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North Berkeley BART Zoning and Future Development



City Council Worksession January 15, 2019

Why is Berkeley convening a process?

- To respond to State legislation and pursue the City's affordable housing goals
- To enter into an early iterative process with BART to achieve our mutual goals regarding TOD*, appropriate development, and affordability

*transit-oriented development

Letter from BART General Manager, October 2018

BART intends to work in "close collaboration with local elected officials and community stakeholders" to create a great destination at the North Berkeley BART station.

Significantly, BART notes that "working closely with neighborhoods and local elected officials is not only respectful, it is the most efficient way to get the job done."

Purpose of the Worksession

- 1. Opportunity to review community ideas/opinions
- 2. Brief Council and discuss next steps in process
- 3. Give direction to Staff and Commissions
 - a. General parameters of appropriate development of the North Berkeley BART parking lots
 - b. Developing an MOU with BART

Process to Date

December 2017 Canvass and Community Outreach

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Office of Councilmember Linda Maio City of Berkeley, District 1

POTENTIAL FOR HOUSING ON THE NORTH BERKELEY BART STATION

Dear Resident,

Housing on the North Berkeley BART parking lot has been coming up at more and more gatherings, especially as our housing crisis deepens and housing near transit is so desirable.

North Berkeley and the Ashby stations have both been discussed as possible sites at meetings where transit-oriented development comes up.

To be clear, there are no proposals in the hopper at this time, but building on these lots has been discussed.

As your Councilmember, I want to be sure neighbors are aware and can participate it and when anything moves forward.

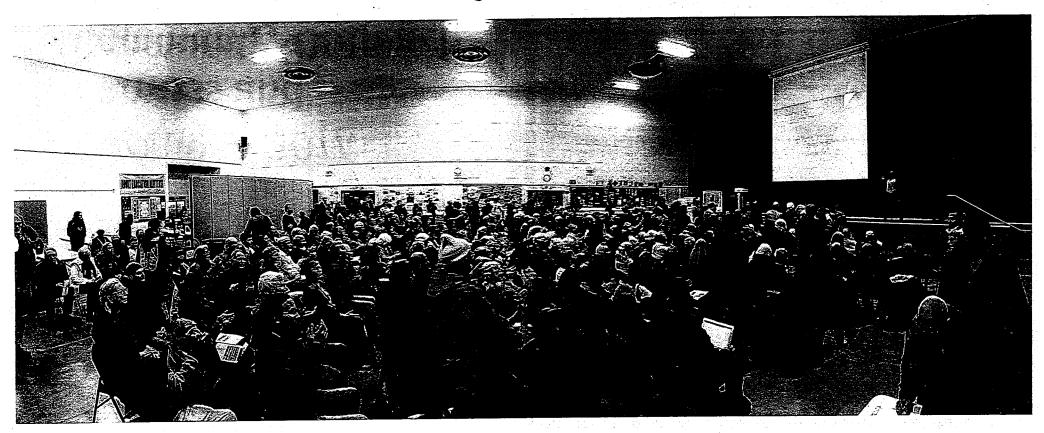
Toward that end I am requesting that you provide my office with your preferred contact information or send me an email at Imaio@cityofberkeley.Info or call my office at 981-7110. In this way I can keep you abreast of any proposals that emerge.

Thank you.

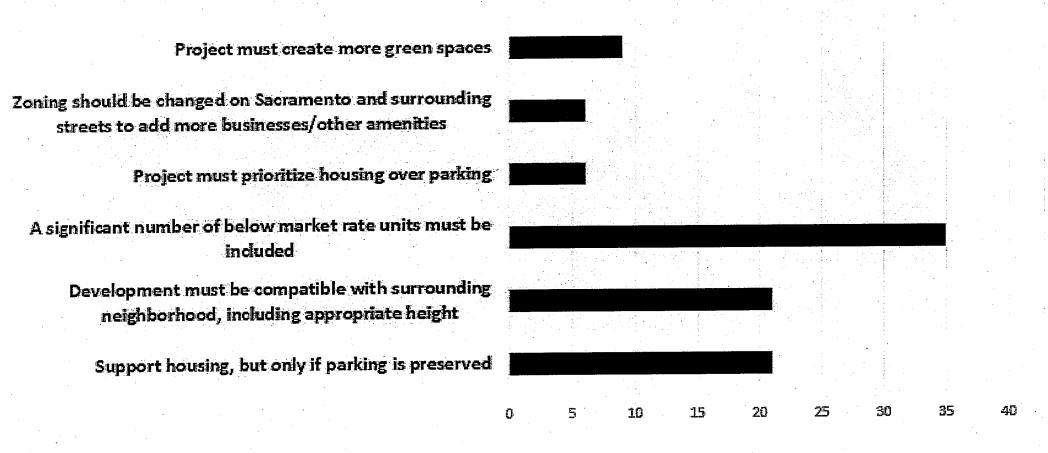
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Adult School Community Informational Meeting

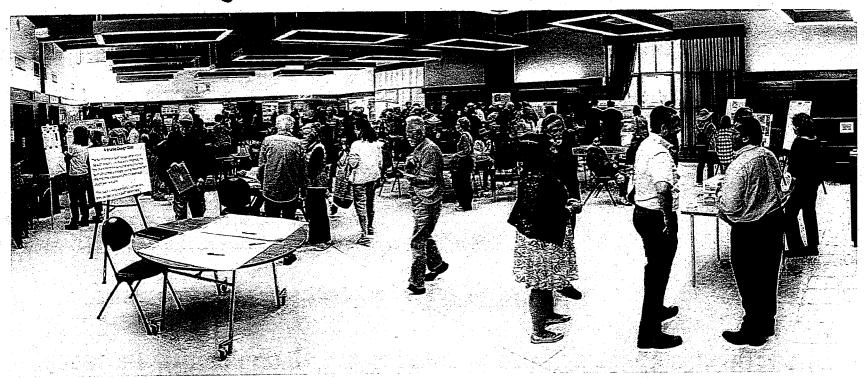


General Feedback from the Community, Based on Written Comments Received Prior to October Visioning Session



October 2018

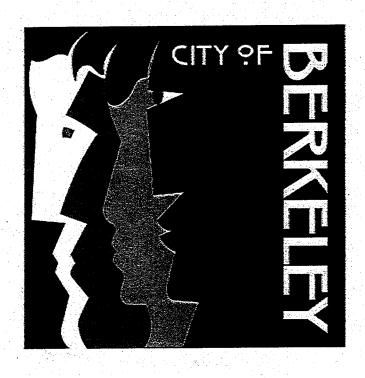
North Berkeley Senior Center Visioning Session

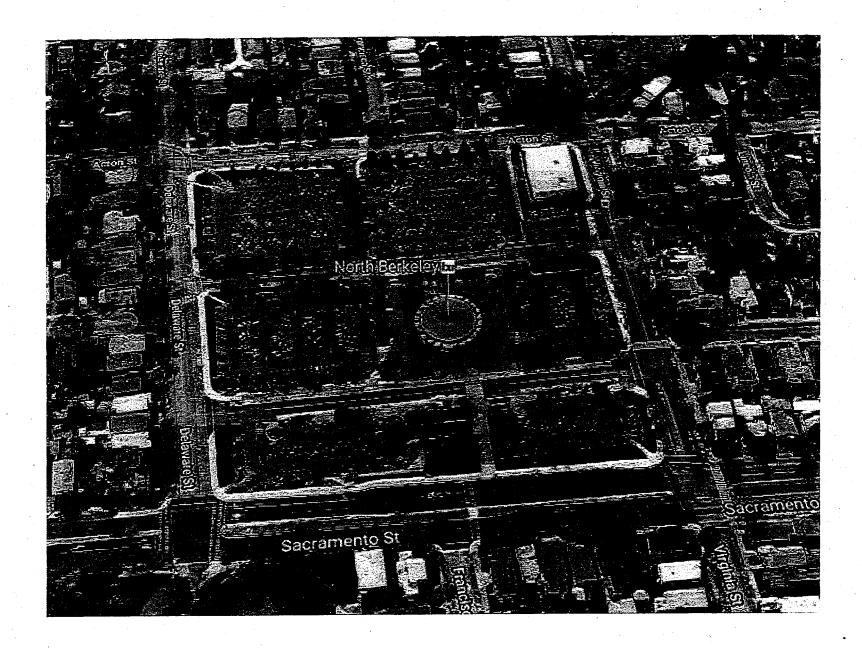


Public comments on individual proposals available on the Mayor's website (see handout)



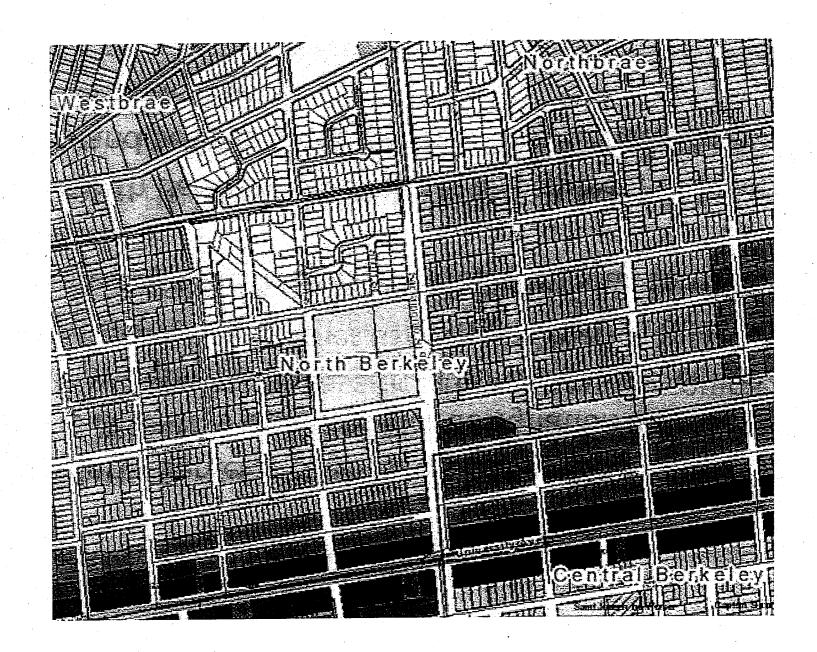


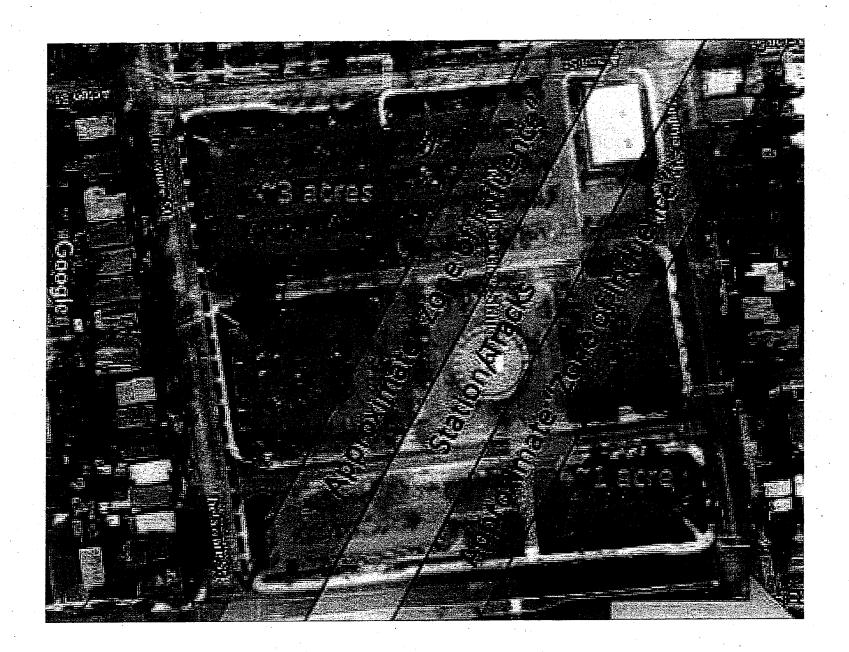




Current Zoning

- The North Berkeley BART site is zoned U-Unclassified.
- The U District is a placeholder designation until such areas are more specifically classified for residential, commercial, mixed-use, or some other use. The U District does not include any specific uses, development standards, or other limits.
- The North Berkeley BART site is also subject to several goals and policies in the General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Strategic Plan.





Next Steps after Worksession

- Tonight Council will have a preliminary discussion and provide comments on general parameters for development on the North Berkeley BART parking lots and encourage City staff to initiate discussions with BART to develop an MOU.
- 2. After Tonight With the direction provided by City Council, Berkeley Planning Department staff will develop land use scenarios for potential development on the North Berkeley BART parking lots taking into consideration site constraints, including height, massing, set backs, parking, open space, and potential uses.
- 3. April 2019 City Council will hold a public hearing on development at North Berkeley BART and consider the proposed land use scenarios developed by City staff. Council will give formal direction on a vision for development on the site including proposed zoning requirements. This will enable City staff to develop an MOU with BART for a project solicitation and guide the Planning Commission in the development of implementing zoning.

Council Discussion