contract No. 32400019 Amendment: Berkeley Community Media for Public Access Television**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32400019 with Berkeley Community Media (“BCM”) for Public, Educational, and Governmental (“PEG”) access services for an additional \$150,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,004,130.  
**Financial Implications:** PEG Access Fund - \$150,000  
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
- 18. Contract No. 32400104 Amendment: SmartWave for City Facility Managed Wi-Fi**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32400104 with Smartwave Technologies LLC, for managed Wi-Fi and related services increasing the amount by \$280,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$900,000 from July 25, 2023 to June 30, 2027.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
- 19. Contract No. 31900184 Amendment: Alcor Solutions, Inc. for Professional Services for ServiceNow and Intranet**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to contract No. 31900184 with Alcor Solutions, Inc. for professional services for ServiceNow and the City’s Intranet increasing the amount by \$155,000 for an amended total not to exceed amount of \$990,564 from February 14, 2017 to June 30, 2026.  
**Financial Implications:** IT Cost Allocation Fund - \$155,000  
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500

## Consent Calendar

- 20. Donation for the Thousand Oaks School Park Improvement Project in Memory of Michael Seltzer**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation of up to \$80,000 for the Thousand Oaks School Park Improvement Project in memory of Michael Seltzer.  
**Financial Implications:** See report.  
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
- 21. Contract: Bauman Landscape and Construction, Inc. for The Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex Community Facility, Pickleball Courts and U8 Soccer Field Project**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving the plans and specifications for the Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex Community Facility, Pickleball Courts and U8 Soccer Field Project (Bid Specification No. 25-11736-C); and 2. Rejecting the bid protest of Azul Works, Inc., the second-lowest bidder; and 3. Accepting the bid of Bauman Landscape and Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder on the Project; and 4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, with Bauman Landscape and Construction, Inc., for the Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex Community Facility, Pickleball Courts and U8 Soccer Field Project, in an amount not to exceed \$6,515,433, which includes a contract base amount of \$5,223,909 and additive bid No. 1 in the amount of \$769,134 and an 8.7% contingency in the amount of \$522,391 for unforeseen circumstances.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
- 22. Grant Application: Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Tree Planting Proposal**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) grant application to plant urban forest trees in the amount up to \$750,000; to accept the grant; to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments; and authorizing the implementation of the project and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.  
**Financial Implications:** One-Time Grants Fund - \$750,000 (revenue)  
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

## Consent Calendar

**23. Grant Application: Ocean Protection Council SB1 funds for the University Ave Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit a grant application to the Ocean Protection Council SB1 program for the University Ave Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan for up to \$500,000; accept any grants; execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and that Council authorize the implementation of the project and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.

**Financial Implications:** \$500,000 (revenue)

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

**24. Grant Application: the CA Economic Development Department's Employment Training and Pathways Program Funding for Additional YouthWorks Participants**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution designating the City Manager or his designee as the authorized signatory to submit a grant application to the CA Employment Training and Pathways Program for up to \$600,000; accept the grant; execute all necessary agreements, contracts, and documents required to secure and administer said funds; and the City Council authorizes the implementation of the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.

**Financial Implications:** \$600,000 (revenue)

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

**25. Contract: Passport Labs Incorporated for Parking Citation and Permit Management System (CPMS)**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any necessary amendments with Passport Labs Inc. for a Parking Citation and Permit Management System for a three-year contract for a total of \$1.7 million dollars with an option to extend the contract for two years for a maximum length of five years.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

## Consent Calendar

### 26a. **Loan Modification Requests for Housing Trust Fund Projects at 1139 Hearst Avenue, 3253 Adeline Street, and 1471 Addison Street and Update Interest Rates and Accrued Interest on Housing Trust Fund Loans**

**From: Housing Advisory Commission**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the following actions for Housing Trust Fund (HTF) loans and direct staff to examine the HTF administrative guidelines:

1. Extend Resources for Community Development's existing HTF loan for 1139 Hearst Avenue (Hearst Street Apartments) for five years and reduce the interest rate for the remaining term to 3% simple interest. The principal amount of \$916,000 will remain the same.
2. Combine South Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation's three HTF loans for 3253 Adeline Street (Lorin Station) into a new loan in the amount of \$1,230,117, with 0% interest and a new loan maturity date of May 7, 2079, to align with their 2021 emergency rehab loan. The Regulatory Agreement will have a term of May 7, 2079, to be coterminous with the loan maturity date.
3. Refinance existing HTF loan for 1471 Addison Street (Addison Court Housing Cooperative) into a new loan with a 55-year term and 3% simple interest. The principal amount of \$150,000 will remain the same. The Regulatory Agreement will have a term of November 1, 2080, to be coterminous with the loan maturity date.
4. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents required to effectuate these actions, including amendments to existing loan agreements.
5. Forgive the accrued interest as of the effective date of the new and/or amended loan for each new loan for Hearst Street Apartments, Lorin Station, and Addison Court Housing Cooperative.
6. Direct staff to examine the HTF administrative guidelines to update the standards for interest rates and accrued interest for future HTF loans.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Mike Uberti, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400

## Consent Calendar

**26b. Companion Report: Loan Modification Requests for Housing Trust Fund Projects at 1139 Hearst Avenue, 3253 Adeline Street, and 1471 Addison Street and Update Interest Rates and Accrued Interest on Housing Trust Fund Loans From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the following actions to modify three existing Housing Trust Fund (HTF) loans by:

1. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to extend Resources for Community Development's existing HTF loan for 1139 Hearst Avenue (Hearst Street Apartments) for five years and reducing the interest rate for the remaining term to 3% simple interest. The principal amount of \$916,000 will remain the same.
2. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to combine South Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation's three HTF loans for 3253 Adeline Street (Lorin Station) into a new loan in the amount of \$1,230,117, with 0% interest and a new loan maturity date of May 7, 2079, to align with their 2021 emergency rehab loan. The Regulatory Agreement will have a term of May 7, 2079, to be coterminous with the loan maturity date.
3. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to refinance the existing HTF loan for 1471 Addison Street (Addison Court Housing Cooperative) into a new loan with a 55-year term and 3% simple interest. The principal amount of \$150,000 will remain the same. The Regulatory Agreement will have a term of November 1, 2080, to be coterminous with the loan maturity date.
4. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all original or amended documents or agreements to effectuate these actions, including amendments to existing loan agreements.
5. Direct staff to examine the HTF administrative guidelines to update the standards for interest rates and accrued interest for future HTF loans.

**Financial Implications:** See report.

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

**27a. Affordable Housing for Artists Report**

**From: Housing Advisory Commission, Civic Arts Commission**

**Recommendation:** Approve the "Keeping Creativity Local: A Strategic Response to Affordable Housing for Artists" report and direct the City Manager to evaluate and implement the report recommendations as appropriate.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Snow Zhu, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5100, Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7530

## Consent Calendar

### 27b. Companion Report: Affordable Housing for Artists Report

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Receive the Keeping Creativity Local: A Strategic Response to Affordable Housing for Artists report. Should the Council wish to move forward with any of the report's policy recommendations, refer them to the budget process for evaluation of resource needs, feasibility, and prioritization through Reweighted Range Voting (RRV) process.

**Financial Implications:** See report.

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

## Council Consent Items

### 28. Annual Berkeley Holiday Fund: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund

**From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, \$500 from Councilmember Blackaby, and \$250 from Councilmember Igor Tregub to the Berkeley Holiday Fund 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

### 29. Urban Compassion Project: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund for Grant of Such Funds

**From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember including a \$1,000 donation from Councilmember Kesarwani and \$1,000 from Mayor Ishii to the Urban Compassion Project with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Kesarwani and Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

### 30. Resolution for Unionization Efforts by Employees of École Bilingue

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

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution in support of École Bilingue de Berkeley administrative, support, and enrichment staff unionization effort.

**Financial Implications:** None

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

## Council Consent Items

- 31. Creations Berkeley – Black Joy Club Kwanzaa Toy Drive and Celebration on December 11, 2025 – 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 an amount not to exceed \$250 per Councilmember, including \$250 from the discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to Creations Berkeley Media & Performing Arts, Inc., to support the Black Joy Club’s Kwanzaa Toy Drive and Celebration at Sylvia Mendez Elementary School on Wednesday, December 11, 2025. 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:** Councilmember’s Discretionary Funds - \$250  
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
- 32. Budget Referral: FY26 AAO1 Downtown Berkeley Revitalization Projects**  
**From: Councilmember Tregub (Author)**  
**Recommendation:** Refer the (1) Addison Catenary Lighting Project, (2) Oxford for All proposal, and (3) Harold Way Placemaking Project schematic design to the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Annual Appropriations Ordinance #1 (AAO1) budget process to be funded through the Street and Open Space Improvement Plan (SOSIP) and/or Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP) Funds.  
These projects are high-impact investments in Downtown Berkeley’s ongoing revitalization. By transforming these key downtown spaces into safe, visually captivating, walkable destinations, these projects will encourage more residents, students, and visitors to explore local shops, restaurants, and cultural venues. These projects will highlight Berkeley’s creative and transit-oriented character, inviting people to visit, linger, take photos, and share their experiences. As pedestrian and bike traffic increases, existing businesses will be encouraged to extend hours, host outdoor events, and new businesses will be encouraged to occupy vacant storefronts creating a positive cycle of growth and reinvestment that benefits the entire community.  
Through public-private collaboration and thoughtful designs, these initiatives will transform Downtown Berkeley with a spirit of creativity, inclusivity, urban vibrancy, and transit safety-- a place where people want to gather, spend time, and contribute to the city’s economic life.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

## Council Consent Items

- 33. Referral to the City Manager and City Attorney: Vibrant Storefront Policy**  
**From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Referral to the City Manager and City Attorney to develop a vibrant storefront policy that sets performance standards and considers additional strategies to address a growing number of ground-floor storefront vacancies in Berkeley's commercial districts.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
- 34. Annual Report on Gifts Received**  
**From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author)**  
**Recommendation:** Accept the Library's annual reporting to the City Council of gifts received in FY 2025 as mandated by CC Resolution No. 65,444-N.S.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150, Henry Bankhead, Library, (510) 981-6100
- 35. Board of Library Trustees Reappointment: Beverly Greene**  
**From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author)**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution Approving the Reappointment of Beverly Greene to the Board of Library Trustees ("BOLT") for a second term of four years commencing December 3, 2025.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150, Henry Bankhead, Library, (510) 981-6100
- 36. Notifying Residents of Upcoming Public Works Projects in their Neighborhoods**  
**From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Referral to the City Manager to develop a proactive communication system to alert the community of upcoming infrastructure projects from Public Works, EBMUD, PG&E, and other large housing or commercial development projects.  
**Financial Implications:** Staff time  
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

## Council Consent Items

- 37. Berkeley Symphony Orchestra Winter Promenade: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**  
**From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Lunaparra's discretionary fund and funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute to the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra (BSO) for their 2025 Winter Promenade fundraising event with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

## 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.*

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## Action Calendar – Public Hearings

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## Action Calendar – Public Hearings

### 38. **Renewal of the Elmwood Avenue BID for Calendar Year 2026**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution confirming the Annual Report and Budget for the Elmwood Business Improvement District (hereafter, “the District”, “the Elmwood BID” or “the BID”) for 2025-26 and, if no majority protest exists, levy annual assessments in the District for calendar year 2026 to finance services and improvements and authorize a fiscal agency contract with Elmwood Business Association for receipt and expenditure of District funds.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

### 39. **Renewal of the Solano Avenue BID for Calendar Year 2026**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution confirming the Annual Report and Budget for the Solano Avenue Business Improvement District (hereafter, “Solano BID Advisory Board” or “the BID”) for 2025-2026 and, if no majority protest exists, levy annual assessments in the District for calendar year 2026 to finance services and improvements and authorize a fiscal agency contract for receipt and expenditure of District funds.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

### 40. **Adoption of the 2025 California Fire Code with Local Amendments – Second Reading**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 7,990-N.S. repealing and reenacting the Berkeley Fire Code, including amendments to the California Fire Code as outlined in the proposed ordinance, plus Appendix Chapters D, E, F, O and P published by the International Code Council not included in the California Building Standards Code, as Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 19.48.

**First Reading Vote:** All Ayes.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

### 41. **Adoption of and Amendments to the California Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code – Second Reading**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 7,991-N.S. 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.

**First Reading Vote:** All Ayes

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

## Action Calendar – Public Hearings

- 42. Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to Allow the Retail Sale of Alcohol in the Telegraph Avenue Commercial (C-T) Zoning District**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt the first reading of an ordinance amending the BMC Title 23 Section 23.204.020 to allow the retail sale of alcohol in the Telegraph Avenue Commercial (C-T) zoning district.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
- 43. Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions) to Allow Separate Sale of ADUs**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt the first reading of an Ordinance to amend Berkeley Municipal Code Title 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and Chapter 23.306 Accessory Dwelling Units to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 1033 by establishing local regulations for the separate sale of ADUs as condominiums.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

## Information Reports

- 44. Economic Impact Study: Berkeley's Creative Economy and Assessment of Pandemic Relief Investments**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
- 45. Sanctuary City Contracting Compliance Report for FY 2024 and 2025**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 46. Housing Advisory Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan**  
**From: Housing Advisory Commission**  
Contact: Snow Zhu, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5100

## Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

### Adjournment

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### **Bell-to-Bell Mobile Device Policy**

1. Erica Tsai
2. Amy Hill
3. Claudia Cattoglio and Davide Pietrobon

### **Flock Concerns**

4. Lisa Ferguson
5. Amy Berlin
6. Diana Bohn
7. Summer Brenner
8. Elana Auerbach
9. Sepehr Nadimi
10. Madison Toloui
11. Berkeley Immigration Collaborative
12. Brian Hofer on behalf of Secure Justice

### **Upzoning**

13. Utkarsh Nath (2)
14. Elke Glendenning
15. Baruch Moskovits (2)
16. Vivian Dempsey
17. Jeremy Poindexter (2)

### **EMBER**

18. Margot Murtaugh

### **Public Safety Hazard Concern**

19. Varun Paul

### **Berkeley Marina Concerns**

20. Todd Jersey
21. Elizabeth Kowal and Constantine Philipides

**Measure BB**

22. Courtney Pal on behalf of non-profit affordable housing providers

**Berkeley Police at City Council Meetings**

23. Jesse Sheehan

**Parking Garage on Milvia**

24. Ben Gerhardstein

25. Ben Gerhardstein and Liza Lutzker on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley

**Carleton Street**

26. Andrew Browning

**2025 Bike Plan**

27. Harald Leventhal

**Veterans Building**

28. Berkeley Community Latino Exhibit

**Downtown Concerns**

29. Elise Proulx

**CAL Green Code Amendments**

30. Danielle Amador

31. Zella Carmichael-Price

32. Maragaret Solomon

33. Duke Cruz Dela Rosa

34. Sanjna Shah

**College Ave and Garber St. Crossing Concern**

35. Anne Whyte

**Measure FF**

36. Joel Libove

**Senior Transportation Waitlist**

37. Ariadne Fellows-Mannion

**Housing Concern**

38. Hector91 Phuentes (3)

**Missing Middle**

39. Caephren McKenna (2)

**2274 Shattuck Ave**

40. Caephren McKenna (2)

**City Council Concerns**

41. Nicholas Lavrov

**2136-2154 San Pablo**

42. Brandon Yung

**Property Taxes**

43. Stephani Lesh

**City Concern**

44. John Vail

**Landmarking**

45. Harry Delmer

46. S. Entwistle

**Holiday Party**

47. John Craner

**Street Fairs**

48. Charles Siegel on behalf of Wike Bike Berkeley

49. Alfred Twu

50. Charles Siegel (2)

51. Barbara Bent

**Renovation Schedule**

52. Alex Merenkov

**Berkeley Recycling Center**

53. Lidia Villagomez

**Formal Complaint**

54. Jon Ruel Holder II

**Density Paradox in LA**

55. John J. Parman

**Protecting Special Events**

56. Lisa Bullwinkel

**Signatures for Landmark Sites**

57. Stephen Alpert (3)

58. Beth Gerstein

**Holiday Promotions**

59. Beth Roessner

**UCB Mater Leasing**

60. Barbara Gilbert

**Property Damage Concern**

61. Beatrice Huff

**2298 Durant and 2360 Ellsworth**

62. Heidi Webb on behalf of Jolene Kramer and Andrea Matsuoka

**Newsletters**

63. Downtown Berkeley Association

64. Visit Berkeley

**New Multi-Unit Buildings**

65. Kelly Hammargren

**Elementary Reading Program**

66. Marina Ostrowicki

**Letter**

67. Eids TV

**URL's**

68. Russbumper (4)

**Forwards**

69. Russbumper (3)

**E-Scooters**

70. Robert Borghese (10)

71. Devin Dollinger (4)

72. Carson Lepre (3)

73. Chandana Silarp

74. Sukka Vinay Kumar

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