



Housing Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting Thursday, February 5, 2026 7:00 pm	South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street Snow Zhu, Secretary HAC@berkeleyca.gov
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1. **Roll Call**
2. **Land Acknowledgment** (Attachment 1)
3. **Agenda Approval**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Approval of January 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes** (Attachment 2)
6. **Receive Presentation on Rental Housing Safety Program (RHSP)** – Angel Sindayen, Planning & Development

7. **Discussion and Possible Action: Feedback on State Legislative Priorities – All (Attachment 3)**
8. **Officer Elections – All/Staff (Attachment 4)**
9. **Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)**
10. **Announcements/Information Items**
11. **Future Items**
12. **Adjourn**

Attachments

1. Land Acknowledgment
2. Draft January 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Snow Zhu, HHCS, Feedback on State Legislative Priorities
4. Snow Zhu, HHCS, February Officer Elections

Notices

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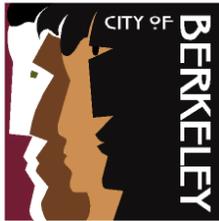


Snow Zhu, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

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.



Housing Advisory Commission

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES

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1. Roll Call

Present: Valeria Chupina (alternate for Alfred Twu), Karen Haycox, Syrak Micael, Rebecca Mirvish, David Shere, Leah Simon-Weisberg.

Absent: Sarah Bell (excused), Debbie Potter (excused), Sean Vaughn Scott (excused), Alfred Twu (excused).

Staff Present: Galadriel Burr, David Lopez, Mike Uberti, and Snow Zhu.

Commissioners in attendance: 6 of 6

Members of the public: 4

Public Speakers: 2

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Haycox/Shere) to move Item 9 before Item 8 and approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Chupina, Haycox, Micael, Mirvish, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bell (excused), Potter (excused), Scott (excused).

4. Public Comment

There were two speakers during public comment.

5. Approval of October 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Micael/Shere) to approve the October 9, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Haycox, Micael, Mirvish, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: Chupina. Absent: Bell (excused), Potter (excused), Scott (excused).

6. Approval of November 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Haycox/Mirvish) to approve the November 6, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Haycox, Micael, Mirvish, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: Chupina. Absent: Bell (excused), Potter (excused), Scott (excused).

7. Receive Presentation on Exterior Elevated Elements Inspection Program (E3)

8. Appeal of Determination by Building Official for 1615 Fairview Street regarding the Applicability of Exterior Elevated Elements Inspection Requirement

Action: M/S/C (Mirvish/Chupina) to close the hearing.

Vote: Ayes: Chupina, Haycox, Micael, Mirvish, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bell (excused), Potter (excused), Scott (excused).

Action: M/S/C (Shere/Haycox) to deny the appeal and affirm the Building Official's determination that (1) 1615 Fairview Street is not in compliance with the Exterior Elevated Elements (E3) Inspection Program and (2) uphold the associated fees consistent with Council-adopted policy and State law.

Vote: Ayes: Chupina, Haycox, Micael, Mirvish, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bell (excused), Potter (excused), Scott (excused).

9. Appeal of Citation for 2210 Vine Street regarding Exterior Elevated Elements Violation

Action: M/S/C (Haycox/Chupina) to close the hearing.

Vote: Ayes: Chupina, Haycox, Micael, Mirvish, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bell (excused), Potter (excused), Scott (excused).

Action: M/S/C (Mirvish/Shere) to affirm the Building Officials determination that (1) 2210 Vine Street is not in compliance with the Exterior Elevated Elements (E3) Inspection Program, per Berkeley Municipal Code Section 19.40.040 and (2) uphold the Administrative Citation #10080, issued May 4, 2023 for \$500.

Vote: Ayes: Chupina, Haycox, Micael, Mirvish, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bell (excused), Potter (excused), Scott (excused).

Action: M/S/C (Simon-Weisburg/Chupina) to deny the appeal.

Vote: Ayes: Chupina, Haycox, Micael, Mirvish, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bell (excused), Potter (excused), Scott (excused).

10. Discussion and Possible Action: Feedback on State Legislative Priorities

11. Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)

12. Announcements/Information Items

13. Future Items

14. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C (Shere/Micael) to adjourn at 9:36 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Chupina, Haycox, Micael, Mirvish, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bell (excused), Potter (excused), Scott (excused).



Health Housing and
Community Services Department
Housing & Community Services Division

MEMORANDUM

To: Housing Advisory Commission

From: Snow Zhu, Community Development Project Coordinator

Date: January 15, 2026

Subject: **Feedback on State Legislative Priorities**

The City Manager's Office is soliciting the Housing Advisory Commission's feedback on a Legislative Platform for the City of Berkeley. The Legislative Platform was prepared by Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (TPA) in 2024 and is currently being updated. Specifically, the City Manager's Office seeks the Housing Advisory Commission's feedback on housing-related items (see Attachment 1). The City's legislative platform will reflect the priorities of the Mayor, the City Council, and the people of Berkeley. The platform will include advocating for legislation, regulations, and funding that is consistent with the City's adopted goals.

Attachments

1. Housing Legislative Priorities

Attachment 1: Housing Legislative Priorities

Policy Priorities:

- 1) Help promote and support housing legislation to enable the construction of more housing at various income levels; fight to repeal Article 34
- 2) Support legislation that advances the creation or funding of affordable housing projects
- 3) Pursue updates to the State building code, if necessary, and to promote innovative forms of housing construction
- 4) Reasonable reform to CEQA to streamline development and housing opportunities
- 5) Support legislative and funding efforts relating to housing preservation and acquisition and operation
- 6) Support legislative efforts to extend the State rent relief program and to bring back the eviction moratorium/eviction protections
- 7) Support legislative efforts to reduce the voter threshold for passage of affordable housing bonds
- 8) Support legislative efforts to repeal or reform the Ellis Act and the Costa–Hawkins Rental Housing Act
- 9) Support policy efforts to utilize the enhanced, lower bond finance threshold of 25% for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), supplement other affordable housing development programs
- 10) Work with UC Regents to help support more opportunities for student housing
- 11) Support legislative efforts that clarify recent ADU related legislation and count ADUs towards RHNA goals
- 12) Support efforts that also encourage other forms of housing such as co-ops, land trusts, social housing, public housing, and other efforts
- 13) Seek amendments to ADU legislation to establish additional conditions/protections on ADU construction in high fire hazard zones
- 14) Strongly support efforts to restore any proposed reductions in funding to affordable housing programs including the Multifamily Housing Program, Transit Oriented Development Program, Infill and Infrastructure Grant Program, and others

Funding Priorities:

- 15) Support for soft-story seismic retrofits
- 16) Funding for housing programs that advance racial equity
- 17) Funding for innovative programs to prevent displacement and address hazardous housing conditions

Attachment 1 (Continued): Housing Legislative Priorities

- 18) Enhance funding of state programs for operating costs that support permanent affordable housing for individuals with area median income up to 120 percent (which includes extremely low-income up to moderate incomes, i.e., workforce housing)
- 19) Enhance funding opportunities for existing state programs to help support bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in connection to housing
- 20) Develop a state funding program that can support small sites acquisition and rehab (like San Francisco)
- 21) Expand funding for affordable housing on transit agency sites
- 22) Support funding for remediation of hazardous sites (to make viable for housing)
- 23) Support efforts to create more student housing funding opportunities



Health, Housing & Community Services Department
Housing & Community Services Division

MEMORANDUM

To: Housing Advisory Commission

From: Snow Zhu, Community Development Project Coordinator

Date: February 5, 2026

Subject: February Officer Elections

Housing Advisory Commission (HAC) officer elections are held each year in February. The offices established in the Commissioner Manual are Chair and Vice Chair. The term for each office is one year. An individual may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms as Chair and there are no term limits for the Vice Chair.

The Chair presides over meetings of the HAC and has additional responsibilities outside the meeting. These include:

- Drafting all Commission-approved reports and correspondence for City Council per the requirements and in a timely way, or coordinating with other Commissioners to do so;
- Approving the final version of each Commission-approved report and correspondence, signing them and submitting them to staff;
- Representing HAC at Council meetings for HAC adopted items sent to Council;
- Completing officer training;
- Meeting with staff to discuss and set the agenda each month and approving the final agenda for each meeting; and
- Receiving media requests on behalf of the HAC, subject to the restrictions explained in the Commissioner Manual.

The Chair is also responsible for managing public comment and commissioner discussion, including decorum when appropriate. The Vice Chair participates in agenda setting as well, and fills in for the Chair when the Chair is not available.

Please consult the Commissioners Manual for more information:

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Commissioners%27%20%26%20Board%20Members%27%20Manual%202025%20Edition.pdf>.

Commissioners are allowed to nominate themselves or a fellow appointed commissioner. A vote will not be taken until all candidates are nominated.