



## PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

North Berkeley Senior Center

1901 Hearst Ave. Berkeley, CA

Commission Members:

Chair Emily Marthinsen, Vice-Chair Savlan Hauser, Commissioner Blaine Merker,  
Commissioner Jeff Vincent, Commissioner Darrell Owens, Commissioner Christina Oatfield,  
Commissioner Charles Kahn, Commissioner Alfred Twu, Commissioner Angela Wang

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting, however, if you are feeling sick, please do not attend the meeting in person. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Justin Horner, [jhorner@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:jhorner@berkeleyca.gov), (510) 981-7476.

### **1. Roll Call**

### **2. Land Acknowledgement Statement:**

The Commission 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 (Chochen-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.

### **3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters**

### **4. Order of Agenda**

### **5. Chairperson Report**

*The Commission Chair may make announcements or provide information to the Commission in the form of an oral report. The Commission will not take action on such items but may request the items be placed on a future agenda for discussion.*

### **6. Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Liaison Comments**

*Receive opportunity reports on status of projects for which the Planning Commission has established a subcommittee or liaison.*

### **7. Commissioner Announcements**

### **8. Staff Announcements**

### **9. [Minutes for Approval](#)**

*Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.*

#### **Minutes of March 04, 2026**

From: Commission Secretary

Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the March 04, 2026 meeting.

### **10. Action and Discussion Items**

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Commission may continue an item to a future Commission meeting. **No Action can be taken on items that are not noticed on the published agenda.***

#### **A. [Public Hearing: State Law and Technical Edits 2026](#)**

**From:** Justin Horner, Principal Planner

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing, receive public comment, and upon conclusion make a recommendation to City Council on proposed amendments to Title 23 to implement State law changes and technical edits.

B. [San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan](#)

**From:** Ashley James, Senior Planner

**Recommendation:** Review the staff report, receive the staff presentation, consider public comments, and provide direction to staff to prepare the final San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan and associated zoning, General Plan, West Berkeley Plan and University Avenue Plan amendments or Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council.

## 11. Information Items

None.

## 12. [Correspondence](#)

## 13. Next Commission Meeting

Wednesday April 15, 2026, 6:30 PM

## 14. Adjournment

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Horner", with a long, sweeping underline.

Justin Horner, Planning Commission Secretary