



City of Berkeley Commission Roster

The roster of current commissioners contains meeting information, secretary contact information, the purview and duties of the commission, and the current sitting members on the commission. The roster is updated twice every month. The names on this list are subject to change based on term expiration and resignations. For questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office: Commission@cityofberkeley.info

The roster contains membership information for the following commissions:

- Alternate Commissioners
- Board of Library Trustees
- Cannabis Commission
- Civic Arts Commission
- Commission on Aging
- Commission on Disability
- Commission on Labor
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Community Health Commission
- Design Review Committee
- Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
- Elmwood BID Advisory Board
- Environment and Climate Commission
- Fair Campaign Practices Commission
- Homeless Services Panel of Experts
- Housing Advisory Commission
- Human Welfare & Community Action Commission
- Landmarks Preservation Commission
- Loan Administration Board
- Mental Health Commission
- Open Government Commission
- Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission
- Peace and Justice Commission
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission
- Police Accountability Board
- Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board
- Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts
- Transportation and Infrastructure Commission
- Youth Commission
- Zero Waste Commission
- Zoning Adjustments Board

Commission Roster

Alternate Commissioner

Reso No. 67,205-NS, Ord No. 7,442-NS (2015)

Meeting Information

Secretary Information

Mark Numainville

City Clerk

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Alternate Commissioners are designated by the Mayor or a Councilmember to serve as a recurring temporary appointee in an approved leave of absence for a Commissioner appointed by the Mayor or a Councilmember, subject to the provisions of B.M.C. Chapter 3.02. The Mayor and each Councilmember may each appoint up to five Alternate Commissioners. Alternate Commissioners may only be appointed to serve on commissions that are designated by Council Resolution No. 67,205-N.S.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Alexander Sharenko	Kesarwani	01/08/2019	--
District 1	Alison Simon	Kesarwani	01/03/2023	--
District 1	Laurie Capitelli	Kesarwani	06/22/2021	--
District 1	Sarah Bell	Kesarwani	04/24/2023	--
District 1	Teresa Clarke	Kesarwani	09/27/2022	--
District 2	Benjamin Gould	Taplin	03/29/2022	--
District 2	Jeff Vincent	Taplin	05/16/2022	--
District 2	Leah Simon-Weisberg	Davila	08/02/2017	--
District 2	Timothy Xavier Johnson	Davila	06/12/2019	--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Alfred Twu	Bartlett	12/07/2017	--
District 3	Igor Tregub	Bartlett	06/26/2019	--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Holly Scheider	Harrison	01/14/2021	--
District 4	Janis Ching	Harrison	12/18/2018	--
District 4	Kitt Saginor	Harrison	01/14/2021	--
District 4	Mary Kay Lacey	Harrison	02/26/2019	--
District 4	Solomon Alpert	Harrison	04/05/2023	--
District 5	Carrie Olson	Hahn	12/21/2016	--
District 5	Igor Tregub	Hahn	09/30/2021	--
District 5	Leah Simon-Weisberg	Hahn	02/03/2017	--
District 5	Mary Kay Lacey	Hahn	04/28/2017	--
District 5	Vacant	Hahn		--
District 6	Deborah Matthews	Wengraf	09/24/2019	--
District 6	Laurie Capitelli	Wengraf	12/09/2019	--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 7	Alfred Twu	Robinson	02/05/2019	--
District 7	Brandon Yung	Robinson	04/18/2023	--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--

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District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 7 Alternate	Alyssa Plese	Robinson	06/06/2023	--
District 8	Alexander Sharenko	Droste	09/10/2019	--
District 8	Jeff Vincent	Droste	03/29/2016	--
District 8	Savlan Hauser	Droste	03/06/2017	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Carrie Olson	Arreguin	08/02/2018	--
Mayor	Dominique Walker	Arreguin	08/05/2020	--
Mayor	Leah Simon-Weisberg	Arreguin	08/24/2018	--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--

Commission Roster

Board of Library Trustees

B.M.C. 3.04 (1939)

Meeting Information

South Branch Library
1901 Russell Street
1st Wednesday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

Theresa Mayer
Library
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Charged with management and control of the Berkeley Public Library under Section 30 of the Charter. Formulates major policies and long-range plans for the Library. Four members are appointed by the Council for a term of four years. The fifth member is a Councilmember, also appointed by the Council, whose term expires on December 1 of the year their Council term expires.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Council Liaison	Sophie Hahn**	Council	12/15/2020	01/31/2024
Library	Amy Roth*	Council	01/04/2022	01/03/2026
Library	Beverly Greene	Council	08/31/2021	08/31/2025
Library	Diane Davenport	Council	04/04/2017	05/15/2023
Library	John Selawsky	Council	05/16/2020	05/16/2024

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Cannabis Commission

BMC 12.26.110 (2008) INITIATIVE Amended 05/16/2017

Meeting Information

Redwood Room, 6th Floor
2180 Milvia Street
1st Thursday - 2:00 PM

Secretary Information

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To ensure that cannabis provision in Berkeley is conducted in a safe and orderly manner to protect the welfare of Qualified Patients and the community. The commission shall consist of nine members. At least one commissioner shall be a member of a medical cannabis dispensary, one shall be a member of a collective that is not a dispensary, and one shall be a cultivator who is not primarily associated with a single dispensary and provides medical cannabis to more than one dispensary.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Raymond Robinson	Bartlett	06/14/2021	--
District 4	Owen Poindexter	Harrison	03/27/2019	--
District 5	Vacant	Hahn		--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Ezra Malmuth	Arreguin	04/01/2019	--

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Civic Arts Commission

B.M.C. 3.12 (1980)

Meeting Information

South Branch Library
1901 Russell Street
4th Wednesday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

Jennifer Lovvorn
Office of Economic Development
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Charged with promoting the arts and urban beautification.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Matthew Passmore	Maio	06/30/2016	--
District 2	Cameron Jon Woo	Taplin	12/07/2021	--
District 3	Cristina Ibarra	Bartlett	11/01/2022	--
District 4	Lisa Bullwinkel	Harrison	04/23/2018	--
District 5	Elizabeth (Liz) Ozol	Capitelli	11/19/2015	--
District 6	Dana Brooke Blecher*	Wengraf	05/04/2018	--
District 7	Modesto Covarrubias	Robinson	01/14/2019	--
District 8	Riti Dhesi**	Droste	01/19/2021	--
Mayor	Kim Anno	Arreguin	04/12/2017	--

Commission Roster

Commission on Aging

B.M.C. 3.16 (1970)

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
3rd Wednesday - 1:00 PM

Secretary Information

Tanya Bustamante
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To enhance the quality of life for people 55 years and older in the Berkeley Community, and to increase public awareness of their contributions and needs by actively promoting their health, safety, independence and participation in our community.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Graham Chisolm	Kesarwani	03/23/2023	--
District 2	Penelope Collins	Davila	07/08/2020	--
District 3	Rose Ann Cochran	Bartlett	02/01/2022	--
District 4	Margot Smith*	Harrison	11/30/2022	--
District 5	Odile Lavault	Hahn	04/10/2023	--
District 6	George Porter**	Wengraf	06/12/2018	--
District 7	Thomas Yamaguchi	Robinson	05/23/2023	--
District 8	Phyllis Orrick	Humbert	04/26/2023	--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--

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Commission on Disability

B.M.C. 3.66 (1986)

Meeting Information

Corporation Yard, Willow Room
1326 Allston Way
1st Wednesday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

Thomas Gregory
Public Works Department
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Charged with actively promoting the total integration and participation of persons with disabilities into all areas of economic, political, and community life. Membership shall be made up primarily of persons who have disabilities.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Rena Fischer	Kesarwani	04/04/2023	--
District 2	Helen Walsh**	Taplin	11/03/2021	--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Kathi Pugh	Harrison	04/05/2023	--
District 5	Vacant	Hahn		--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Mina Sun	Humbert	04/20/2023	--
Mayor	Bonnie Lewkowicz	Arreguin	05/05/2023	--

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Commission on Labor

B.M.C. 3.62 (1986)

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
3rd Wednesday (every other month) - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Emily Rose
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Establishes policy in the area of labor by preparing reports, developing information and referral services, observing and reviewing labor disputes, and promoting equal rights. Desirable criteria for appointment: membership in labor organizations, or to reflect affirmative action guidelines.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Karen L. Bowen	Kesarwani	12/23/2022	--
District 2	Alex Osborne**	Taplin	01/29/2021	--
District 3	Monica Jones	Bartlett	07/20/2021	--
District 4	Jane Scantlebury	Harrison	10/26/2021	--
District 5	Andy Katz*	Hahn	09/22/2021	--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 7	Avery Arbaugh	Robinson	04/20/2023	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Joseph (Joey) Flegel-Mishlove	Arreguin	03/15/2023	--

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Commission on the Status of Women

B.M.C. 3.48 (1981)

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
3rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

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Seeks improvement of all conditions affecting women and advocates women's issues.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Alison Simon	Kesarwani	02/07/2023	--
District 2	Alexandria Rodriguez	Taplin	03/14/2023	--
District 3	Kameka Goodwin	Bartlett	05/04/2023	--
District 4	Shirley Posey	Harrison	03/14/2023	--
District 5	Radha Seshagiri	Hahn	03/13/2023	--
District 6	Carole Marasovic*	Wengraf	11/16/2021	--
District 7	Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeno	Robinson	05/16/2023	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Tiffaney Boyd	Arreguin	04/19/2023	--

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Community Health Commission

B.M.C. 3.76 (1990)

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
4th Thursday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

Kellie Knox
Health, Housing & Community Services Department
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Advises the City Council on matters pertaining to achieving health equity in Berkeley. Appointments shall honor this mission by appointing members who have a deep understanding of the social determinants of health equity, through lived experience and/or through professional expertise.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Council Liaison	Rashi Kesarwani	Council	01/22/2019	--
District 1	Sara Webber	Kesarwani	01/24/2019	--
District 2	Benjamin Bechtolsheim	Taplin	10/28/2022	--
District 3	Jamila Nightingale	Bartlett	07/05/2022	--
District 4	Karma Smart**	Harrison	03/22/2017	--
District 5	Tora Spigner	Hahn	08/30/2017	--
District 6	Joseph Adams	Wengraf	04/14/2021	--
District 7	Eric D. Lee	Robinson	03/09/2023	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Andy Katz*	Arreguin	03/23/2017	--

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Design Review Committee

B.M.C. 23.404.060 (2021)

Meeting Information

Basement Multipurpose Room
1947 Center Street
3rd Thursday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

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A Subcommittee of the Zoning Adjustments Board, charged with the review and approval of design proposals for projects in non-residential districts. Membership shall consist of seven: two members of the Zoning Adjustments Board, one member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, one member of the Civic Arts Commission (each member appointed by that Commission); and three members of the public who are appointed by the Zoning Adjustments Board. The membership shall include a minimum of two licensed architects, one licensed landscape architect, and two laypersons.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Landscape Architect	Diana Pink	ZAB	06/11/2015	--
Layperson	Cameron Jon Woo	Civic Arts Comm.	03/28/2022	--
Layperson	Steven Finacom	Landmarks	12/07/2017	--
Licensed Architect	Janet Tam*	ZAB	03/01/2021	--
Licensed Architect	Lillian Mitchell	ZAB	07/28/2016	--
ZAB Member	Charles Kahn	ZAB	12/22/2016	--
ZAB Member	Kimberly Gaffney**	ZAB	03/12/2021	--

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Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

B.M.C. 2.88 (2006)

Meeting Information

Fire Department Training Facility
997 Cedar Street
4th Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Keith May
Fire & Emergency Services
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Advises the City Council on all matters affecting fire safety and/or disaster resilience within Berkeley, and to perform such other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council. Serves as the citizens' oversight committee for expenditure of the proceeds of the Special Tax to Fund Fire Protection and Emergency Response and Preparedness, as set forth in BMC Section 7.81.060.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Weldon Bradstreet*	Taplin	12/08/2020	--
District 3	Todd Darling	Bartlett	05/08/2023	--
District 4	Antoinette Stein	Harrison	07/05/2017	--
District 5	Shirley Dean	Hahn	02/05/2019	--
District 6	Gregory S. Murphy	Wengraf	12/05/2022	--
District 7	Harrison Raine	Robinson	12/02/2022	--
District 8	Theo Gordon	Humbert	02/23/2023	--
Mayor	Jose Luis Bedolla	Arreguin	06/26/2019	--

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Elmwood BID Advisory Board

BMC Chapter 7.84 (2013)

Meeting Information

Contact Secretary

9:00 AM

Secretary Information

Kieron Slaughter

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Advises the Council on the expenditure of revenues derived from the levy of assessments, on the classification of businesses and on the method and basis of levying the assessments. All nine members of the Advisory Board shall be owners or designated representatives of businesses that pay assessments in the District as defined in the ordinance.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Michael J. Berne	Kesarwani	04/07/2023	--
District 2	Sabra Stepak	Taplin	07/20/2021	--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Vacant	Harrison		--
District 5	Vacant	Hahn		--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Andrew Han	Droste	09/13/2022	--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--

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Environment and Climate Commission

BMC 3.82

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
4th Wednesday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

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Reviews and advises the City Council on matters related to emerging issues, policies, projects, programs, planning efforts, activities, and funding of environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience. Its scope includes advancing green buildings and resource efficiency; decarbonizing buildings and transportation; engaging and educating the community; addressing the impacts and welfare of all species, including animals, insects, and plants; reducing greenhouse gas emissions; reducing toxics and preventing pollution; and supporting environmental justice.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
	Vacant	Council		--
	Vacant	Council		--
District 1	Sarah Ranney	Kesarwani	04/12/2022	--
District 2	Marc Hedlund	Taplin	09/07/2022	--
District 3	Brianna McGuire	Bartlett	07/05/2022	--
District 4	Daniel Tahara	Harrison	01/25/2022	--
District 5	Shannon Allen	Hahn	09/27/2022	--
District 6	Leslie (Les) Guliasi	Wengraf	05/05/2022	--
District 7	Cecilia Lunaparra**	Robinson	06/21/2022	--
District 8	Benjamin Gould*	Droste	04/01/2022	--
Mayor	Igor Tregub	Arreguin	10/25/2022	--

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Fair Campaign Practices Commission

B.M.C. 2.12 (1974); Ordinance No. 4700-N.S. - INIT

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
3rd Thursday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

Sam Harvey
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Ensures that monies received or spent in municipal campaigns are fully disclosed in accordance with the Berkeley Elections Reform Act. Members serve the same term as the councilmember appointing them, may not be reappointed by the same councilmember, and shall serve until successor is appointed when term has expired. No limit to number of terms served. Members shall be registered to vote; and shall not hold or seek public office, be an officer of a political organization, contribute in any way to a Berkeley election campaign; and shall be impartial toward any person who is subject to a commission investigation.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Patrick O'Donnell	Maio	03/27/2017	--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Janis Ching	Bartlett	05/14/2019	--
District 4	Kitt Saginor	Harrison	03/16/2023	--
District 5	Jessica Blome	Hahn	02/14/2019	--
District 6	Jim Hynes*	Wengraf	02/26/2021	--
District 7	Henry Isselbacher	Robinson	05/23/2023	--
District 8	Pedro Hernandez**	Droste	08/31/2021	--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--

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Homeless Services Panel of Experts

B.M.C. 7.52.190 (2018)

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
1st Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Joshua Jacobs
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Makes recommendations on how and to what extent the City should establish and/or fund programs to end or prevent homelessness in Berkeley and provide humane services and support.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Megan Wachspress	Kesarwani	04/07/2023	--
District 2	Denah S. Bookstein	Taplin	01/22/2021	--
District 3	Paul Kealoha-Blake	Bartlett	06/01/2021	--
District 4	Mary Ann Meany	Harrison	02/22/2022	--
District 5	Vacant	Hahn		--
District 6	Alice Feller	Wengraf	02/17/2022	--
District 7	Donnell Jones	Robinson	02/09/2022	--
District 8	Jim Hynes	Humbert	04/11/2023	--
Mayor	Carole Marasovic**	Arreguin	02/22/2021	--

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Housing Advisory Commission

B.M.C. 19.44, Section 19.40.020, Ord. Nos. 6312-N.

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
1st Thursday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Anna Cash
Health, Housing & Community Services Department
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Advises Council on housing matters; advises Council on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs and funding allocations; hears and determines matters regarding the abatement of substandard and deficient buildings; serves as an appeals board for tenants and property owners regarding relocation and correction of code violations; advises Council on Housing Trust Fund (HTF) allocations.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Sara Fain	Kesarwani	02/02/2021	--
District 2	Alexandria Rodriguez	Taplin	12/08/2020	--
District 3	Mari Mendonca**	Bartlett	06/04/2019	--
District 4	Nico Calavita	Harrison	11/23/2021	--
District 5	Timothy Xavier Johnson	Hahn	01/05/2017	--
District 6	Deborah Potter*	Wengraf	06/02/2021	--
District 7	Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeno	Robinson	04/07/2023	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Leah Simon-Weisberg	Arreguin	02/06/2019	--

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Human Welfare & Community Action Commission

B.M.C. 3.78 (1990)

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
3rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

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Advises the Council concerning social welfare needs. Creates citizen awareness and encourages improved standards. Assists in the administration of the Community Action Program. Total membership is fifteen. Four of the nine Council appointees shall be members or officials of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education, or major groups and interests in the community, as required by Government Code Sections 12736(e), 12750(a)(2) and 12751. Six members shall be representatives of the poor, elected two from each of three districts established by the Council. Elected members shall be elected for terms of four years, serving no more than eight years total. Appointed members shall be appointed for one year terms which expire December 1st of each year.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Mary Behm-Steinberg*	Harrison	04/30/2019	--
District 5	Vacant	Hahn		--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 7	Melinda Zou	Robinson	10/20/2022	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--
Poverty District 1	Vacant	Elected		--
Poverty District 2	Vacant	Elected		--
Poverty District 2	Vacant	Elected		--
Poverty District 3	Vacant	Elected		--
Poverty District 3	Vacant	Elected		--

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Landmarks Preservation Commission

B.M.C. 23.404.050 (2021)

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
1st Thursday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

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Designates structures and sites having special historical and architectural interest and value. Encourages preservation, maintains list of landmarks or historic sites, and reviews construction, alteration and demolition permit applications.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Charles Enchill*	Kesarwani	09/23/2019	--
District 2	Alfred Twu	Taplin	12/11/2020	--
District 3	Kathleen Crandall	Bartlett	11/17/2017	--
District 4	Steven Finacom	Harrison	11/23/2016	--
District 5	Christopher Adams	Hahn	01/30/2017	--
District 6	Paul Schwartz	Wengraf	12/13/2018	--
District 7	Luke Leuschner	Robinson	07/02/2021	--
District 8	Denise Hall Montgomery**	Droste	09/03/2019	--
Mayor	Christopher Linvill	Arreguin	05/24/2022	--

Commission Roster

Loan Administration Board

B.M.C. 3.72 (1987)

Meeting Information

Contact Secretary

Secretary Information

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Reviews and approves business loan applications submitted by eligible Berkeley business owners and developers. Two members shall operate a business in Berkeley; three members shall possess knowledge and experience with credit analysis or lending practices; one member shall possess reasonable experience with business law. Board members are exempt from city residency requirements, and are subject to additional restrictions.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Richard Illgen	Harrison	04/27/2020	--
District 5	Marcelia Nava**	Hahn	06/03/2021	--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 7	Frank A. Tucker	Robinson	12/08/2021	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Kathleen Crandall	Bates	01/05/2016	--

Commission Roster

Mental Health Commission

Resolution Nos. 65,945-N.S.(11/27/12); 57,078 resc

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
4th Thursday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

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Health, Housing & Community Services Department
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Reviews and evaluates the community's mental health needs, resources and programs. Thirteen members are appointed by the Council. The Mayor shall be a member or the Council may designate a person of its choice instead of the Mayor. Two members shall be residents of the City of Albany (one of whom shall represent the special public interest.) Seven members shall represent the special public interest and five members shall represent general public interests as stated in the resolution. Terms shall be for three years.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Albany G.P.I	Vacant	Council		--
Albany S.P.I.	Vacant	Council		--
G.P.I.	Andrea Prichett	Council	11/18/2022	11/18/2025
G.P.I.	Dr. Margaret Fine	Council	12/02/2020	12/01/2023
G.P.I.	Edward Opton	Council	01/22/2020	01/21/2023
G.P.I.	Monica Jones*	Council	05/26/2021	05/25/2024
G.P.I.	Vacant	Council		--
Mayor's Designee	Ms. Kathryn Ann (Kate) Harrison	Arreguin	12/13/2022	--
S.P.I.	Glenn Turner	Council	06/29/2022	06/28/2025
S.P.I.	Judith Appel	Council	09/14/2022	09/13/2025
S.P.I.	Mary-Lee Smith**	Council	06/29/2022	06/28/2025
S.P.I.	Vacant	Council		--
S.P.I.	Vacant	Council		--
S.P.I.	Vacant	Council		--

Commission Roster

Open Government Commission

BMC Chapter 2.06 (2011), Ordinance No. 7,166-N.S.

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
3rd Thursday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

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The Open Government Commission consists of the members of the Berkeley Fair Campaign Practices Commission who serve as ex officio members of the Open Government Commission. The Commission hears complaints, considers ways to informally resolve those complaints, and makes recommendations to the Council regarding such complaints. The Commission may advise the Council concerning the annual report from staff, propose additional legislation or procedures that ensure the City's compliance with open government laws, and advise the City Council as to any other action or policy to enhance open and effective government in Berkeley. The appointment and tenure of members of the Commission is governed by Chapter 2.12

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Patrick O'Donnell	Maio	03/27/2017	--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Janis Ching	Bartlett	05/14/2019	--
District 4	Kitt Saginor	Harrison	03/16/2023	--
District 5	Jessica Blome	Hahn	02/14/2019	--
District 6	Jim Hynes*	Wengraf	02/26/2021	--
District 7	Henry Isselbacher	Robinson	05/23/2023	--
District 8	Pedro Hernandez**	Droste	08/31/2021	--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--

Commission Roster

Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

BMC Chapter 3.26

Meeting Information

Francis Albrier Community Center
2800 Park Street
2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Roger Miller
Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront
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Reviews and advises the City Council on issues related to all City/public parks, open space, greenery, pools, programs, recreation centers, the Waterfront, and resident camps: their physical conditions, policies, projects, programs, planning efforts, activities, and funding; early childhood education programs; and animal care issues in parks. The City Council may appoint one of its members to act as a non-voting, uncompensated liaison representative.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Reichi Lee	Kesarwani	03/01/2023	--
District 2	Claudia Kawczynska**	Taplin	12/07/2016	--
District 3	Gianna Ranuzzi	Bartlett	04/12/2023	--
District 4	Erin Diehm	Harrison	03/16/2017	--
District 5	Brennan Cox	Hahn	05/02/2019	--
District 6	Anna Avellar	Wengraf	12/07/2022	--
District 7	Davina Srioudom	Robinson	10/06/2020	--
District 8	Allan Abshez	Humbert	12/13/2022	--
Mayor	Gordon Wozniak*	Arreguin	02/07/2019	--

Commission Roster

Peace and Justice Commission

B.M.C. 3.68 (1986)

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
1st Monday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

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City Manager's Office
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Advises the Council and the School Board on issues of peace and social justice. Creates citizen awareness and develops educational programs. Total membership is fifteen. Each Councilmember and School Director make one appointment.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
BUSD	Grace Morizawa*	Appel	10/25/2018	--
BUSD	Reichi Lee	Babitt	09/01/2021	--
BUSD	Vacant	Vasudeo		--
BUSD	Vacant	Brown		--
BUSD	Vacant	Sinai		--
BUSD	Vacant	Student Director		--
District 1	Rita Maran	Maio	03/21/2016	--
District 2	Veta Jacquelin	Taplin	12/23/2020	--
District 3	J. George Lippman**	Anderson	12/18/2015	--
District 4	Diana Bohn	Harrison	10/25/2021	--
District 5	Vacant	Hahn		--
District 6	Vacant	Wengraf		--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--

Commission Roster

Personnel Board

B.M.C. 4.04 (1940)

Meeting Information

Live Oak Community Center
1301 Shattuck Avenue
1st Monday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Aram Kouyoumdjian
Human Resources Department
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Advises the City Manager on personnel policy and administration. Conducts hearings to assist in resolving complaints.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Jenny Wenk	Kesarwani	12/07/2021	--
District 2	Maya Karpinski	Taplin	12/23/2020	--
District 3	Nic O'Loughlin	Bartlett	09/06/2022	--
District 4	Darryl M. Bartlow	Harrison	01/04/2016	--
District 5	Mary Kay Lacey*	Hahn	04/28/2017	--
District 6	Robert Dixon	Wengraf	08/25/2022	--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Aviva Gilbert	Droste	04/18/2019	--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--

Commission Roster

Planning Commission

B.M.C. 3.28 (1947)

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
1st Wednesday - 5:30 PM

Secretary Information

Grace Wu
Planning & Development Department
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Oversees and reviews the planning process and planning issues. Specific types of matters which come before the Planning Commission include revisions to the General Plan, Area Plans, Zoning Ordinance amendments, etc., including EIR and subdivision approvals.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Blaine Andrew Merker	Kesarwani	12/22/2022	--
District 2	Jeff Vincent*	Taplin	12/07/2020	--
District 3	John E. Moore III	Bartlett	06/22/2021	--
District 4	Christina Oatfield	Harrison	08/30/2021	--
District 5	Elisa Mikiten	Hahn	08/31/2021	--
District 6	Emily Marthinsen	Wengraf	01/30/2023	--
District 7	Alfred Twu	Robinson	06/16/2021	--
District 8	Savlan Hauser	Droste	12/04/2020	--
Mayor	Barnali Ghosh**	Arreguin	12/16/2020	--

Commission Roster

Police Accountability Board

Charter Article XVIII

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
2nd & 4th Wednesday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

Hansel A. Aguilar
Office of the Director of Police Accountability
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Promotes public trust through independent, objective, civilian oversight of the Berkeley Police Department, provides community participation in setting and reviewing Police Department policies, practices, and procedures, and provides a means for prompt, impartial and fair investigation of complaints brought by members of the public against sworn employees of the Berkeley Police Department.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Alternate	Vacant	Council		--
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Regina Harris**	Taplin	06/01/2021	--
District 3	John E. Moore III*	Bartlett	06/01/2021	--
District 4	Kitty Calavita	Harrison	06/01/2021	--
District 5	Leah Wilson	Hahn	05/23/2023	--
District 6	Juliet Leftwich	Wengraf	06/01/2021	--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--

Commission Roster

Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board

Ordinance No. 6787; Resolution No. 62,389

Meeting Information

Solano BID District
Contact Secretary

Secretary Information

Vincent McCoy
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Advises the Council on the expenditure of revenues derived from the levy of assessments, on the classification of businesses and on the method and basis of levying the assessments. All nine members of the Advisory Board shall be owners or designated representatives of businesses that pay assessments in the District as defined in the ordinance.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Todd Andrew**	Kesarwani	11/01/2019	--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Vacant	Harrison		--
District 5	Thuy Nguyen	Hahn	01/26/2021	--
District 6	Fern Solomon	Wengraf	04/27/2023	--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Vacant	Arreguin		--

Commission Roster

Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts

B.M.C. Section 7.72.090 (2014) - INIT

Meeting Information

West Berkeley Family Wellness Center
1900 Sixth Street

3rd Thursday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

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Health, Housing and Community Services
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Makes recommendations on how and to what extent the City should establish and/or fund programs to reduce the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages in Berkeley and to address the effects of such consumption. Each member of the Panel must: 1) have experience in community-based youth food and nutrition programs; or 2) have experience in school-based food and nutrition programs and be referred by the Berkeley Unified School District; or 3) have experience in early childhood nutrition education; or 4) have experience in researching public health issues or evaluating public health programs related to diabetes, obesity, and sugary drink consumption; or 5) be a licensed medical practitioner.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Xavier Morales**	Maio	10/23/2018	--
District 2	Michael A. Rodriguez	Taplin	02/24/2023	--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Janice Kao	Harrison	03/31/2023	--
District 5	Vacant	Hahn		--
District 6	Pat Crawford	Wengraf	04/18/2023	--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Kenneth Hecht*	Droste	03/15/2022	--
Mayor	Michael Chan	Arreguin	02/16/2023	--

Commission Roster

Transportation and Infrastructure Commission

Resolution No. 70 410-N.S.

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
7:00 PM

Secretary Information

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EAnderson@berkeleyca.gov

Advises the City Council with respect to Transportation and Public Works infrastructure policies, facilities, and services.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Karen Parolek	Kesarwani	07/05/2022	--
District 2	Kim Walton	Taplin	08/24/2022	--
District 3	Liza Lutzker	Bartlett	07/05/2022	--
District 4	Rick Raffanti	Harrison	01/18/2023	--
District 5	Bryce Nesbitt	Hahn	01/18/2023	--
District 6	Ray Yep	Wengraf	07/05/2022	--
District 7	Noelani Fixler	Robinson	08/30/2022	--
District 8	Adrian Leung	Droste	08/24/2022	--
Mayor	Barnali Ghosh	Arreguin	07/22/2022	--

Commission Roster

Youth Commission

B.M.C. 3.42 (1976)

Meeting Information

Corporation Yard, Willow Room
1326 Allston Way
2nd Monday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

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Identifies the needs of youth, reviews and recommends youth services and programs. Each Councilmember appoints one member and the School Board appoints nine members for a total of eighteen. Terms are for one year with no member serving more than four consecutive terms. Desirable criteria: members be residents of the city, between the ages of 12-25, and at least half be junior or high school students.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
BUSD	Kahlil Larry Powell	Brown	02/05/2021	--
BUSD	Ki'Donyae Bell	Shanoski	04/27/2023	--
BUSD	Nicholas Sanders	Babitt	04/28/2021	--
BUSD	Nina Thompson*	BUSD	03/25/2021	--
BUSD	Vacant	BUSD		--
BUSD	Vacant	BUSD		--
BUSD	Vacant	Leyva-Cutler		--
BUSD	Vacant	Alper		--
BUSD	Vacant	Vasudeo		--
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Teairra Brown	Bartlett	03/08/2023	--
District 4	Vacant	Harrison		--
District 5	Django Morgan	Hahn	01/25/2023	--
District 6	Anna Khan-Akselrod	Wengraf	09/26/2022	--
District 7	Anjani Chokkalingam**	Robinson	03/21/2022	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Hannah Slattery-Weisberg	Arreguin	10/08/2021	--

Commission Roster

Zero Waste Commission

B.M.C. 3.40 (1972)

Meeting Information

Corporation Yard, Willow Room
1326 Allston Way
4th Tuesday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

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The Commission is responsible for making recommendations on City solid waste policy and goals, including commercial and residential garbage and recycling services, budgets, and other decisions relating to solid waste in the City of Berkeley. Council shall appoint one of its members as liaison. In February 2006 the City Council changed the Commission's name from the Solid Waste Management Commission to the Zero Waste Commission.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Steven Sherman**	Kesarwani	05/06/2021	--
District 2	Rachel Doughty	Taplin	12/23/2020	--
District 3	Antoinette Stein	Bartlett	07/11/2018	--
District 4	Holly Scheider	Harrison	03/07/2023	--
District 5	Christienne de Tournay Birkhahn*	Hahn	02/23/2017	--
District 6	Sandra Curtis	Wengraf	04/06/2021	--
District 7	Vacant	Robinson		--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Natalie Calhoun Wechsler	Arreguin	09/15/2022	--

Commission Roster

Zoning Adjustments Board

B.M.C. 23.404.070 (2021)

Meeting Information

BUSD Board Room
1231 Addison Street
2nd & 4th Thursday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

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Makes findings and recommendations for granting or denying variance and use permits as provided for in the Zoning Ordinance, Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance and Neighborhood Commercial Preservation Ordinance.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Yes Duffy	Kesarwani	03/02/2021	--
District 2	Kimberly Gaffney	Taplin	12/11/2020	--
District 3	Michael J. Thompson	Bartlett	04/01/2021	--
District 4	Cecilia Lunaparra	Harrison	11/29/2022	--
District 5	Shoshana O'Keefe**	Hahn	02/16/2021	--
District 6	Charles Kahn*	Wengraf	03/18/2016	--
District 7	Brandon Yung	Robinson	02/01/2023	--
District 8	Debra R. Sanderson	Droste	04/21/2021	--
Mayor	Igor Tregub	Arreguin	11/16/2020	--