



AGENDA
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

2:30 P.M.

2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704

Committee Members:

Mayor Adena Ishii, Councilmembers Terry Taplin and Mark Humbert

Alternate: Ben Bartlett

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AGENDA

Roll Call

Public Comment

Review of Agendas

- 1. Approval of Minutes: May 28, 2026**
- 2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:**
 - a. 6/16/2026 – Regular City Council Meeting
- 3. Adjournments In Memory**

Scheduling

- 4. Council Worksessions Schedule**
- 5. Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling**
- 6. Land Use Calendar**

Action Calendar

- None

Unscheduled Items

- 7. Review Policy Committees Structure**
- 8. Review Boards and Commissions Structure**

Items for Future Agendas

- Requests by Committee Members to add items to the next agenda

Adjournment – Next Meeting Monday, June 15, 2026

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## **Additional items may be added to the draft agenda per Council Rules of Procedure.**

*Rules of Procedure as adopted by Council resolution, Article III, C3c - Agenda - Submission of Time Critical Items*

*Time Critical Items. A Time Critical item is defined as a matter that is considered urgent by the sponsor and that has a deadline for action that is prior to the next meeting of the Council and for which a report prepared by the City Manager, Auditor, Mayor or council member is received by the City Clerk after established deadlines and is not included on the Agenda Committee's published agenda.*

*If the Agenda Committee finds the matter to meet the definition of Time Critical, the Agenda Committee may place the matter on the Agenda on either the Consent or Action Calendar.*

*The City Clerk shall not accept any item past the adjournment of the Agenda Committee meeting for which the agenda that the item is requested to appear on has been approved.*

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026**

**2:30 P.M.**

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**Roll Call:** 2:33 p.m.

**Present:** Bartlett (for Taplin), Ishii

**Absent:** Humbert

Councilmember Humbert present at 2:34 p.m.

**Public Comment** – 3 speakers

## **Review of Agendas**

**1. Approval of Minutes: May 4, 2026**

**Action:** M/S/C (Humbert/Ishii) to approve the minutes of 5/4/2026.

**Vote:** Ayes – Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None.

**2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:**

a. 6/9/2026 – Regular City Council Meeting

**Action:** M/S/C (Humbert/Ishii) to approve the agenda of 6/9/2026 with the changes noted below.

- *Item 26a/b Event Producers (Civic Arts Commission/City Manager) – moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 27 Director of Policy Accountability (Ishii) – moved to Action Calendar*
- *Item 28 Support SB 1383 (Tregub) – referred to LUHED Policy Committee*
- *Item 29 BMC Amendments (Humbert) – moved to Consent Calendar*

Order of Action Calendar

Item 21 Environmental Health Fees

Item 22 goBerkeley Program

Item 23 Zero Waste Fees

Item 25 HAC Appeal

Item 27 Director of Police Accountability

Item 24 Capital Improvement Program

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**3. Adjournments In Memory** – None

## **Scheduling**

**4. Council Worksessions Schedule**

- 5-Year Paving Plan scheduled for June 30 regular meeting
- Hopkins Corridor scheduled for July 28 regular meeting

**5. Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling** – received and filed

**6. Land Use Calendar** – received and filed

## Action Calendar

### 7. Review Policy Committees Structure

**Action:** No action taken. Item moved to Unscheduled Items for future agendas.

### 8. Review Boards and Commissions Structure

**Action:** No action taken. Item moved to Unscheduled Items for future agendas.

## Unscheduled Items

- None

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Humbert/Bartlett) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on May 28, 2026.

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**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702  
 TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 5101 GREAT AMERICA PKWY, SANTA CLARA, CA  
 95054

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.*

**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. Write-Off of a Delinquent Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Balance of \$42,755 Owed by Minuteman Press (Synthesis Group, Inc)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the write-off of the outstanding loan balance of \$42,755 owed by Synthesis Group, Inc. to the City’s Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) in accordance with the RLF Administrative Plan.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
- 2. Temporary Appropriations FY 2027**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing a temporary appropriation in the sum of \$60,000,000 to cover payroll and other expenses from July 1, 2026, until the effective date of the FY 2027 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

## Consent Calendar

- 3. FY 2027 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Relief Act of 2024 (Measure X)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for the Library Relief Act of 2024, approved by Berkeley voters in the November 2024 election, for funding the provision of Library Services in the City of Berkeley at \$0.06297 (6.297 cents) per square foot for dwelling units and \$0.09446 (9.446 cents) per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Bankhead, Library, (510) 981-6100, Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 4. FY 2027 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Services**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt the Resolution to recommend that the Berkeley City Council set the FY 2027 tax rate for funding the provision of Library Services in the City of Berkeley at \$0.3128 (31.28 cents) per square foot for dwelling units and \$0.4729 (47.29 cents) per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Bankhead, Library, (510) 981-6100, Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 5. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Business License Tax on Large Non-Profits**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for Business License Tax on large non-profits at \$0.9168 (91.68 cents) per square foot of improvements.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 6. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Debt Service on 2015 Refunding General Obligation Bonds**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate funding the debt service on the 2015 consolidation of Measures G, S and I (General Obligation Bonds - Elections of 1992, 1996 and 2002) at 0.0075%.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 7. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds (Measure O, November 2018 Election)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate funding the debt service on the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds (Measure O, November 2018) at 0.0200%.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

## Consent Calendar

- 8. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Emergency Services for the Severely Disabled (Measure E)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding the provision of emergency services for the disabled at \$0.02339 (2.339 cents) per square foot of improvements.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 9. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Fire Protection and Emergency Response and Preparedness (Measure GG)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding Fire Protection and Emergency Response and Preparedness in the City of Berkeley at the rate of \$0.07026 (7.026 cents) per square foot of improvements for dwelling units and setting the rate for all other property at \$0.10634 (10.634 cents) per square foot of improvements.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300, David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
- 10. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Firefighting, Emergency Medical Response and Wildfire Prevention (Measure FF)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding Firefighting, Emergency Medical Response and Wildfire Prevention (Measure FF) in the City of Berkeley at the annual tax rate of \$0.13633 (13.633 cents) per square foot of improvements.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 11. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic Tax)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding the provision of emergency medical services to Berkeley residents at \$0.0492 (4.92 cents) per square foot of improvements.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

## Consent Calendar

- 12. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Infrastructure and Facilities General Obligation Bonds (Measure T1, November 2016 Election)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate funding the debt service on the Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure T1, November 2016) at 0.0140%.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 13. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding all improvements for the maintenance of parks, City trees, and landscaping in the City of Berkeley at \$0.2783 (27.83 cents) per square foot of improvements.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 14. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Debt Service on Neighborhood Branch Library Improvements Project General Obligation Bonds (Measure FF, November 2008 Election)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding the debt service on the Neighborhood Branch Library Improvements Project General Obligation Bonds (Measure FF, November 2008 Election) at 0.0035%.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 15. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Sustainable and Accountable Funding for Equitable Street Transformation, Revitalization, Enhancements, and Essential Traffic Safety (SAFE STREETS) (Measure FF)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding Sustainable and Accountable Funding for Equitable Street Transformation, Revitalization, Enhancements, and Essential Traffic Safety (SAFE STREETS), otherwise known as Measure FF, at an annual rate of \$0.17842 per square foot of dwelling unit improvements and \$0.26238 per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional improvements.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

## Consent Calendar

- 16. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Street and Watershed Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure M, November 2012 Election)**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the Street and Integrated Watershed Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure M, November 2012) at 0.0040%.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 17. Authorization to Apply for and Accept Funds (when awarded) of FY 2026 USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program for Planning and Demonstration Grant funding; accept grant funds if awarded; execute all related agreements and amendments; and appropriate and allocate grant funds for activities supporting the City's Street Trauma Prevention Program (STPP), Vision Zero, emergency response coordination, and related citywide roadway safety planning activities.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
- 18. Shelter Plus Care Program Renewal Grants**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to receive up to the maximum grant award for the following Shelter Plus Care grants and to execute any resultant agreements and amendments.  
a. A Shelter Plus Care grant received via Alameda County in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,035,576 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027; and  
b. A Shelter Plus Care grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the estimated amount of \$7,305,893 for the Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

## Consent Calendar

- 19. Behavioral Health Services Act Fiscal Years 2027-2029 Three-Year Integrated Plan**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Fiscal Years 2027 through 2029 Three Year Integrated Plan (BHSA IP), which provides information on proposed uses of funding for mental health and behavioral health services, and housing interventions; authorizing the signature of the City Council Certification form; forwarding the BHSA IP to appropriate state officials; and the preparation and submission of an Intermittent Plan Update on the BHSA IP to the state, as needed.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
- 20. Utility Easements for East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Water Meters at 80 and 90 Bolivar Drive**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt first reading of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to grant utility easements for two East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) water meters at City-owned buildings at 80 and 90 Bolivar Drive at Aquatic Park.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
- 21. Approving Proposed Projects Anticipated to Be Paid for by the State's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funds for FY 2026-27**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving a proposed list of projects that will utilize funding from the State of California's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) and authorize the City Manager to submit the proposed list to the California Transportation Commission.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 22. Declaration of Intent – Fiscal Year 2027 Street Lighting Assessments**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt two Resolutions granting the City Manager the authority to: 1. Approve the Engineer's Reports; 2. Set a public hearing to be held before the Council of the City of Berkeley at its July 14, 2026, meeting; and 3. Authorize the City Clerk to publish a Notice of the Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2027 Levy of Assessments for Berkeley Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1982-1 and Street Lighting Assessment District 2018.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

## Consent Calendar

- 23. Contract: Odyssey Power for On-Call Generator Maintenance**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Odyssey Power for On-Call Generator Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for a full three-year contract term, with an option for the City Manager to extend for two additional one-year terms.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 24. Contract No. 32500082 Amendment: Telegraph Property and Business Management Corporation**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution amending the current contract with the Telegraph Property and Business Management Corporation, commonly known as the Telegraph Business Improvement District, for the janitorial maintenance of the 24-hour, seven days a week, public restroom increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$150,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 and extend the contract through June 30, 2027.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 25. Contract: Radius Earthwork, Inc. for FY 2026 Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution:  
  1. Approving plans and specifications for the FY 2026 Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project, Specification No. 26-11763-C;
  2. Accepting the bid of Radius Earthwork, Inc., as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder; and
  3. 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 in an amount not to exceed \$11,789,219.45.**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 26. Contract No. 31900085 Amendment: Syn-Tech Systems Inc. for Fleet Fueling System and Software**  
**From: City Manager**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution amending the contract with Syn-Tech Systems Inc. for Fleet Fueling System and Software, increasing the contract amount by \$68,528 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 and extend the contract through June 30, 2029.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

## Consent Calendar

**27. Contract No. 32400141 Amendment: Mercury Associates, Inc. for Fleet Consulting Services**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a second amendment to the contract with Mercury Associates, Inc. to continue working with the City on a fleet right-sizing study, fleet electrification analysis and other consulting services to comply with state mandates. This amendment increases the contract amount by \$100,000, for a new total amount not to exceed \$325,000 and extends through December 30, 2027.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

**28. 2026 Bicycle Plan Update**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the 2026 Berkeley Bicycle Plan Update and directing the City Manager to pursue implementation of the Plan as funding and staffing permit.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

**29. Purchase Orders: Graybar Electric Company, Inc., W.W. Grainger, Inc. and WESCO Distribution, Inc. for Electrical Supplies and Parts**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt three Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute multi-year purchase orders as outlined below:

1. Purchase Order with Graybar Electric Company, Inc. for electrical supplies and parts, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

2. Purchase Order with W.W. Grainger, Inc. for electrical supplies, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

3. Purchase Order with WESCO Distribution, Inc. for electrical supplies, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

## Consent Calendar

- 30. Affirming All-Electric Standards for the 2026 Infrastructure Bond Measure and City Capital Projects** *(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee)*  
**From: Environment and Climate Commission**  
**Recommendation:** The Berkeley Environment and Climate Commission recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution to: Adopt a formal policy prohibiting the installation of new natural gas infrastructure (hereafter referred to as “gas”) or the replacement of existing gas equipment with new gas equipment in any project funded by the proposed 2026 General Obligation Bond Measure; Include explicit all-electric construction and retrofit language in the bond measure itself; and Direct staff to apply this no-new-gas standard as a condition of all City capital spending, beyond bond-funded projects, thus affirming that public funds shall not be used to install new gas infrastructure in any municipal facility.  
*Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to Council with a Qualified Positive Recommendation with an addition to add exception language to be approved by City Council.*  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Sarah Moore, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400

## Council Consent Items

- 31. Resorcery Org’s Mural Reveal and Food Drive Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**  
**From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author)**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$500 from the discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to Resorcery Org. 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:** See report  
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
- 32. United for Health’s Moffitt Library Clinic: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**  
**From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author)**  
**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 United for Health (UFH) to continue its Moffitt Library Clinic for UC Berkeley students, 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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*When applicable, each member of the City Council shall verbally disclose all ex parte contacts concerning the subject of the hearing. Councilmembers shall also submit a report of such contacts in writing prior to the commencement of the hearing. Written reports shall be available for public review in the office of the City Clerk.*

### **33. Implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the 1500 Block of Delaware Street**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon its conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. Section 25P by adding a subsection to implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) on the south side of Delaware Street between California Street and the Ohlone Greenway in RPP Area E.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

## Action Calendar – New Business

**34. Policy for Disruption of Remote Participation During Council Meetings**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the Policy for Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings and append the Policy to the City Council Rules of Procedure and Order as Appendix C.

**Financial Implications:** None

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

**35. Placing a Charter Amendment Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot to Amend Multiple Administrative Provisions**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** 1. Adopt a Resolution placing charter amendment measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot to update election procedures and timelines to conform with modern standards, clarify the recall process, align the referendum process with new changes in state law, and other administrative changes related to candidates, petitions, and officeholders.

2. Designate, by motion, specific members of the Council to file ballot measure arguments on this measure as provided for in Elections Code Section 9282.

**Financial Implications:** None

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

**36. Placing a General Obligation Bond Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot for the Acquisition or Improvement of Real Property for Public Infrastructure and Facilities**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** 1. Adopt a Resolution determining public interest and necessity for issuing a general obligation bond in the amount of \$300 million for public infrastructure and facilities, submitting to the Berkeley electorate on the November 3, 2026 ballot a measure to authorize a general obligation bond in that amount, and finding that the proposed measure is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. Designate, by motion, specific members of the Council to file ballot measure arguments on this measure as provided for in Elections Code Section 9282.

**Financial Implications:** None

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

## Action Calendar – New Business

### 37. **Placing a Transactions and Use (Sales) General Tax Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot**

**From: City Manager**

**Recommendation:** 1. Adopt a Resolution submitting to the Berkeley electorate on the November 3, 2026 ballot a measure to authorize a one-half of one percent (0.5%) transactions and use (sales) tax for general municipal purposes, bringing the aggregate sales tax rate in Berkeley to 10.75%, and finding that the proposed measure is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.  
2. Designate, by motion, specific members of the Council to file ballot measure arguments on this measure as provided for in Elections Code Section 9282.

**Financial Implications:** None

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

## Action Calendar – Policy Committee Track Items

### 38. **Adopt a Resolution in Support of SB 954 (Blakespear): Addressing Non-Housing CEQA Exemptions for Industrial Manufacturing and Environmental Health Protections**

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

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution in support of California Senate Bill (SB) 954 (Blakespear), which amends non-housing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions enacted in SB 131 (2025), including clarifying and narrowing the “advanced manufacturing” exemption, establishing environmental and labor safeguards for exempt industrial projects, extending CEQA exemptions for daycare facilities in residential zones, and ensuring habitat for protected species remains subject to environmental review, and distribute copies to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senators Jesse Arreguín and Catherine Blakespear, and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks to support its passage.

**Financial Implications:** Staff time

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

## Information Reports

### 39. **Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2276 Shattuck Avenue /#LMSAP2024-0005**

**From: City Manager**

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

## Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

## Adjournment

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Environment & Climate Commission

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CONSENT CALENDAR
June 16, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Berkeley Environment and Climate Commission (ECC)
Submitted by: Alison LaBonte, Chairperson, ECC
Subject: Affirming All-Electric Standards for the 2026 Infrastructure Bond Measure and City Capital Projects

RECOMMENDATION

The Berkeley Environment and Climate Commission recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution to:

- Adopt a formal policy prohibiting the installation of new natural gas infrastructure (hereafter referred to as “gas”) or the replacement of existing gas equipment with new gas equipment in any project funded by the proposed 2026 General Obligation Bond Measure;
- Include explicit all-electric construction and retrofit language in the bond measure itself; and
- Direct staff to apply this no-new-gas standard as a condition of all City capital spending, beyond bond-funded projects, thus affirming that public funds shall not be used to install new gas infrastructure in any municipal facility.

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On May 20, 2026, the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee adopted the following action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to send the item to Council with a Qualified Positive Recommendation with an addition to add exception language to be approved by City Council.

Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Lunaparra; Noes – None; Abstain – Humbert

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

All-electric construction is increasingly cost-competitive with gas-dependent construction. Electric systems eliminate ongoing gas utility costs, reduce long-term maintenance burdens, and position City facilities to benefit from falling costs of electric technologies. Any potential upfront cost differential is outweighed by the quantifiable benefits to public health, lifecycle savings, and avoided climate risk. No new appropriation is required to implement this policy direction.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley is preparing a proposed \$300 million General Obligation Bond Measure for the November 2026 ballot. The measure proposes to fund major capital

projects across three categories: Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront; General Facilities and Buildings; and Fire Department facilities.

This bond measure represents one of the largest single investments in municipal infrastructure in Berkeley's recent history — and one of the most significant opportunities to permanently align City capital spending with Berkeley's climate commitments. Many of the proposed projects involve ground-up construction or comprehensive building renovations, making them ideal candidates for all-electric design at little or no additional cost.

Despite Berkeley's status as a national leader in building electrification policy, passing a first-in-the-nation ban on natural gas in new construction in 2019, there are no longer any laws prohibiting natural gas use in buildings, and no explicit electrification requirement has been proposed for the bond measure. While the 2024 ruling by the Ninth Circuit in opposition to Berkeley's natural gas ban, and recent changes in state law limit changes to the building code, no restrictions exist on how a municipality chooses to direct its own spending. Other Bay Area cities, such as San Francisco, enacted all electric requirements applying to city buildings before proceeding to more expansive requirements that remain in force to this day. Without such a requirement, bond-funded projects could default to gas equipment for heating, cooking, water heating, or other building systems, locking in fossil fuel infrastructure for decades and undermining the City's climate goals.

This is a strategic planning priority, advancing Berkeley's goal to be a global leader in addressing climate change, advancing environmental justice, and protecting the environment.

At the March 25, 2026 meeting, the commission took the following action:

Action: M/S/C (Ranney/Binns) to approve the substantive content of the report to Council, regarding the inclusion of building electrification in relation to the potential City of Berkeley \$300M General Obligation Bond for the November 2026 Ballot and municipal capital projects, as revised at the March 25, 2026 meeting, with additional minor edits to ensure consistency and clarity throughout.

Vote: Ayes - Ranney, La Bonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent - McGuire.

BACKGROUND

The proposed 2026 bond measure applies to existing and new municipal buildings, which is a domain where the City has full discretion over construction standards. The City is free to ensure that its own facilities reflect its stated climate values, and has a rare opportunity to do so on a large scale.

The list of proposed projects span a wide range of building types and uses. Where projects involve full replacement or substantial renovation, such as community centers, fire stations, the Fire Training Center, and multiple civic buildings, all-electric design is achievable with current technology and at competitive cost. For projects involving more limited scope (e.g., mechanical system upgrades), a no-new-gas standard would at minimum prevent the installation of new gas-fired equipment where electric alternatives are available. The City should also strongly consider reducing reliance on other fossil fuel infrastructure where suitable alternatives exist, such as solar and storage for backup power.

Furthermore, the proposed bond measure explicitly lists "energy-efficient systems and lower long-term costs" and "environmental sustainability and resilience" among its stated values in evaluating and prioritizing projects. Codifying an all-electric requirement in the bond measure language is a direct and concrete expression of those values and a fulfillment of the measure's own stated goals. Such a requirement, both applying to projects funded by the bond measure and all future city projects, would implement crucial components of the Berkeley Existing Buildings Electrification Strategy, adopted by Council in 2021¹.

The public is supportive. Council polling of the measure revealed that the top infrastructure priority for Berkeley residents was climate resilience, with 35% of residents listing it as one of their top two priorities².

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Natural gas combustion in buildings is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions and indoor air pollution. Installing new or replacement gas infrastructure in bond-funded municipal buildings would:

- Lock in fossil fuel dependency in City-owned facilities for 20–40 years, well beyond Berkeley's 2045 carbon neutrality target;
- Undermine Berkeley's credibility as a climate leader and signal to the public that the City's electrification commitments do not apply to its own operations; and
- Expose building occupants, including community members (especially the more vulnerable young and elderly), fire fighters, and City employees, to the known indoor air quality risks associated with gas combustion appliances, which approach \$1 billion annually across the Bay Area³.

¹ <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Berkeley-Existing-Buildings-Electrification-Strategy.pdf>

² <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/city-council-meetings/2026-03-17%20Special%20Agenda%20Packet%20-%20Council.pdf>

³ https://www.baaqmd.gov/~/_media/dotgov/files/rules/reg-9-rule-4-nitrogen-oxides-from-fan-type-residential-central-furnaces/2021-amendments/documents/20230127_factsheet_rg09040906-pdf.pdf?rev=29d5bd3e4204460298a2ca1f02ac9214&sc_lang=en

Conversely, requiring all-electric construction across bond-funded projects (and all City capital spending) would meaningfully reduce municipal emissions, improve indoor air quality in public facilities, demonstrate institutional leadership, and create durable, future-proof infrastructure aligned with California's clean energy grid trajectory.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. The bond measure is the right vehicle. Because the bond measure will govern how hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on City facilities over the next decade, it is the ideal place to enshrine an electrification requirement. Including it in the measure language increases public accountability and provides another reason for Berkeley voters to support it.
2. City polling indicates that the public is highly supportive of climate and green infrastructure goals.
3. There is no technical barrier. All-electric construction is viable across every project type in the proposed portfolio. Several of the proposed projects have already completed conceptual design; the Commission encourages the City to verify and update those designs to reflect an all-electric standard where they have not already done so.
4. The City's own spending is within its control. Berkeley can and should hold its own buildings to the highest electrification and emissions standards to improve the health of its residents and that of the environment.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

n/a

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report, recognizing that this has been the City of Berkeley's typical practice since 2020, when the since-repealed Prohibition on Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings became effective.

In addition, to improve regional air quality and reduce the amount of NOx and particulate matter emissions, the Bay Area Air District has adopted zero NOx emissions standards for natural gas fired furnaces and water heaters (Rules 9-4 and 9-6). These rules begin implementation on Jan 1, 2027 (for water heaters under 75,000 BTU/hr, typically residential size) and will impact commercial furnaces on Jan 1, 2029, and commercial water heaters (75,000 – 2M BTU/hr) on Jan 1, 2031. Electric heat pumps will comply with these regulations, applicable to all sales and installations in the Bay Area, in both replacements in existing construction and in new construction.

Although electrification is now standard practice and will increasingly be required throughout the Bay Area for water and space heating, the City Manager notes that there may be limited instances in which exceptions to the electrification of municipal facilities during new construction or the replacement of existing gas equipment may be needed. For example, electrical and/or physical constraints of an existing municipal facility or local grid capacity may limit or eliminate safe, effective electrical replacement options for gas systems at time of replacement. Among the infrastructure projects currently under consideration for funding through the potential bond measure, the King Pool may require a gas alternative.

If such an exception would be sought due to technical infeasibility, the City Manager would come to City Council for approval of a gas alternative.

CONTACT PERSON

Alison LaBonte, Chairperson, ECC

Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

Affirming All-Electric Standards for the 2026 Infrastructure Bond Measure and City Capital Projects

WHEREAS, installing new or replacement natural gas infrastructure in bond-funded municipal buildings would lock in fossil fuel dependency in City-owned facilities for 20–40 years, well beyond Berkeley's 2045 carbon neutrality target; and

WHEREAS, installing new or replacement gas infrastructure in bond-funded municipal buildings would undermine Berkeley's credibility as a climate leader and signal to the public that the City's electrification commitments do not apply to its own operations; and

WHEREAS, installing new or replacement gas infrastructure in bond-funded municipal buildings would expose building occupants, including community members (especially the more vulnerable young and elderly), fire fighters, and City employees, to the known indoor air quality risks associated with gas combustion appliances, which approach \$1 billion annually across the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, requiring all-electric construction across bond-funded projects and all City capital spending would meaningfully reduce municipal emissions, improve indoor air quality in public facilities, demonstrate institutional leadership, and create durable, future-proof infrastructure aligned with California's clean energy grid trajectory.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City of Berkeley will adopt a formal policy prohibiting the installation of new natural gas infrastructure (hereafter referred to as “gas”) or the replacement of existing gas equipment with new gas equipment in any project funded by the proposed 2026 General Obligation Bond Measure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the City of Berkeley will include explicit all-electric construction and retrofit language in the bond measure itself; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley will direct staff to apply this no-new-gas standard as a condition of all City capital spending, beyond bond-funded projects, thus affirming that public funds shall not be used to install new gas infrastructure in any municipal facility.



BEN BARTLETT
CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 3

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CONSENT CALENDAR
June 16, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Author)
Subject: Resorcery Org’s Mural reveal and Food Drive Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$500 from the discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to Resorcery Org. 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.

BACKGROUND:

Nearly one in four households in Alameda County are food insecure, and free fridges are popping up all over South Berkeley to address this need. Resorcery Org was formed to help resource the free fridges in South and West Berkeley, which all struggle to obtain donations that meet the current needs of the neighborhoods they serve. They want the community to know about these free food pantries because when people find out about them, they often ask, "How can I help?"

This Oar That Pirate Pantry at 1820 Stuart St., Berkeley, just received a makeover by community muralist Kirie Ventura. They are inviting community members to a mural reveal and ribbon-cutting with live music, art activities, and community building. Community members who bring something to donate to the pantry will receive a treat!

The event will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 3-5 pm at This Oar That Pirate Pantry located at 1820 Stuart Street, Berkeley, CA 94703

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No negative impact.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There is no impact on the General Fund; \$500 is available from the discretionary budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett's office.

CONTACT PERSON:

Councilmember Ben Bartlett
James Chang

bbartlett@berkeleyca.gov
jchang@berkeleyca.gov

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Event Flyer

Attachment 1:

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A DONATION TO RESORCERY ORGS' MURAL REVEAL AND FOOD DRIVE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ben Bartlett has available funds within his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, an allocation of \$500 from Councilmember Bartlett's office expenditure account is designated for Resorcery Org's Mural Reveal and Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, Resorcery Org's Mural Reveal and Food Drive is a community-driven initiative of Resorcery Org based in South Berkeley that helps build community support and awareness for a vital food security solution; and

WHEREAS, this initiative strengthens the community by fostering connection, encouraging mutual aid, and building a network of residents committed to feeding and caring for one another;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their respective office budgets, in amounts to be determined by each Councilmember, are hereby granted to Resorcery Org.

Attachment 2:

1820 Stuart St. Berkeley **Join Us!** **Saturday, June 27th, 2026 3-5 PM**

SHARE

Bring a donation and Receive a treat!

Donations

LIKE A PIRATE

That be a treasure to help us eat
At MLK and Stuart Street
a pantry here for all to share
see our new paint and show you care

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CONSENT CALENDAR
June 16, 2026

To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author)
Subject: United for Health’s Moffitt Library Clinic: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

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 United for Health (UFH) to continue its Moffitt Library Clinic for UC Berkeley students, with funds relinquished to the City’s general fund for this purpose.

BACKGROUND

United for Health was created in 1991 when a group of healthcare professionals including a Social Worker, four Acupuncturists, a Family Crisis Counselor, a Nutritionist, a Psychologist, and a Nurse Practitioner came together with one common goal: to help bridge the gap in services to those who have the least access to care; at-risk youth, the unhoused, people with HIV/AIDS, and those with pain, mental health or substance use issues. Their staff works closely with many stakeholders, clinics, and schools to intervene with education and preventative services to reduce and eliminate costly medical visits and years of needless suffering. UFH partners with organizations and companies to treat their staff, helping them with stress, depression, and trauma, in addition to giving them the tools to sustain their well-being.

Acupuncture is the most utilized service offered by UFH; it can address addiction, mental health issues, pain, suppressed immunity, mobility issues, and other health conditions that are treated by Western Medicine. All acupuncture treatments through United for Health are provided by licensed acupuncturists.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Since 2006, UFH has offered UC Berkeley students ear acupuncture and counseling, treating their stress, anxiety, depression, pain, trauma, and substance use. Each semester, UFH staff helps them with these symptoms during the three weeks before finals with the Moffitt Library Clinic. These resources predominantly serve those who would otherwise not be able to access them. Offering these services to students reduces pressure on local safety nets and contributes to better public health outcomes across the city.

However, recent fiscal developments, including the loss of critical government funding, have forced UFH to consider cutting key programs, including the free acupuncture and counseling for students. Financial assistance from the Berkeley City Council would allow UFH to continue to provide these services for UC Berkeley students at the Moffitt Library Clinic during the most stressful and mentally-demanding time of the semester.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No anticipated impacts.

FISCAL IMPACTS

No General Fund impact. \$500 is available from Councilmember Lunaparra's office budget discretionary account.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

CONTACT PERSON

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Jonah Gottlieb, Chief of Staff

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

SUPPORT FOR UNITED FOR HEALTH'S MOFFITT LIBRARY CLINIC

WHEREAS, United for Health (UFH) was created in 1991 when a group of healthcare professionals including a Social Worker, four Acupuncturists, a Family Crisis Counselor, a Nutritionist, a Psychologist, and a Nurse Practitioner came together with one common goal: to help bridge the gap in services to those who have the least access to care; at-risk youth, the unhoused, people with HIV/AIDS, and those with pain, mental health or substance use issues; and

WHEREAS, their staff works closely with many stakeholders, clinics, and schools to intervene with education and preventative services to reduce and eliminate costly medical visits and years of needless suffering; and

WHEREAS, UFH partners with organizations and companies to treat their staff, helping them with stress, depression, and trauma, in addition to giving them the tools to sustain their well-being; and

WHEREAS, acupuncture is the most utilized service offered by UFH; it can address addiction, mental health issues, pain, suppressed immunity, mobility issues, and other health conditions that are treated by Western Medicine and all acupuncture treatments through United for Health are provided by licensed acupuncturists; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, UFH has offered UC Berkeley students ear acupuncture and counseling, treating their stress, anxiety, depression, pain, trauma, and substance use. Each semester, UFH staff helps them with these symptoms during the three weeks before finals with their Moffitt Library Clinic for UC Berkeley students; and

WHEREAS, these resources predominantly serve those who would otherwise not be able to access them. Offering these services to students reduces pressure on local safety nets and contributes to better public health outcomes across the city; and

WHEREAS, recent fiscal developments, including the loss of critical government funding, have forced UFH to consider cutting key programs, including the free acupuncture and counseling for students; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance from the Berkeley City Council would allow UFH to continue to provide these services for UC Berkeley students at the Moffitt Library Clinic during the most stressful and mentally-demanding time of the semester; and

WHEREAS, United for Health seeks funds in the amount of \$500 from Councilmember Lunaparra's office budget, and up to \$500 from each Councilmember to help cover the cost of renovations. Councilmember Lunaparra has surplus funds in her office expenditure account.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Berkeley City Council that up to \$500 relinquished by Councilmembers – including \$500 from Councilmember Lunaparra – shall be granted to United for Health to support free acupuncture and counseling for UC Berkeley students at the Moffitt Library Clinic.



Igor Tregub, Councilmember District 4

Ben Bartlett, Councilmember District 3

Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember District 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 16, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Igor Tregub (Author), Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)

Subject: Adopt a Resolution in Support of SB 954 (Blakespear): Addressing Non-Housing CEQA Exemptions for Industrial Manufacturing and Environmental Health Protections.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution in support of California Senate Bill (SB) 954 (Blakespear), which amends non-housing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions enacted in SB 131 (2025), including clarifying and narrowing the “advanced manufacturing” exemption, establishing environmental and labor safeguards for exempt industrial projects, extending CEQA exemptions for daycare facilities in residential zones, and ensuring habitat for protected species remains subject to environmental review, and distribute copies to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senators Jesse Arreguín and Catherine Blakespear, and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks to support its passage.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECT

In 2025, the California Legislature enacted SB 131, a broad CEQA reform measure that created numerous new and expanded exemptions from environmental review. While much of the public discussion surrounding SB 131 focused on streamlining housing production and climate-resilient infrastructure, the legislation also established significant new exemptions for non-housing industrial and manufacturing projects categorized as “advanced manufacturing.”¹ The current statutory definition of “advanced manufacturing” is extremely broad and was adapted from an economic development tax

¹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB131

credit framework rather than an environmental review context, potentially applying to industrial activities such as lithium extraction², plastics processing, chemical manufacturing, fertilizer production, metal recycling, pesticide manufacturing, and medical waste incineration.

These exemptions allow qualifying industrial projects to bypass portions of CEQA review that would otherwise evaluate and mitigate impacts to air quality, water quality, tribal cultural resources, environmentally sensitive habitat, and nearby residential communities. Environmental justice advocates, labor organizations, tribal representatives, and legislators raised concerns that the exemption lacked adequate safeguards and could expose communities, particularly low-income communities and communities of color already burdened by cumulative pollution, to increased toxic emissions and industrial hazards. Potential health impacts associated with inadequately reviewed industrial facilities include exposure to particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, heavy metals, and other hazardous pollutants linked to asthma, respiratory illness, cardiovascular disease, cancer risk, and adverse childhood health outcomes, especially in sites near schools, daycare centers, and senior housing facilities.

12 state Senators and 20 state Assemblymembers subsequently signed a letter urging corrective legislation to address these unresolved issues. SB 954 was introduced as a targeted clean-up measure intended to ensure that CEQA reforms are implemented consistently with California's environmental justice, public health, labor, and tribal protection goals. Importantly, SB 954 pertains only to the non-housing industrial and manufacturing provisions enacted under SB 131 and does not alter existing housing streamlining measures.³ The bill would narrow the advanced manufacturing exemption by adding environmental and public health guardrails, including zero-emission backup generation requirements, industrial zoning and setback standards, protections for tribal cultural resources, and community benefits and labor standards. The bill would also expand the daycare CEQA exemption to include residentially zoned daycare facilities and ensure habitat for protected species remains subject to environmental review.

SB 954 is supported by a broad coalition of labor, environmental justice, public health, and environmental organizations, such as the Planning and Conservation League, Sierra Club California, Environment California, Clean Water Action, and Save the Bay,⁴ also including the Alameda Labor Council, Asian Pacific Environmental Network Action, California Nurses Association, Communities for a Better Environment, Natural Resources Defense Council, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, and Urban Habitat.

² Fact Sheet

³ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB954

⁴ <https://righttoknow-wicks.org/>

Supporting SB 954 aligns with the City's commitments to environmental justice, public health, labor protections, and equitable land use policy by ensuring that industrial development does not disproportionately burden vulnerable communities with additional toxic pollution and associated health impacts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This item supports legislation intended to reduce harmful industrial pollution, preserve sensitive habitat, protect tribal cultural resources, and strengthen environmental safeguards for communities located near industrial operations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal staff time is associated with outreach to the recipients.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Fact Sheet

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###N.S.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 954 (BLAKESPEAR) RELATING TO NON-HOUSING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) EXEMPTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROTECTIONS

WHEREAS, in 2025 the California State Legislature adopted a trailer bill that was signed into law, which creates new and expanded exemptions from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)—including an exemption for so-called “advanced manufacturing,” and

WHEREAS, at the time of the passage of the bill in 2025, many advocates and elected officials raised concerns about insufficient protections for communities from exposure to toxic chemicals, pollution of air and water supplies, loss of habitat for sensitive species, damage to tribal resources, and an overly broad definition for advanced manufacturing, and

WHEREAS, constraining and significantly narrowing the advanced manufacturing pollution loophole will not interfere with or alter other reforms to speed up approvals for and construction of new infill housing, and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of exemption from CEQA review, the state currently defines “advanced manufacturing” to include, but not necessarily limited to, new or proposed expansion projects involving lithium processing, plastics processing and fabrication, chemical manufacturing, fertilizer development, metal recycling, pesticides manufacturing, and medical waste incineration.

WHEREAS, over 30 state legislators signed a letter in 2025 urging prompt legislative action to fix the outstanding issues in the bill, yet no corrective action had been taken last year, and

WHEREAS, SB 954 would, in addition to constraining the potentially harmful and unhealthy advanced manufacturing exemption, expand the CEQA exemption for daycare facilities, extends labor standards for certain exempt projects, and ensure that projects threatening habitat for protected species undergo environmental review, and

WHEREAS, SB 954 is supported by Alameda Labor Council, Asian Pacific Environmental Network Action, Blue-Green Alliance, California Interfaith Power & Light, California Nurses Association, Center for Environmental Health, Clean Water Action, Communities for a Better Environment, The Greenlining Institute, Natural Resources

Defense Council, Save the Bay, Sierra Club California, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, United Auto Workers, Urban Habitat, 350 Bay Area Action, and dozens of other environmental, environmental justice, and labor groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley City Council expresses serious concerns about the potential for increases in industrial pollution due to an environmental review process that is virtually absent of transparency and lacks opportunities for required mitigation, and supports effective action to limit and reign in the recently created “advanced manufacturing” exemption in CEQA, and be it

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council hereby supports SB 954 (Blakespear) and urges all state legislators in the East Bay and throughout California to support this bill, and Governor Newsom to sign the bill, as well as support all practicable efforts to protect East Bay and California residents from toxic contaminants and other industrial pollution in our communities.



SENATOR
CATHERINE BLAKESPEAR
 SENATE DISTRICT 38



SB 954: Tightening CEQA Exemptions

SUMMARY

SB 954 makes targeted changes to last year's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reforms enacted in SB 131. In particular, the bill would narrow overly broad definitions of advanced manufacturing, add environmental guardrails to protect communities, and clarify language so the original intent of SB 131 is followed without harming the environment, labor or tribal resources.

BACKGROUND

SB 131 created numerous changes to CEQA, adding a dozen new exemptions, including for housing, high speed rail facilities, and most significantly, "advanced manufacturing."

At the time of SB 131's passage, several legislators raised concerns about insufficient protections for sensitive species and tribal resources, and an overly broad definition for advanced manufacturing, while at the same time supporting the main thrust of the bill.

A dozen Senators and 20 Assemblymembers signed a letter urging prompt legislation to fix these outstanding issues, but no action has been taken yet.

PROBLEM

SB 131's CEQA exemption for advanced manufacturing relies on an expansive definition originally developed for a tax credit program that covers almost all manufacturing. This means that even manufacturing that is damaging to the

environment, such as strip mining and lithium extraction, gets a CEQA exemption, without other historic considerations or protections required. This runs counter to the spirit of CEQA.

Additionally, SB 131 permitted childcare facilities in industrial zones – but not in residential areas – to qualify for CEQA exemptions and allowed projects on habitat for protected species to move forward without environmental review.

SOLUTION

SB 954 strengthens protections for habitat of protected species, extends CEQA exemptions for residential daycare facilities, and adds clear environmental guardrails to the CEQA exemption for advanced manufacturing. Specifically, this bill requires projects to: 1) have zero emission backup generation; 2) be sited in heavy industrial zones with setbacks of 1,600 feet from sensitive receptors and 1,000-foot setbacks from disadvantaged communities; 4) not harm tribal resources; and 5) include a community benefits agreement and high roads labor standards. The bill requires the governor to certify these projects as 'advanced manufacturing' leaders, that are not only more efficient, but also more environmentally sound than current industry standards. This bill also specifies the intent of the Legislature to further narrow the definition of advanced manufacturing to appropriate sectors, allowing room for stakeholders and the Legislature to continue discussions on the definition of advanced manufacturing and CEQA exemptions.

SB 954 fulfills commitments made to address SB 131's outstanding issues and ensures that CEQA reforms are implemented thoughtfully, balancing streamlining with environmental protections to support a clean and abundant future for all Californians.

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Upcoming Worksessions and Special Meetings	
Scheduled Dates	
June 23 (6pm)	FY 2027 – FY 2028 Budget Adoption
July 14 (4pm)	ODPA Annual Report


Unscheduled Presentations and Special Meetings
1. None

Future Information Reports
1. Affordable Housing Fee Feasibility Study 2. Berkeley Fire Department Annual Report

	City Council Referrals to the Agenda & Rules Committee and Unfinished Business for Scheduling
1.	<p>12. Social Justice Implications of Proposed Use of Controlled Weapons and Other Policing Tools <i>(Referred to the Agenda & Rules Committee for scheduling on April 21, 2026)</i> From: Peace and Justice Commission Recommendation: Adopt a Policy approving the following actions with regard to the appropriateness of certain chemical weapons and other tools: 1. Retain the existing 2020 bans on chemical weapons (CS and OC), and the 1982 bans on police dogs and helicopters. 2. Retain the 1997 requirement for public reporting of each use of pepper spray. 3. Request the City Manager to engage an academic institution such as UC Berkeley, UCSF, or Stanford to study the health impacts of tear gas and other chemical weapons and canine support, potential short-term and long-term impacts on vulnerable populations and possible alternatives to the use of chemical weapons that provide officer safety, suspect safety, and safety to the general public. Financial Implications: None Contact: Tasha Tervalon, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7000</p>

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT			
WORKING CALENDAR FOR SCHEDULING LAND USE MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL			
Address	Board/ Commission	Appeal Period Ends	Public Hearing
NOD – Notices of Decision			
1101 University Avenue (change use of existing vacant unit)	ZAB	6/2/2026	
1522 Josephine Street (demolish existing single-family dwelling and construct new single-family dwelling)	ZAB	6/2/2026	
Public Hearings Scheduled			
600 Gilman Street (establish a public drive-in vehicle wash, incidental food service with a service window, and allow a 30-foot wide driveway)	ZAB		7/7/2026
Remanded to ZAB or LPC			
Notes			
ZAB: Zoning Adjustments Board			
LPC: Landmarks Preservation Commission			

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