



BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

2:30 P.M.

2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704

Teleconference Location – 1027 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94710

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: June 29, 2026**
- 2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:**
 - a. 7/28/2026 – 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

- 7. Discussion of possible changes to the 2027 City Council meeting schedule**

Unscheduled Items

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

Items for Future Agendas

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

Adjournment – Next Meeting Monday, August 31, 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.*

*Written communications addressed to the Agenda Committee and submitted to the City Clerk Department by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the Committee meeting, will be distributed to the Committee in advance of the meeting and retained as part of the official record.*

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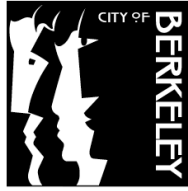
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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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Roll Call: 2:37 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 1 speaker

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: June 22, 2026

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Ishii) to approve the minutes of 6/22/26.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 7/14/2026 – Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to approve the agenda of 7/14/2026 with the changes noted below.

- Item Added: Memorial Gathering (Bartlett) – added to Consent Calendar
- Item Added: Public Works Director (City Manager) – added to Consent Calendar
- Item 13 Air Support and Canine Units (Kesarwani) – moved to Action Calendar; agendized as a/b item with Peace & Justice report
- Item 14 Position of Opposition (Tregub) – revised item submitted
- Item 18 Arts Tax Initiative (City Manager) – moved to Consent Calendar
- Item 19 Public Bank Initiative (City Manager) – moved to Consent Calendar
- Item 20 Sugary Drinks Initiative (City Manager) – moved to Consent Calendar
- Item 21 Tear Gas/OC Spray (Kesarwani) – agendized as a/b item with Peace & Justice report

Vote: All Ayes.

3. Adjournments In Memory – None

Scheduling

4. Council Worksessions Schedule – received and filed

5. Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling – Item from Peace & Justice Commission scheduled for July 14, 2026

6. Land Use Calendar – received and filed

Action Calendar

- None

Unscheduled Items

7. Review Policy Committees Structure

8. Review Boards and Commissions Structure

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Ishii) to approve the minutes of 6/22/26.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on June 29, 2026.

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DRAFT AGENDA BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, July 28, 2026
6:00 PM**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 7020 NEPTUNE AVENUE GLENEDEN BEACH, OR 97388

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. Minutes for Approval**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of June 5, 2026 (closed), June 8, 2026 (closed), June 9, 2026 (regular), June 16, 2026 (regular), June 22, 2026 (closed), June 23, 2026 (special), and June 30, 2026 (regular).
Financial Implications: None.
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
- 2. Police Accountability Board – Appointment of New Member**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution appointing a new member to the Police Accountability Board (PAB) nominated by Councilmember Taplin.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Consent Calendar

3. Voting Delegates – League of California Cities Annual Conference

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Designate Councilmember Lunaparra as the voting delegate and Councilmember Humbert as the alternate for the General Assembly of the Annual League of California Cities conference to be held on Friday, September 25, 2026, in Anaheim.

Financial Implications: See report.

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

4. Contract No. 32100053 Amendment: Dr. Orsolya Kuti for Veterinary Medical Services

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any necessary amendments with Dr. Orsolya Kuti to provide in-house veterinary medical services at Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS), increasing the contract amount by \$103,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$376,000.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

5. Friends of Berkeley Animal Care Services Grant Acceptance

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$60,000 grant from the Friends of Berkeley Animal Care Services (FoBACS) and to execute any necessary agreements and amendments required to implement this funding.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

6. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on July 28, 2026

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division.? All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Consent Calendar

**7. Contract No. 32600030 Amendment: DataProse for Bill Printing and Mailing
From: City Manager**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No: 32600030 with DataProse, to provide printing and mailing services, increasing the amount by \$150,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$200,000 and extending the term for 18 months, until December 31, 2028.

Financial Implications: See Report

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

**8. Contract: Swifthawk Consulting, LLC to Serve as the Alameda County
Coordinator**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a contract with Swifthawk Consulting, LLC, to serve as the Alameda County Coordinator for coordination with local agencies, fire safe councils, and wildfire mitigation community groups for the initial period, August 1, 2026, through December 30, 2029, with two (2) one (1) year extensions, in a total amount not to exceed \$1 million based on incoming grant funds from the California Fire Safe Council; and 2. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute any amendments for not more than \$225,000 per year in Fiscal Year (FY) 30 and 31, upon receiving additional California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) awards in order to continue the contract. 3. To apply for and receive future grant awards to maintain the Alameda County Coordinator position through 2031.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

**9. Purchase Orders: Life-Assist for Emergency Medical Supplies and Equipment
From: City Manager**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to utilize National Purchasing Partners (NPPGov) Contract No. PS25830 and issue purchase orders to Life-Assist, Inc. for emergency medical supplies and equipment from August 1, 2026 through November 18, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,552,000 with the option to continue utilizing any authorized extensions or successor cooperative purchasing agreements, subject to available funding and applicable procurement requirements for an additional two, two year extensions not to exceed \$1,888,000.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

Consent Calendar

10. Purchase Orders: Bound Tree Medical for Emergency Medical Supplies and Equipment

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to utilize BuyBoard Contract No. 804-26 and issue purchase orders to Bound Tree Medical, LLC for emergency medical supplies and equipment from August 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, with the option to continue utilizing authorized contract renewals or successor cooperative purchasing agreements for two additional two-year periods, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 in total.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

11. Grant Application: Authorizing application for and acceptance of FEMA Port Security Grant Program funds for fire & rescue boat replacement

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant, and any amendments, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for up to \$1,200,000 including a \$300,000 (25%) local match to replace the City's Fire & Rescue Boat.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

12. Contract: Berkeley Food Network for Food Assistance: HOME-ARP Supportive Services

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a new contract with Berkeley Food Network (BFN) to provide food security services to eligible populations utilizing HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) funds for a total amount not to exceed \$372,901 for a two-year contract ending on June 30, 2028.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

13. Contract No. 31900270 Amendment: Dell Computers, Inc. for continued hardware, software, and related services

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No.31900270 with Dell Computers, Inc. for the purchase of hardware, software, and related services utilizing the County of Riverside Agreement 8084445, for an additional \$2,900,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$11,097,733 for the period of November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2027.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500

Consent Calendar

14. Contract: CivicPlus, LLC for Recreation Management Software and Related Services

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with CivicPlus, LLC for Recreation Management Software for an amount not to exceed \$200,903 for the five-year period commencing December 1, 2026, through November 30, 2031.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

15. Purchase Order: One Workplace Inc. for furniture and equipment for the MLK Jr. Youth Services Center and other Community Centers

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to issue purchase orders with One Workplace Inc. for the purchase of furniture and equipment for the MLK Jr. Youth Services Center and other community centers using the Omnia Partners Contract No. 2019.001899, R221104, and R240103 for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 through June 30, 2027, with the option of one (1) single-year extension if the Omnia contract is extended.

Financial Implications: Parks Tax Fund - \$300,000

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

16. Contract: QLM-Inc. for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion New Community Gardens, Dog Park, and Playground Project

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving the plans and specifications for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion New Community Gardens, Dog Park, and Playground Project; and 2. Accepting the correction of the sum of bid items for QLM-Inc's bid; and 3. Accepting the bid of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, QLM-Inc.; and 4. 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, with QLM-Inc., for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion New Community Gardens, Dog Park, and Playground Project from Blake to Ward Street, along Acton Street at 0 Parker Street, 0 Carleton Street, 0 Derby Street, 0 Ward Street, in an amount not to exceed \$3,355,202 which includes a base contract amount of \$3,185,202, plus \$170,000 for Add Alternates No. 3 and 5, and a 10% contingency in the amount of \$335,520.

Financial Implications: Various Funds - \$3,690,722

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Consent Calendar

17. **Contract No. 32500020 Amendment: The Dutra Group for Berkeley Marina Docks D&E Replacement Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32500020 with The Dutra Group for the Berkeley Marina Docks D&E Replacement Project, increasing the amount by \$300,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$8,893,200.
Financial Implications: Various Funds - \$8,893,222
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
18. **Authorization for Additional Civic Arts Commission Meeting in 2026**
From: Civic Arts Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Civic Arts Commission to hold one additional meeting in 2026, allowing the Commission to add an August 26, 2026 meeting.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Carianna Arredondo, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
19. **Officially Name the Public Plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets in South Berkeley in honor of Dolores Cooper**
From: Parks and Waterfront Commission
Recommendation: Officially name the Public Plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets in South Berkeley in honor of Dolores Cooper.
Financial Implications: \$2,000
Contact: Roger Miller, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6700

Council Consent Items

20. **Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to Support the Citywide Berkeley School Supply Distribution & Resource Fair**
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$200 per Councilmember from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including a contribution of \$200 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett, \$150 from Councilmember Igor Tregub, \$100 from Mayor Adena Ishii, and inviting additional Councilmembers to contribute, to support SupplyBank.org's Citywide Berkeley School Supply Giveaway & Resource Fair.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

Council Consent Items

21. **Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to the Downtown Berkeley Association in Support of the Social Service Outreach Coordinator Position**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$1000 per Councilmember from each of their D13 Discretionary Accounts including \$500 from Councilmember Tregub, \$500 from Councilmember O'Keefe, \$500 from Councilmember Blackaby, and \$300 from Councilmember Lunaparra and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute to the Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) in support of the Social Service Outreach Coordinator position. The relinquished funds from the respective discretionary Council Office Budgets of such members of the Berkeley City Council who wish to contribute will close the remaining gap in cost sharing funding and allow for the DBA to continue performing important social services outreach duties in Downtown Berkeley.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
22. **Referral to the City Manager: Update Definition of and, in the C-DMU District and Review Restrictions Related to the Establishment of Adult-Oriented Businesses in the Berkeley Municipal Code** *(Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)*
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager the following: 1. Updates to the definition of "Adult-Oriented Business" in the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.302.070.A, BMC Chapter 23.204, and/or any other relevant provisions, including vaping shops and other related businesses; and 2. Reviewing restrictions around such uses in the C-DMU Commercial District in the Downtown.
Policy Committee Recommendation: Send the item to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation with the following revisions to the recommendation: 1. Review (rather than expand) restrictions of such uses in the C-DMU Commercial District in the Downtown; and 2. Incorporate consideration of vaping uses as part of the definition(s).
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

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23. Russell Street Halloween Festivities (2026–2029): Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

From: Councilmember Humbert (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$4,000 per Councilmember including \$4,000 from Councilmember Humbert to the Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association for Russell Street Halloween festivities from 2026 to 2029 with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Humbert and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

Financial Implications: Councilmember's Discretionary Funds - \$4,000

Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

Action Calendar

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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.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

24. Referral Response: Inclusionary Housing In-Lieu Fee Analysis and Fee Update for Single Family Residential Units

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending the Inclusionary Housing in-lieu fee to establish a 2,500 square foot Residential Unit Floor Area (RUFA) deduction for all detached single-family residential units and maintain the 5,000 square foot RUFA deduction for multi-unit residential projects; and include analysis of the updated fee structure in the 2028 in-lieu fee study.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

Council Action Items

25. Referral to Schedule Hopkins Street for Paving with Enhanced Safety

Improvements for all Users (*Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee*)

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Given new information presented by the Fire Department that pedestrian and bike safety infrastructure on Hopkins Street “retains workable emergency access,” refer to the City Manager to repave Hopkins Street from Sutter Street to San Pablo Avenue with inclusion of one-way Class IV separated bikeways on each side from The Alameda to Peralta Avenue / Ohlone Greenway with a minimum width of five feet. Of the various cycle track and protected bikeway conceptual options that Public Works reviewed, staff deemed this configuration of separated cycle tracks to be the safest, while also providing the opportunity to retain the greatest amount of curbside parking.

Further, incorporate the following specific additional safety, parking management, and other features:

- From Sutter Street to The Alameda on Hopkins, install Class II buffered bike lanes on each side (similar to Monterey Avenue) and incorporate traffic calming to the extent feasible;

- From Peralta Avenue / Ohlone Greenway to Stannage Avenue on Hopkins, incorporate traffic calming speed cushions to the extent feasible, along with any other pedestrian safety features recommended by Public Works staff that are compatible with potential future bike lanes;

- Install a raised intersection, in which the entire intersection is elevated to approximate sidewalk grade as a vertical traffic-calming and pedestrian-priority treatment (similar to the raised intersection constructed at Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue as part of the Southside Complete Streets project), where Hopkins Street connects to Monterey Avenue and California Street;

- Incorporate pedestrian safety features included in the 2022-2023 conceptual design that continue to be deemed appropriate by Public Works staff;

- Redesign and reconstruct the intersection of Hopkins and Sacramento Streets to promote safety of all users;

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- Assess improvement of the intersection of Hopkins Street and The Alameda to promote safety of all users, with redesign and reconstruction contingent upon available funding;
- Install bus boarding islands (floating bus stops) at AC Transit stops with the bikeway routed behind the boarding platform;
- Address street and curb damage from old street trees including removal of trees that are intruding into the usable street width, impacting storm drainage, with replacement trees required at a 1:1 ratio;
- Develop and implement a comprehensive Curb Management Plan for the commercial, recreational, and residential areas around Hopkins Street that includes ADA parking spaces, loading zones, short-term parking zones, waste collection service needs, and metering adjacent to commercial and/or recreational uses to encourage parking turnover;
- In addition, as part of the comprehensive Curb Management Plan, explore the feasibility of expanding the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Eligibility Map to the Hopkins Street corridor, along with the ability of Hopkins Street residents living on or adjacent to a block with parking loss to obtain an RPP permit for the nearest street.

As part of advancing the Council-directed Class IV separated bikeway into detailed engineering plans, Public Works staff will conduct outreach to businesses, schools, houses of worship, residents, and other stakeholders along Hopkins Street. This outreach will focus on refining the design of the safety infrastructure to be responsive to operational needs along the corridor, particularly loading zones, short-term parking zones, ADA parking, waste collection service needs, and metered parking, with the Class IV separated bikeway design serving as the established foundation for this work. The Hopkins Street commercial district is a neighborhood institution, and the goal of this design process is to ensure that safety improvements strengthen rather than undermine its vitality.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to council with a qualified negative recommendation to be rejected unless amended to include; protected bike lanes on Hopkins Street from Sutter to Gilman; direction to staff to develop and present options for extending the bike lane infrastructure westward to Acton, Peralta, or Stannage; direction to staff to immediately identify and secure funding for all proposed pedestrian, transit and bicycle improvements, and direction to staff to utilize existing completed traffic studies and prior public process outcomes to limit unnecessary delays and costs.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Rashmi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

Action Calendar – Policy Committee Track Items

26. **Excused Absence for Councilmember Ben Bartlett**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author)
Recommendation: Excuse Councilmember Ben Bartlett from the June 30, 2026 council meeting because of a medical illness/condition.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100
27. **Recission of the Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards Under the Clean Air Act**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Attorney's Office to join the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University's amicus brief in support of the petition for review of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) rescission of the greenhouse gas endangerment finding and motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standards under the Clean Air Act, 91 Fed. Reg. 7686 (Feb. 18, 2026), subject to City Attorney review and approval of the brief.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Action Calendar – Policy Committee Track Items

28. **Referral to the City Manager: RENAISSANCE (Revitalizing Enterprise and Neighborhoods through Activation, Investment, Safety, Streamlining, Accessibility, Networking, Collaboration, and Equity), Part 1: Performance Standards for Commercial District Activation and Blight Mitigation**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager the development of a set of commercial vacancy blight mitigation strategies that include but are not limited to:

1. Performance Standards: Establish performance standards for commercial district properties, where a building has been demolished, partially demolished, or partially constructed, and the property has remained in that condition for an established time period without any documentation showing that the project is advancing within the defined near-term timeframe. These standards may include but are not limited to temporary landscaping, creative temporary use, creative and dynamic fencing, murals, green walls and/or other remedies that maintain the site in an attractive and visibly activated state.

2. Revocation of Permits: Reaffirm the authority of the City Manager or designee to declare the permit lapsed due to non-compliance findings outlined in Number 1 above. Explore streamlining and simplifying the permit revocation process established in Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) 23.404.080 if the owner of the property is out of compliance with the performance standards described in Number 1.

3. Unmitigated Prolonged Commercial Vacancy: Add “unmitigated prolonged commercial vacancy” as a defined factor to declare a property blighted in commercial districts.

Financial Implications: None.

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

Information Reports

29. **Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2455 Telegraph Avenue / #LMSAP2026-0001**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
30. **Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: Elmwood Commercial Historic District / #LMIN2026-0001**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
31. **Civic Arts Commission FY27 Work Plan**
From: Civic Arts Commission
Contact: Carianna Arredondo, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7000

Information Reports

32. Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission Actions

From: Landmarks Preservation Commission

Contact: Allison Riemer, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Adjournment

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Civic Arts Commission

## CONSENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Civic Arts Commission

Submitted by: Peter Montgomery, Chairperson, Civic Arts Commission

Subject: Authorization for Additional Civic Arts Commission Meeting in 2026

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Civic Arts Commission to hold one additional meeting in 2026, allowing the Commission to add an August 26, 2026 meeting.

### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Fiscal impacts are minimal. An additional meeting may require staff secretary time. Any related administrative costs are expected to be absorbed within existing resources.

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Resolution No. 68,705–N.S. governs the number of annual meetings for City boards and commissions and authorizes the Civic Arts Commission to meet ten times per year.

The Civic Arts Commission's adopted 2026 meeting schedule did not include an August meeting. Staff brought forward a recommendation to revise the remaining 2026 meeting schedule to add an August 26, 2026 meeting in order to address time-sensitive Commission business and provide an opportunity for Commission feedback on upcoming arts and cultural planning items.

At its June 24, 2026 meeting, the Civic Arts Commission approved staff's recommendation to add an August 26, 2026 meeting, with the direction that the October 28, 2026 meeting also remain on the calendar. Because adding the August meeting while retaining the October meeting would result in one additional meeting beyond the ten meetings authorized for 2026, Council authorization is required.

On June 24, 2026, the Civic Arts Commission voted as follows:

**Action:** M/S/C (Blecher/Kramer) move to approve revisions to the remaining 2026 Civic Arts Commission meeting schedule as recommended by staff, while retaining the October 28, 2026 date.

**Vote:** Ayes: — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda (LoA), Scott.

### BACKGROUND

Historically, the Civic Arts Commission has not met in August or November, although this practice is not required by policy. In recent years, however, the volume of Commission agenda items has required a fuller meeting schedule to support timely review of public art projects, grants-related items, cultural planning efforts, and other Commission business. Staff recommended adding an August 26, 2026 meeting to allow the Commission to review and provide feedback on time-sensitive items, including but not limited to:

- Presentation and feedback on the Arts Resiliency Study from Cultural Planning Group;
- Cube Space Artist 5: Lena Coletto, scheduled for October 26, 2026 through January 15, 2027; and
- Animal Shelter Project Plan.

The August meeting will provide needed time for Commission discussion and feedback before these items move forward. Retaining the October meeting will also support continuity during the fall, when the Commission is expected to continue work related to public art, grants, cultural planning, and other programmatic items.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental impacts or opportunities associated with this report.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The additional August meeting will allow the Civic Arts Commission to conduct timely review of important arts and cultural items and provide feedback on the Arts Resiliency Study before related recommendations and next steps are finalized. The Commission also determined that retaining the October meeting is important to maintain continuity in the fall meeting schedule and avoid delaying items that may require Commission review or action. Authorizing one additional meeting in 2026 will allow the Commission to complete this work without compressing or deferring agenda items unnecessarily.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

### CITY MANAGER

The City Manager takes no position with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

### CONTACT PERSON

Carianna Arredondo, Secretary to the Civic Arts Commission and Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office (510) 981-7000

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

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL 2026 MEETING FOR THE CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 68,705–N.S. governs the number of annual meetings for City boards and commissions and authorizes the Civic Arts Commission to meet ten times per year; and

WHEREAS, the Civic Arts Commission’s adopted 2026 meeting schedule did not include an August meeting; and

WHEREAS, staff recommended adding an August 26, 2026 meeting to allow the Civic Arts Commission to review time-sensitive items, including the Arts Resiliency Study, Cube Space Artist 5, and the Animal Shelter Project Plan; and

WHEREAS, at its June 24, 2026 meeting, the Civic Arts Commission voted to approve revisions to the remaining 2026 meeting schedule as recommended by staff, while retaining the October 28, 2026 meeting date; and

WHEREAS, adding the August 26, 2026 meeting while retaining the October 28, 2026 meeting would result in one additional meeting beyond the ten meetings authorized for the Civic Arts Commission in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the additional meeting will allow the Civic Arts Commission to provide timely feedback and conduct necessary Commission business without delaying time-sensitive arts and cultural planning items.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Civic Arts Commission is authorized to hold one additional meeting in 2026, for a total of eleven meetings in calendar year 2026.





Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission

Submitted by: Allan Abshez, Chairperson

Subject: Officially Name the Public Plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets in South Berkeley in honor of Dolores Cooper

RECOMMENDATION

Officially name the Public Plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets in South Berkeley in honor of Dolores Cooper.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Officially naming the public plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets in honor of Dolores Cooper will require new signage with an estimated cost of less than \$2,000.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On April 14, 2026, Councilmember Bartlett made a Council referral to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to explore naming the public plaza located at the intersection of Adeline Street and Fairview Street within the Lorin District corridor in South Berkeley as Delores Cooper Plaza.

At a regular meeting on May 13, 2026, the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission took action to recommend that Council rename the public plaza in South Berkeley as the Delores Cooper Plaza per Council referral from April 14, 2026 to the PRW Commission (Motion/Second/Carried: Abshez/Nash); Ayes: Rybczynski; Stewart; Nash; Abshez; Noes: none; Abstain: Muszynski; Absent: Philip (LOA); Samelson (LOA).

BACKGROUND

Delores Nochi Cooper is a founding board member and Executive Manager of Berkeley Juneteenth Cultural Celebrations, a 35-year-old non-profit organization located in Berkeley, California. Since taking over the helm of Berkeley Juneteenth as its Production Manager ten years ago, the festival has grown in scope and influence and is hailed as the longest-running Juneteenth event in California.

Ms. Cooper served as a member of the Martin Luther King Ad Hoc Committee and played a central role in the successful effort to rename Grove Street as Martin Luther King Jr. Way,. She is an active participant in her community and has volunteered her

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services as a writing coach at Berkeley and Richmond schools through Writer Coach Connection; as a program consultant with the South Berkeley Legacy Project; and as a Police Review Commissioner with the City of Berkeley. In 2021, Ms. Cooper was appointed to serve on the City of Berkeley's Independent Redistricting Commission. In 2024, she published a collection of poetry, "A Sweating Body That is Cooled By A Sometime Breeze." A comprehensive biography of Ms. Cooper is provided in Attachment 2.

The proposed naming of Delores Cooper Plaza, located at the intersection of Adeline Street and Fairview Street within the Lorin District corridor in South Berkeley reflects Ms. Cooper's deep connection to South Berkeley and its ongoing cultural and historical significance. The naming has received unanimous support from the Lorin Business Association of South Berkeley and strong support from numerous members of the broader Berkeley community.

#### CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the recommendation contained in this report.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no negative environmental impacts were identified as a result of this recommendation.

#### RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Lorin District corridor in South Berkeley is widely recognized as the historic and contemporary epicenter of culture in South Berkeley. As displacement pressures continue, it is increasingly important for the City to preserve and affirm South Berkeley's legacy through intentional placemaking and cultural recognition. Dolores Cooper's leadership and her continued involvement in cultural institutions such as the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival demonstrate her enduring commitment to building the South Berkeley community.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

#### CONTACT PERSON

Allan Abshez, Chair, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission  
Roger Miller, Secretary, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission, 510-981-6704

Attachments:

- 1: Resolution
- 2: Council Referral, April 14, 2026 and biography

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OFFICIALLY NAME THE PUBLIC PLAZA AT ADELINE AND FAIRVIEW STREETS IN  
SOUTH BERKELEY IN HONOR OF DOLORES COOPER

WHEREAS, in the Council agenda for April 14, 2026, Councilmember Bartlett made a referral to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to explore naming the public plaza located at the intersection of Adeline Street and Fairview Street within the Lorin District corridor in South Berkeley as Delores Cooper Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Delores Nochi Cooper is a founding board member and Executive Manager of Berkeley Juneteenth Cultural Celebrations, a 35-year-old non-profit organization located in Berkeley, California; and

WHEREAS, since taking over the helm of Berkeley Juneteenth as its Production Manager ten years ago, the festival has grown in its scope and influence and is hailed as the longest-running Juneteenth event in California; and

WHEREAS, the proposed naming of Delores Cooper Plaza, located at the intersection of Adeline Street and Fairview Street within the Lorin District corridor in South Berkeley, reflects Ms. Cooper's deep connection to Berkeley and its ongoing cultural and historical significance; and

WHEREAS, the naming has received unanimous support from the Lorin Business Association of South Berkeley and strong support from numerous members of the broader Berkeley community; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting on May 13, 2026, the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission took action to recommend that Council rename the public plaza in South Berkeley as the Delores Cooper Plaza per Council referral from April 14, 2026 to the PRW Commission (Ferris).\* (M/S/C: Abshez/Nash/C) Ayes: Rybczynski; Stewart; Nash; Abshez; Noes: none; Abstain: Muszynski; Absent: Philip (LOA); Samelson (LOA).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the public plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets in South Berkeley is named in honor of Dolores Cooper.



**BEN BARTLETT**  
CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 3

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CONSENT CALENDAR

April 14, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett  
Subject: Recommendation to Parks and Waterfront Commission to Explore the Naming of a Public Plaza in South Berkeley as Delores Cooper Plaza

**RECOMMENDATION**

Refer to the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission to explore naming of the public plaza located at the intersection of Adeline Street and Fairview Street within the Lorin District corridor in South Berkeley as Delores Cooper Plaza; including process and directive of coordinating implementation, historical preservation, such as signage, universal design, and public engagement with community partners to document Delores Cooper's historic contributions to the City of Berkeley.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

The City of Berkeley has continuously recognized individuals whose leadership and service have shaped the City's cultural and civic identity. Public space naming is an important tool that honors community legacy by strengthening neighborhood identity and civic pride.

Delores Nochi Cooper is a founding board member and Executive Manager of Berkeley Juneteenth Cultural Celebrations, a 35-year-old non-profit organization located in Berkeley, California. A retired peace officer with 25 years of experience, Ms. Cooper's professional background includes legal compliance monitoring, investigations, needs assessments, report writing, and drug intervention education. Ms. Cooper's five years as a departmental training manager provided her with experience in strategic planning, policy development, contract negotiation, and production management. Ms. Cooper holds an MA in Legal Analysis and a BA in History from Lone Mountain College in San Francisco.

Ms. Cooper has used her professional expertise to empower and strengthen the community through events such as Juneteenth and Black History Month. Since taking over the helm of Berkeley Juneteenth as its Production Manager ten years ago, the festival has grown in its scope and influence and is hailed as the longest-running Juneteenth event in California. Ms. Cooper's portfolio includes serving as a historical

exhibits curator, Vision magazine editor, and graphic designer in charge of web and social media content, event images, marketing materials, fundraising and proposal writing, budget management, and as the single point of contact for the City, press, and service providers.

Ms. Cooper played a central role in the successful effort to rename Grove Street as Martin Luther King Jr. Way, serving as a member of the Martin Luther King Ad Hoc Committee. She is an active participant in her community and has volunteered her services as a writing coach at Berkeley and Richmond schools through Writer Coach Connection; as a program consultant with the South Berkeley Legacy Project; and as a Police Review Commissioner with the City of Berkeley. In 2021, Ms. Cooper was appointed to serve on the City of Berkeley's Independent Redistricting Commission. In 2024, she published a collection of poetry, "A Sweating Body That is Cooled By A Sometimey Breeze."

South Berkeley, and specifically the Lorin District corridor, is widely recognized as the historic and contemporary epicenter of culture in Berkeley. As displacement pressures continue, it is increasingly important for the City to preserve and affirm Berkeley's legacy through intentional placemaking and cultural recognition.

The proposed Delores Cooper Plaza, located at the intersection of Adeline Street and Fairview Street within the Lorin District corridor in South Berkeley, reflects Ms. Cooper's deep connection to Berkeley and its ongoing cultural and historical significance. The naming has received unanimous support from the Lorin Business Association of South Berkeley and strong support from numerous members of the broader Berkeley community.

## **BACKGROUND**

Delores Cooper's legacy as an educator, advocate, and cultural leader spans decades of service to Berkeley residents, particularly Black youth and families. Born in Oakland, nurtured in Compton, and raised in Berkeley, she believes art, music, and history can serve as vehicles for channeling creative expression and building self-esteem, ultimately addressing the generational emotional trauma of slavery and systemic racism. Her passion is event programming with a community-healing component that builds community, with "ME and WE" as essential participants in a healthy, diverse community.

Cooper's leadership and her continued involvement in cultural institutions, such as the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival, demonstrate her enduring commitment to building the Berkeley community.

This proposal is further supported by Inter-City Services Inc. (ICS), a Bay Area organization that has served marginalized and underserved communities since 1984, which has formally expressed its support for establishing Delores Cooper Plaza and highlighted the appropriateness of the proposed location.

### **REVIEW OF EXISTING PLANS, PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND LAWS**

This action is consistent with the Adeline Corridor Specific Plan's placemaking goals, which emphasize improvements to the public realm, corridor identity, and pedestrian-oriented retail and cultural activity.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

No negative impact.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Community outreach for this proposal included engagement with the Lorin Business Association, community organizations, and South Berkeley residents. The proposal received unanimous support from the Lorin Business Association and broad endorsement from members of the Berkeley community.

In addition, outreach and consultation were conducted with Kieron Slaughter, former City of Berkeley Office of Economic Development staff member and former Liaison to the Lorin Business Association of South Berkeley. Mr. Slaughter brings extensive experience in public-space renaming and placemaking in Berkeley, as well as several other successful renaming efforts and placemaking installations in Oakland and Richmond. His expertise helped inform the proposed process and community-centered approach for this initiative.

The Commission is asked to review this proposal and, if appropriate, recommend a plan and approval to the City Council.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with the fabrication and installation of plaza signage and interpretive elements are anticipated to be modest and may be covered by existing departmental budgets or through partnerships and donations.

### **CONTACT PERSON**

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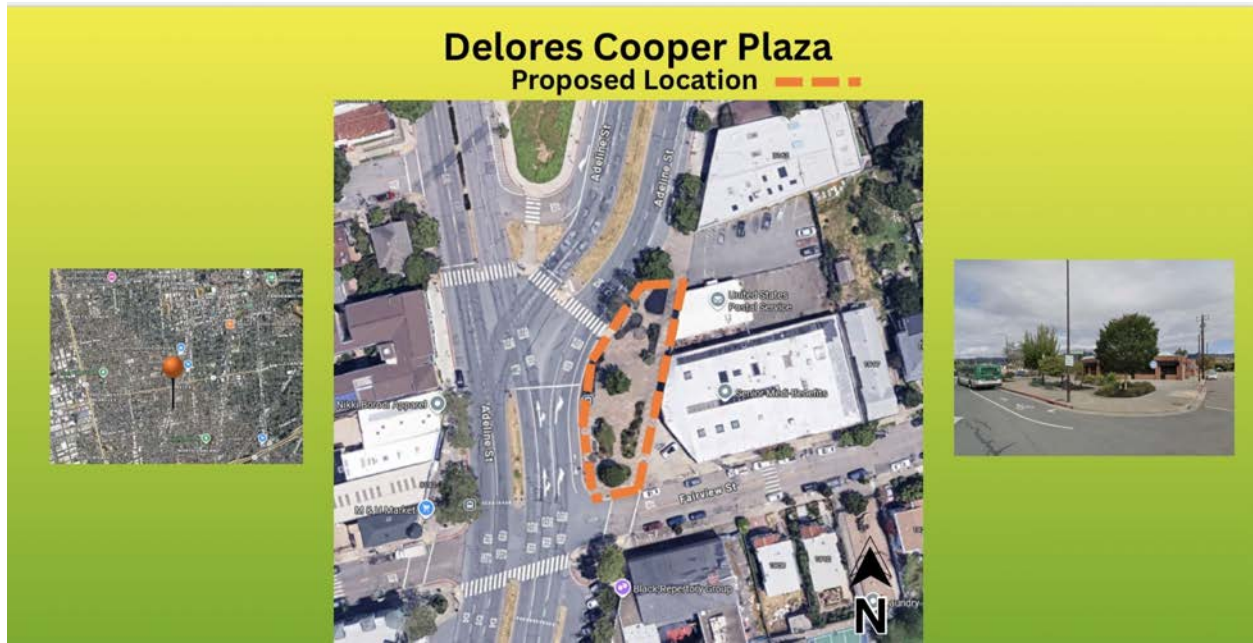
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ATTACHMENTS AND MATERIALS

1. Delores Cooper Plaza Proposed Location Map
2. Inter-City Services Inc. Letter of Support
3. The Lorin Business Association Letter of Support
4. Delores Nochi Cooper Biography

Attachment 1:



Attachment 2:

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Date: December 04, 2025

Kamau A. Edwards, Attorney  
The Edwards Firm  
ROW DTLA  
777 S. Alameda Street, 2nd Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90021

Re: Endorsement — Delores Cooper Honoring Project

Dear Mr. Edwards,

This letter confirms that Inter-City Services Inc. (ICS) fully endorses the proposal to honor Ms. Delores Cooper through the establishment of the Proposed Delores Cooper Plaza, located near Alcatraz Avenue and Adeline Street within the Lorin District corridor in the South Berkeley area of the City of Berkeley.

As a longstanding organization dedicated to serving and elevating marginalized and underserved communities in the Bay Area since 1984, ICS expresses its full support for this meaningful project recognizing Ms. Cooper's enduring legacy and contributions to the Berkeley community. The proposed location reflects her deep connection to South Berkeley and its ongoing cultural and historical significance.

Please accept this letter as formal documentation of ICS's endorsement. We look forward to continued collaboration on the next steps in bringing this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

Mansour Id-Deen  
Founder and Executive Director

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Attachment 3:



**Date:** 11/3/25

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**The Edwards Firm**  
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Los Angeles, California 90021

**Re: Board Approval — Delores Cooper Honoring Project**

Dear Mr. Edwards,

This letter confirms that the **Lorin Business Association** met on **October 17, 2025**, and voted to **approve the proposal to honor Ms. Delores Cooper** through the establishment of the **Proposed Delores Cooper Plaza**, located near **Alcatraz Avenue and Adeline Street** within the Lorin District corridor.

The Lorin Business Association expresses its full support for this meaningful project, recognizing Ms. Cooper's enduring legacy and contributions to the Berkeley community. The proposed location reflects her deep connection to the Lorin District and its ongoing cultural and historical significance.

Please accept this letter as formal documentation of the Board's approval. We look forward to continued collaboration on the next steps in bringing this project to fruition.

Sincerely,  
**Liz Lisle, Co-Chair**  
**Yvette Holts, Co-Chair**

Attachment 4:

## DELORES NOCHI COOPER



Delores Nochi Cooper is a founding board member and Executive Manager of the day-to-day operation of Berkeley Juneteenth Cultural Celebrations, a 35-year-old non-profit organization located in Berkeley, California.

Her background as a retired peace officer for 25 years, honed her skills in legal compliance monitoring, investigation, needs assessment, report writing, and as a drug intervention educator; her five years as the departmental training manager provided her with experience in strategic planning, policy development, contract negotiation, and production management. Delores has transitioned her professional expertise in pursuit of her overarching commitment to the emotional well-being of her community through events such as Juneteenth and Black History

Month that celebrate the African American experience. Probation work taught her the importance of family, community connectedness, and that change is always possible.

Delores believes merely celebrating Juneteenth is not enough. Her passion is event programming with a community healing component that builds community with "ME and WE" as essential participants in a healthy, diverse community. Delores believes art, music and history can be used as a vehicle to channel creative juices and build self-esteem, that can change norms and behaviors, and ultimately address the generational emotional trauma of slavery and systemic racism.

Since taking over the helm of Berkeley Juneteenth as its Production Manager ten years ago, the festival has grown in its scope and influence and is hailed as the longest running Juneteenth event in California. Delores' portfolio includes historical exhibits curator, Vision magazine editor, graphic designer in charge of web and social media content, event images, and marketing materials. To that portfolio, add fundraising and proposal writing, budget management, and the single point of contact for the City, press, and service providers.

Delores is an active participant in her community and has volunteered her services as a writing coach at Berkeley and Richmond schools with Writer Coach Connection; as a program consultant with the South Berkeley Legacy Project; as a member of the Martin Luther King Ad Hoc Committee which successfully renamed a major Berkeley thoroughfare in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and with the City of Berkeley as a Police Review Commissioner. In 2021, Delores was appointed to serve on the City of Berkeley's Independent Redistricting Commission.

In 2024, Delores published a collection of poetry, "A Sweating Body That is Cooled By A Sometimey Breeze." She is currently working on her memoir.

Born in Oakland, nurtured in Compton, and raised in Berkeley, CA, Delores is a daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, devoted friend, and a team player with a strong work ethic instilled in her at an early age. She believes in cultivating dreams and ideas to fruition. In her down time, she enjoys, reading, writing, water aerobics, finding treasures at estate sales, sitting in her sacred spot just being and observing, and above all, spending time with loved ones.

Delores received her MA in Legal Analysis and BA in History from Lone Mountain College in San Francisco.





**BEN BARTLETT**  
CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 3

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CONSENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Author), Councilmember Igor Tregub (co-sponsor), and Mayor Adena Ishii (co-sponsor)

Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to Support the Citywide Berkeley School Supply Distribution & Resource Fair

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$200 per Councilmember from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including a contribution of \$200 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett, \$150 from Councilmember Igor Tregub, \$100 from Mayor Adena Ishii, and inviting additional Councilmembers to contribute, to support SupplyBank.org's Citywide Berkeley School Supply Giveaway & Resource Fair.

BACKGROUND:

For 16 consecutive years, SupplyBank.org has hosted the Citywide Berkeley School Supply Giveaway & Resource Fair at San Pablo Park, in partnership with Berkeley Unified School District's Office of Family Engagement and Equity, Covenant Church, and the Berkeley Public Schools Fund. The fair takes place annually on the weekend before the start of the school year.

The event serves more than 1,000 TK-12 students each year who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, as well as families experiencing poverty or homelessness across Berkeley. Families attend on a walk-up basis with no paperwork or appointment required.

Each child receives a grade-appropriate school supply kit, and families are connected

with City of Berkeley health and mental health resources and with more than 10 partner organizations that provide wraparound support. Kits are valued at \$55 to \$65 each, providing a value of more than double the cost.

#### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley has fully funded the program for the past 15 years. Amid broader budget constraints, the City canceled funding for FY 26-27.

As a result, SupplyBank.org must now raise the full cost of the event, approximately \$30,000, from community donations and other sources to sustain a resource that Berkeley families have come to rely on for 16 uninterrupted years. Without additional support, the scale of supplies and wraparound resources available to families at the fair may be reduced.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No negative impact.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There is no impact on the General Fund; \$200 is available from Councilmember Ben Bartlett's discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett.

#### CONTACT PERSON:

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#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Berkeley School Supply Distribution & Resource Fair Event Flyer
3. Berkeley School Supply Distribution & Resource Fair Event Brief

Attachment 1:

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

**AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE  
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
FOR A DONATION TO SUPPLYBANK.ORG IN SUPPORT OF THE CITYWIDE  
BERKELEY SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY & RESOURCE FAIR**

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Ben Bartlett, Councilmember Igor Tregub, Mayor Adena Ishii, and other members of the Berkeley City Council have funds available in their respective Council Office Expense Accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citywide Berkeley School Supply Distribution & Resource Fair, organized by SupplyBank.org in partnership with the Berkeley Unified School District Office of Family Engagement and Equity, Covenant Church, the Berkeley Public Schools Fund, and numerous community organizations, has served Berkeley families for 16 consecutive years; and

**WHEREAS**, they provide over 1,000 Berkeley students with the necessary materials to start their education off on the right foot, as well as connecting them with educational, health, mental health, and community resources to ensure they can be successful at school and beyond;

**WHEREAS**, due to budgetary issues, the city could not provide funding for the FY 2026-27 event, which left SupplyBank.org searching for ways to get support within the community to keep an important resource alive that many Berkeley families have used for over fifteen years;

**WHEREAS**, supporting access to school supplies and resources supports the city's goal to provide equitable education opportunities for its children, promote youth success, and improve the overall health and wellness of Berkeley children and families;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their office budgets, of an amount to be determined by each Councilmember, shall be granted to SupplyBank.org to support the Citywide Berkeley School Supply Distribution & Resource Fair.

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Attachment 2:

# Donate to the Citywide Berkeley School Supply Giveaway & Resource Fair!



For the past 16 years community organizations have come together to ensure all BUSD students have access to school supplies and other essential resources they need to be successful at school. This year, due to city budget constraints, we are turning to the community to help us keep this program alive.

**Fundraising Goal of \$30,000 to:**

- Ensure all low-income students in Berkeley have access to school supplies
- Continue an event that families have come to rely on
- Connect families with essential resources



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**Berkeley**  
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Berkeley Unified School District

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| <p><b>Citywide Berkeley<br/>School Supply Distribution<br/>&amp; Resource Fair</b></p> <p><b>Since 2010</b></p> | <p><b>Supply<br/>Bank.org</b></p> | <p><b>1,300+</b><br/>students served<br/>annually</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>consecutive<br/>years</p> | <p><b>\$30k</b><br/>provides <b>more<br/>than double</b><br/>the value in<br/>supplies</p> |
| <p>SupplyBank.org   K to College Program</p>                                                                    |                                   |                                                       |                                            |                                                                                            |



| Who We Serve                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | What Families Receive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Why This Investment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All free/reduced-price meal eligible TK-12 BUSD students</li> <li>• Families experiencing poverty and/or homelessness across Berkeley</li> <li>• Multilingual outreach via BUSD robo-call and mailing lists</li> <li>• Walk-up access — no paperwork required</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade-appropriate school supply kits (TK-12th grade)</li> <li>• Dental hygiene kits for every child</li> <li>• City of Berkeley health &amp; mental health resources</li> <li>• Voter registration — Alameda County Registrar</li> <li>• 10+ partner orgs providing wraparound resources</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30,000 covers <b>\$70,000 of supplies</b>, kitting, shipping, permits, and other event fees</li> <li>• 16 uninterrupted years of service</li> <li>• Supplies in each kit are valued at \$55-\$65</li> <li>• Berkeley's only one-stop back-to-school resource fair</li> <li>• Families have come to rely on this resource</li> </ul> |



#### Community Partners





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## CONSENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Igor Tregub (Author), Councilmember Shoshana O’Keefe (co-sponsor), Councilmember Brent Blackaby (co-sponsor), and Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra (co-sponsor)

Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to the Downtown Berkeley Association in Support of the Social Service Outreach Coordinator Position

## RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$1000 per Councilmember from each of their D13 Discretionary Accounts including \$500 from Councilmember Tregub, \$500 from Councilmember O’Keefe, \$500 from Councilmember Blackaby, and \$300 from Councilmember Lunaparra and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute to the Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) in support of the Social Service Outreach Coordinator position.

The relinquished funds from the respective discretionary Council Office Budgets of such members of the Berkeley City Council who wish to contribute will close the remaining gap in cost sharing funding and allow for the DBA to continue performing important social services outreach duties in Downtown Berkeley.

## BACKGROUND

The Social Service Outreach Specialist guides people living on Downtown Berkeley sidewalks and public spaces into social services, shelter, and housing, and works to resolve encampment or other issues for merchants.<sup>1</sup>

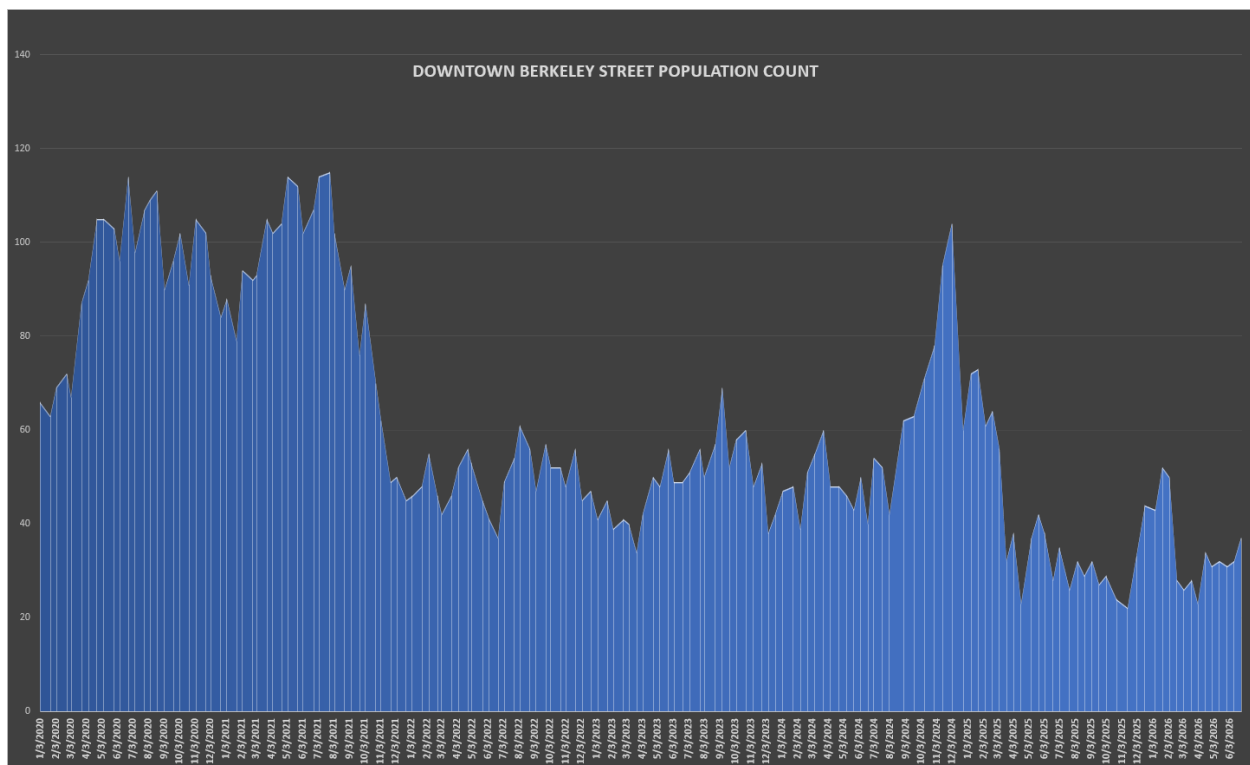
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.downtownberkeley.com/dba-services/environmental-services/>

On December 3, 2019, the City Council approved \$60,000 in Measure P allocations for co-funding of DBA Social Service Outreach Specialist position for Fiscal Year (FY) 20, Quarter (Q) 3 and Q4 and FY21. Co-funding has continued through FY26 at \$40,000 per fiscal year. For FY27, the city allocated \$38,000 for this position, which is \$2,000 shy of the historical contribution.<sup>2</sup> Measure P funds currently support six projects aimed at addressing immediate street conditions and hygiene, and supporting a DBA Social Service Outreach Specialist is one of these projects.<sup>3</sup>

Although the City's contribution remained the same from FY20-26, the City's share of funding has decreased from 54.8% to 44.5%, reflecting the increased position salary commensurate with inflation.

### **CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

The DBA conducts biweekly counts of Downtown Berkeley's street population, allowing the city to closely track trends in homelessness. The Downtown has seen a remarkable decrease in unsheltered homelessness since 2020.



*Downtown Berkeley Street Population Count published June 26, 2026, by the Downtown Berkeley Association*

<sup>2</sup> <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/city-council-meetings/2026-06-23%20Annotated%20Agenda%20-%20Council.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Measure P and Impact on Homeless Services in Berkeley Memo  
[https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-attachments/2025-06-12%20Item%2002%20Supplemental%20Materials\\_2025-03-28%20Measure%20P%20and%20Impact%20on%20Homeless%20Services%20in%20Berkeley.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-attachments/2025-06-12%20Item%2002%20Supplemental%20Materials_2025-03-28%20Measure%20P%20and%20Impact%20on%20Homeless%20Services%20in%20Berkeley.pdf)

On average, Downtown Berkeley has had 34 unsheltered homeless neighbors living on the street to date in Calendar Year (CY) 2026.<sup>4</sup> In CY 2025, there was an average of 33 individuals. The DBA Annual Report tracked 4,315 engagements with homeless individuals in 2025.<sup>5</sup> With an average of 11.8 engagements per day, the Social Service Outreach Coordinator, in collaboration with Downtown Ambassadors, provides consistent, field-based outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness and other social challenges throughout Downtown Berkeley.

The Coordinator assists Downtown Ambassadors, merchants and property owners and dealing with unhoused persons as needed. Through relationship-building, needs assessments, and ongoing engagement, the Coordinator connects individuals with appropriate housing, health, and social service resources while fostering trust and encouraging voluntary participation in available support programs. The position works collaboratively with local service providers, city departments, and community partners to coordinate referrals, document outcomes, and ensure continuity of care.

By combining direct outreach with case management, resource coordination, and cross-agency collaboration, the Social Service Outreach Coordinator helps improve access to critical services while contributing to a safer, healthier, and more welcoming downtown environment for all community members.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No General Fund impact. Up to \$500 is available from the contributing Councilmember's Council Office Budget discretionary account.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

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<sup>4</sup> As of the June 26, 2026, biweekly homeless count conducted by DBA.

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.downtownberkeley.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/DBA\\_AnnualReport2025\\_Digital.pdf](https://www.downtownberkeley.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/DBA_AnnualReport2025_Digital.pdf)

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution
2. DBA Social Service Outreach Coordinator Job Description

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

**AUTHORIZING THE RELINQUISHMENT OF COUNCIL OFFICE BUDGET FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUNDS AND GRANT OF SUCH FUNDS TO THE DOWNTOWN BERKELEY ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES OUTREACH COORDINATOR POSITION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Berkeley values partnerships with community organizations that provide critical services to individuals experiencing homelessness and other social challenges while helping to maintain a safe, healthy, and welcoming downtown for residents, businesses, workers, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Berkeley Association's Social Service Outreach Coordinator provides consistent, field-based outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness by building trusted relationships, conducting needs assessments, connecting individuals with housing, health, and social service resources, and coordinating with local service providers and City departments to improve access to care and support; and

**WHEREAS**, since Fiscal Year 2020, the City of Berkeley has partnered with the Downtown Berkeley Association to co-fund this position, recognizing its value in connecting unsheltered individuals to services and addressing quality-of-life concerns in Downtown Berkeley; and

**WHEREAS**, the City allocated \$38,000 for Fiscal Year 2027, which is \$2,000 short of the typical contribution, not accounting for inflation; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Tregub has available funds in his D13 discretionary office expenditure account and will contribute up to \$500, and invites other members of the Berkeley City Council to join in contributing up to \$500 from their respective discretionary office expenditure accounts to help close the remaining funding gap; and

**WHEREAS**, funding this position serves a municipal public purpose by strengthening outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness, increasing connections to housing and supportive services, fostering coordination among community partners, and contributing to a safer, healthier, and more welcoming Downtown Berkeley;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by Councilmembers from their discretionary office budgets, up to \$500 per office, including \$500 from Councilmembers Tregub, \$500 from Councilmember O'Keefe, \$500 from Councilmember Blackaby, and \$300 from Councilmember Lunaparra, shall be authorized for expenditure from their D13 Discretionary Accounts to the Downtown Berkeley Association in Support of the Social Service Outreach Specialist Position.



## JOB DESCRIPTION

### Social Service Outreach Coordinator

**TITLE:** Social Service Outreach Coordinator  
**CLASSIFICATION:** Non-Exempt  
**ACCOUNT:** Downtown Berkeley Association  
**DATE:**  
**REPORTS TO:** Local Account Operations Manager  
**REVISED:**

#### MISSION AND POSITION SUMMARY

The Social Service Outreach Coordinator serves as a compassionate representative of Streetplus and the Downtown Berkeley Association by engaging individuals experiencing homelessness or other social challenges, building trusting relationships, connecting individuals with appropriate community resources, and contributing to a safe, welcoming, and inclusive downtown environment.

This role requires consistent field-based engagement in a dynamic public environment. Success in this position also requires patience, empathy, sound judgment, and the ability to build trust while maintaining professional boundaries and supporting the goals of the Downtown Berkeley Association.

The Social Service Outreach Coordinator is responsible for circulating throughout the District, identifying and building positive relationships with individuals in need of services. The position helps individuals cope with challenges they are facing and connects them with appropriate community resources.

A bachelor's degree in a social services-related field is preferred.

Performance will be evaluated based on, but not limited to, the achievement of goals and objectives, the quality of services provided, documentation, and successful referrals to available community resources.

#### KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Essential Functions:

- Evaluate the needs, goals, and limitations of unhoused and unsheltered individuals encountered throughout the District.

- Maintain communication with unhoused and unsheltered individuals encountered throughout the District while encouraging individuals to pursue identified goals and engage with available support services.
- Coordinate with local service providers to connect unsheltered individuals encountered throughout the District with appropriate and available resources.
- Ensure compliance with regulatory bodies and guidelines.
- Build rapport with unhoused and unsheltered individuals encountered throughout the District with the goal of understanding their situation and being able to refer them to the appropriate resource.
- Track referrals and outcomes.
- Conduct initial assessments and document findings and engagements.
- Communicate with other teams dedicated to assisting the unhoused and unsheltered to ensure awareness.
- Ensure all case files and other records comply with applicable regulations, policies, and procedures.
- Maintain records of engagements, referrals, and outcomes using Statview.
- Encourage voluntary compliance with applicable Quality of Life ordinances through education, communication, and referrals, while notifying appropriate agencies when necessary.
- Report environmental conditions to the Operations Manager.
- Attend meetings with service providers and city departments with the purpose of sharing information and learning what services are available.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with Streetplus employees assigned to the Downtown Berkeley Association and in Social Service roles at other Streetplus accounts.
- Work collaboratively with the Operations Manager through regular communication and engagement to achieve superior results.

## PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

The Operations Manager and Vice President will evaluate performance using a combination of the following criteria, including, but not limited to, achievement of goals and objectives, quality of services provided, documentation, and successful referrals to available community resources.

- Maintains effective working relationships with service providers, outreach workers, and city departments.
- Maintains accurate records while safeguarding confidential information and protecting client privacy.
- The quality and number of referrals to appropriate services.
- Successful connections to housing, employment, or supportive services.
- Feedback from peers, the Downtown Berkeley Association, and community partners.

## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, EDUCATION, AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

The following knowledge, skills, education, and licenses are critical for the success of the position.

- Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications, particularly Word and Excel.
- Professional written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to interact with persons on the street and develop relationships that result in referrals when appropriate.
- Valid and current LCSW or LMSW license is a plus, but not required.
- Bachelor's degree in social services-related discipline is preferred, but not required.
- Demonstrated experience providing services to those in need.
- Two years of demonstrated experience in the social services-related discipline or similar field.

## WORK ENVIRONMENT AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Work is performed primarily outdoors in an urban environment and involves frequent interaction with individuals experiencing homelessness, mental illness, substance use disorders, and other behavioral health challenges. Employees may encounter emotionally charged situations and must remain calm and professional. The following physical requirements are crucial to success in the role:

- Walk 6 miles or more per shift.
- Stand for prolonged periods.
- Work outdoors in varying weather conditions.
- Occasionally climb stairs.
- Lift up to 25 pounds.
- Operate a smartphone, tablet, and computer.
- Visually observe surroundings.
- Verbally communicate effectively.

## KEY COMPETENCIES

Below are the key competencies of the position.

1. Active Listening – Must give full attention whenever engaging those in need.
2. Verbal Communication – Individuals in need of services depend on the Social Service Outreach Coordinator to communicate effectively with them and with partner agencies.
3. Interpersonal Skills – In addition to listening and speaking skills, the position must have social skills to connect with people.
4. Time Management and Organizational Skills – Based on the number of engagements and referrals, these skills are essential.

5. Critical Thinking – The position must be able to weigh the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions when helping solve problems.

In addition to the competencies listed above, the following are essential for success:

- Integrity
- Problem Solving
- Conflict Management
- Time Management
- Timely Decision Making
- Results Oriented and Driven

## COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

The Social Service Outreach Coordinator is eligible for the following pay rate and benefits.

- Starting hourly pay rate of \$28.50 with annual salary increase, based on completion of goals and approval from the Downtown Berkeley Association.
- The position is eligible for the following benefits after ninety (90) days.
  - Medical Insurance. Employee-only coverage. Streetplus pays 80% of the monthly premium; the employee pays the remaining 20%.
  - Life Insurance. Streetplus provides basic life insurance at no cost to the employee.
  - Short-term Disability Insurance. Streetplus is responsible for 100% of the monthly premium.
  - Accident Death. Streetplus is responsible for 100% of the monthly premium.
  - Vision. Streetplus is responsible for 100% of the monthly premium.
  - Time Off. The employee earns one (1) hour of paid time off for every 30 hours worked.
  - Holidays: Streetplus observes no fewer than six paid holidays each year. Employees who work on a recognized holiday will be paid at 1.5 times their regular rate of pay. If a recognized holiday falls on an employee's regularly scheduled workday and the holiday is observed (not worked), the employee will receive their regular pay as a Holiday Not Worked benefit. Streetplus' recognized holidays include:
    - New Year's Day
    - Memorial Day
    - Independence Day
    - Labor Day
    - Thanksgiving Day
    - Christmas Day
  - Direct Deposit
  - Free Uniforms

**Approved By:**

**Date:**

## INTENT AND FUNCTION OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS

*Job descriptions assist organizations in ensuring that the hiring process is fairly administered and that qualified applicants/employees are selected. They are also essential to an effective appraisal/evaluation system and related promotion, transfer, layoff, and termination decisions. Well-constructed job descriptions are an integral part of any effective compensation system.*

*All descriptions have been reviewed to ensure that only essential functions and basic duties have been included. Peripheral tasks, only incidentally related to each position, have been excluded. Requirements, skills, and abilities included have been determined to be the minimal standards required to successfully perform the position. In no instance, however, should the duties, responsibilities, and requirements delineated be interpreted as all-inclusive. Supervisors as deemed appropriate may assign additional functions and requirements.*

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, it is possible that requirements may be modified to reasonably accommodate disabled individuals. However, no accommodations will be made which may pose serious health or safety risks to the employee or others or which impose undue hardships on the company.*

*Job descriptions are not intended as and do not create employment contracts. The company maintains its status as an at-will employer. Employment with Streetplus is at will. Either the employee or the Company may terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without cause or notice, except as otherwise provided by law.*



Councilmember District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmember Igor Tregub (Author)

**Subject:** Referral to the City Manager: Update Definition of and, in the C-DMU District and Review Restrictions Related to the Establishment of Adult-Oriented Businesses in the Berkeley Municipal Code

**RECOMMENDATION**

Refer to the City Manager the following:

- 1) Updates to the definition of “Adult-Oriented Business” in the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.302.070.A, BMC Chapter 23.204, and/or any other relevant provisions, including vaping shops and other related businesses; and
- 2) Reviewing restrictions around such uses in the C-DMU Commercial District in the Downtown.

**POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

On July 6, 2026 the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee adopted the following action: M/S/C (Tregub/Bartlett) to send the item to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation with the following revisions to the recommendation:

1. Review (rather than expand) restrictions of such uses in the C-DMU Commercial District in the Downtown; and
2. Incorporate consideration of vaping uses as part of the definition(s). Vote: All Ayes.

**RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The City has a strong interest in promoting compatible land uses, preserving neighborhood character, supporting vibrant commercial districts, protecting sensitive community-serving uses, and maintaining a high quality of life for Berkeley residents.

As Berkeley continues to evolve, questions have risen regarding whether the City's existing definitions of “Adult-Oriented Business” may need to be updated in the BMC.

Further, it is the intent of this item to explore further restrictions to “Adult-Oriented Business” uses in the Commercial – Downtown Mixed Use (C-DMU) district.

### **CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

The City of Berkeley currently regulates “Adult-Oriented Business” uses through Berkeley Municipal Code Section 23.302.070.A, “Use-Specific Regulations: Adult-Oriented Businesses,” as well as in BMC Chapter 23.204, “Commercial Districts.” These regulations establish where Adult-Oriented Businesses may locate and impose location-based restrictions intended to separate such uses from certain areas of the city. Among other restrictions, Adult-Oriented Businesses are prohibited on lots with frontage on San Pablo Avenue within the C-W (West Berkeley Commercial) District<sup>1</sup>.

Berkeley is currently experiencing significant redevelopment activity, particularly in the Downtown area, where numerous commercial spaces are available for future tenancy and multiple new mixed-use projects are under construction. At the same time, Downtown Berkeley is also a home to a unique concentration of educational, cultural, and community-serving institutions, including UC Berkeley, public libraries, schools, childcare facilities, youth-serving programs, and other sensitive uses. As new commercial spaces become occupied and additional commercial space comes online, the City has an opportunity to evaluate whether its existing regulations appropriately reflect the priorities and intended land uses of these areas and ensure continued alignment.

### **BACKGROUND**

At July 6, 2026, Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Policy Committee Meeting a 3-0-0 qualified positive recommendation was made to the full Council. The Committee requested to include vaping shops to the updates to the definition of “Adult-Oriented Business” in the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 23.302.070.A, BMC Chapter 23.204, and/or any other relevant provisions and to review rather than expand restrictions around such uses in the C-DMU Commercial District in the Downtown. Both recommendations are reflected in this item.

The City of Berkeley has regulated Adult-Oriented Businesses through its zoning ordinance for many years.

In 2021, Berkeley adopted a comprehensive reorganization of its Zoning Ordinance, the first major revision of the zoning code structure since 1999. Effective December 1, 2021, the updated Baseline Zoning Ordinance repealed the previous code and comprehensively reorganized Title 23 of the Berkeley Municipal Code to create a more

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<sup>1</sup> [https://berkeley.municipal.codes/BMC/23.302.070\(M\)](https://berkeley.municipal.codes/BMC/23.302.070(M))

modern, consistent, and user-friendly zoning framework<sup>2</sup>. While the update consolidated and reorganized zoning regulations, existing land use policies and use-specific regulations, including those governing Adult-Oriented Businesses, were largely carried forward with few substantive changes.

Adult-Oriented Businesses remain permitted in a limited number of commercial zoning districts, including C-DMU, Commercial – West Berkeley (C-W) C-U (Commercial – University Avenue (C-U), and Community Commercial (C-C), subject to applicable restrictions<sup>3</sup>.

Given the ongoing redevelopment and creation of new commercial spaces in the C-DMU, this referral seeks recommendations that would further support neighborhood livability, commercial district vitality, and the City's broader planning goals, including whether additional restrictions on the location, concentration, and operation of Adult-Oriented Businesses may be appropriate.

### **ALTERNATIVE MEASURES CONSIDERED**

In addition to or instead of a blanket prohibition of Adult Use Businesses in the C-DMU, the following amendments to the Municipal Code could be considered:

- Increasing the minimum separation requirements between Adult Use Businesses and sensitive uses, including schools, parks, childcare facilities, libraries, youth-serving facilities, places of worship, and residential areas;
- Increasing minimum separation requirements between Adult Use Businesses to prevent overconcentration;
- Restricting the zoning districts in which Adult Use Businesses may locate beyond the C-DMU, including but not limited to, commercial districts, mixed-use districts, neighborhood commercial districts, or other areas deemed appropriate;
- Establishing enhanced operating standards designed to reduce adverse impacts on surrounding neighborhoods and businesses; and
- Any other measures that staff recommend to further protect public safety, quality of life, and compatibility with surrounding land uses.

To maximize effectiveness and minimize the expenditure of staff resources, a full restriction is the preferred policy approach.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

The location and concentration of Adult-Oriented Businesses may impact the character

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.reubenlaw.com/berkeley-adopts-new-zoning-ordinance/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2022-07-12%20Item%2017%20Zoning%20Ordinance%20Amendments.pdf>

of surrounding neighborhoods, commercial districts, and community-serving areas. This consideration is particularly relevant in areas such as Downtown Berkeley, which contain a significant concentration of schools, libraries, youth-serving facilities, cultural institutions, and other community-serving uses.

Additional regulations may help promote compatibility between Adult-Oriented Businesses and surrounding land uses, preserve or enhance the vitality of commercial districts, and provide greater clarity regarding the appropriate location and operation of such businesses within the City.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications may include staff time associated with researching, developing, and presenting recommendations and draft ordinance language to the City Council.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS**

No direct environmental sustainability impacts are anticipated from this referral.

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## CONSENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Humbert (Author)

Subject: Russell Street Halloween Festivities (2026–2029): 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 \$4,000 per Councilmember including \$4,000 from Councilmember Humbert to the Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association for Russell Street Halloween festivities from 2026 to 2029 with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Humbert and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

### BACKGROUND

Russell Street Halloween in the Elmwood neighborhood is a long-standing tradition that draws large crowds of trick-or-treaters and other ookey-spooky Halloween characters.<sup>1</sup> This community-led event features lovingly decorated homes, costumes, and seasonal activities. Residents on Russell Street transform their houses into creepy and fun displays, making it one of the best spots for trick-or-treating in Berkeley. The event has become a cherished celebration, especially for families seeking a lively and safe Halloween experience. These funds will help the event cover expenses and ensure that Russell Street Halloween remains a Boo-erkeley tradition for years to come.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact. \$4,000 is available from Councilmember Humbert's office budget discretionary account.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with adopting this recommendation.

### CONTACT PERSON

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.berkeleyside.org/2022/11/01/halloween-elmwood-berkeley-trick-treat>

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

RUSSELL STREET HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Russell Street Halloween festivities, sponsored by the Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association, will take place on October 31, 2026 and is expected to take place on October 31 each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the annual event is a fang-tastic Elmwood community tradition; and

WHEREAS, Russell Street Halloween is a skele-ton of fun for the whole family; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember has surplus funds in his office expenditure account, witch he would like to contribute to the event; and

WHEREAS, the Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association is trick-or-treating for funds in the amount of \$4,000 to help cover the costs of the festivities for the next four years (2026–2029); and

WHEREAS, coffin up funds for this event would serve the civic interests of community-building, creating safe spaces for holiday celebrations, and preventing this event from ghosting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Councilmembers from their Council Office Budgets up to \$4,000 per office shall be granted to the Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association for helping cover the costs of Russell Street Halloween festivities.



Rashi Kesarwani  
Councilmember, District 1

## ACTION CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Rashi Kesarwani (Author), Councilmember Mark Humbert (Co-Sponsor), and Mayor Adena Ishii (Co-Sponsor)

SUBJECT: Referral to Schedule Hopkins Street for Paving with Enhanced Safety Improvements for all Users

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Given new information presented by the Fire Department that pedestrian and bike safety infrastructure on Hopkins Street “retains workable emergency access,”<sup>1</sup> refer to the City Manager to repave Hopkins Street from Sutter Street to San Pablo Avenue with inclusion of one-way Class IV separated bikeways on each side from The Alameda to Peralta Avenue / Ohlone Greenway with a minimum width of five feet.<sup>2</sup> Of the various cycle track and protected bikeway conceptual options that Public Works reviewed, staff deemed this configuration of separated cycle tracks to be the safest, while also providing the opportunity to retain the greatest amount of curbside parking.

Further, incorporate the following specific additional safety, parking management, and other features:

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<sup>1</sup>“Hopkins Street Alternatives 1 and 2 Overview,” Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability (FITES) Policy Committee Meeting of the City Council, April 15, 2026, <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-attachments/Item%2002%20Hopkins%20Street%20Alternatives%201%20and%202%20Overview.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> 2018 Caltrans Design Information Bulletin ([DIB 89-01](#)) has specific standards for Separated Bikeways (Class IV) within the curb to curb street width. These include 5' minimum width (7' preferred) for one-way bikeway and 2' minimum (3' preferred) for the buffer containing the vertical elements which can be Flexible Posts, inflexible physical barrier such as a landscape planter, on-street parking, or a raised island. If using on-street parking as the vertical element, then the buffer space has to be 3' minimum and widen out to 5' minimum adjacent to ADA accessible parking spaces. Federal Highway Administration guidance matches these DIB recommendations.

- From Sutter Street to The Alameda on Hopkins, install Class II buffered bike lanes on each side (similar to Monterey Avenue) and incorporate traffic calming to the extent feasible;
- From Peralta Avenue / Ohlone Greenway to Stannage Avenue on Hopkins,<sup>3</sup> incorporate traffic calming speed cushions to the extent feasible, along with any other pedestrian safety features recommended by Public Works staff that are compatible with potential future bike lanes;
- Install a raised intersection, in which the entire intersection is elevated to approximate sidewalk grade as a vertical traffic-calming and pedestrian-priority treatment (similar to the raised intersection constructed at Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue as part of the Southside Complete Streets project), where Hopkins Street connects to Monterey Avenue and California Street;
- Incorporate pedestrian safety features included in the 2022-2023 conceptual design that continue to be deemed appropriate by Public Works staff;
- Redesign and reconstruct the intersection of Hopkins and Sacramento Streets to promote safety of all users;<sup>4</sup>
- Assess improvement of the intersection of Hopkins Street and The Alameda to promote safety of all users, with redesign and reconstruction contingent upon available funding;
- Install bus boarding islands (floating bus stops) at AC Transit stops with the bikeway routed behind the boarding platform;
- Address street and curb damage from old street trees including removal of trees that are intruding into the usable street width, impacting storm drainage, with replacement trees required at a 1:1 ratio;
- Develop and implement a comprehensive Curb Management Plan for the commercial, recreational, and residential areas around Hopkins Street that includes ADA parking spaces, loading zones, short-term parking zones, waste collection service needs, and metering adjacent to commercial and/or recreational uses to encourage parking turnover;
- In addition, as part of the comprehensive Curb Management Plan, explore the feasibility of expanding the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Eligibility Map to the Hopkins Street corridor, along with the ability of Hopkins Street residents living on or adjacent to a block with parking loss to obtain an RPP permit for the nearest street.

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<sup>3</sup>The Alameda County Transportation Commission developed a San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Program to improve safety and multimodal access for all users. This program includes the Parallel Bike Improvements Project in Berkeley that parallels San Pablo Avenue. The bikeway extends from the Albany border to Camelia Street along Kains Avenue, doglegs east and continues on Stannage Avenue - crossing Hopkins - traveling through to Virginia Street. See San Pablo Avenue Parallel Bike Improvements Project Plan Excerpts from December, 2025, pages 2 and 14: <https://www.alamedactc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/SPA-Parallel-Bike-Project-Plan-Excerpts-Dec-2025.pdf> Project implementation start date is projected to be spring, 2027.

<sup>4</sup>In the April 15, 2026 report to the FITES Council Policy Committee, staff wrote: "Traffic signal upgrades at Sacramento Street and The Alameda will complement the cycle-track, adding dedicated bicycle signal heads, new signal arms and other signal head adjustments to align with the new road layout."

As part of advancing the Council-directed Class IV separated bikeway into detailed engineering plans, Public Works staff will conduct outreach to businesses, schools, houses of worship, residents, and other stakeholders along Hopkins Street. This outreach will focus on refining the design of the safety infrastructure to be responsive to operational needs along the corridor, particularly loading zones, short-term parking zones, ADA parking, waste collection service needs, and metered parking, with the Class IV separated bikeway design serving as the established foundation for this work. The Hopkins Street commercial district is a neighborhood institution, and the goal of this design process is to ensure that safety improvements strengthen rather than undermine its vitality.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

On April 15, 2026, the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee adopted the following action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to send the item to council with a qualified negative recommendation to be rejected unless amended to include; protected bike lanes on Hopkins Street from Sutter to Gilman; direction to staff to develop and present options for extending the bike lane infrastructure westward to Acton, Peralta, or Stannage; direction to staff to immediately identify and secure funding for all proposed pedestrian, transit and bicycle improvements, and direction to staff to utilize existing completed traffic studies and prior public process outcomes to limit unnecessary delays and costs. Vote: All Ayes.

The revised recommendation presented in this Council item responds to the recommendation made by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability (FITES) Policy subcommittee of the City Council—on April 15, 2026. At that meeting, the FITES Committee comprised of Councilmembers Cecilia Lunaparra, Terry Taplin, and Mark Humbert made the following recommendation related to the prior February 2026 version of this item, which requested repaving of Hopkins Street with pedestrian safety improvements only:

M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to send the item to Council with a qualified negative recommendation to be rejected unless amended to include: protected bike lanes on Hopkins Street from Sutter to Gilman; direction to staff to develop and present options for extending the bike lane infrastructure westward to Acton, Peralta, or Stannage; direction to staff to immediately identify and secure funding for all proposed pedestrian, transit and bicycle improvements, and direction to staff to utilize existing completed traffic studies and prior public process outcomes to limit unnecessary delays and costs.

## **CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

***Given Failed and Poor Pavement Condition of Hopkins Street, City Council Must Provide Direction to Public Works Staff Without Further Delay.*** The overall pavement quality of the Hopkins corridor is poor, presenting a danger to all users of all abilities. Of the 12 segments that run from Sutter Street to San Pablo Avenue, only two are considered in fair condition on a scale of 0 to 100, with zero being “failed” and 100 being “brand new.” Eight other segments along the corridor are considered in “poor” condition, ranging on the scale from 33 to 46, while two are rated as “failed,” with scores of 19 and 24 respectively.<sup>5</sup> The specific scores of each segment can be found in Exhibit 1 below. The poor pavement condition and high-volume usage of the commercial corridor and public amenities contribute to safety concerns.

### **Exhibit 1: Hopkins Street Segments are Mostly in Failed or Poor Pavement Condition**

| District | Street Name    | Beg Location  | End Location  | Last Calc PCI | Calc PCI Date | Condition     | PCI Range | Last MNR Date | Last MNR Treatment         |
|----------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1        | Hopkins Street | San Pablo Ave | Stannage Ave  | 46            | 7/24/2024     | Poor (50-31)  | 50-41     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
| 1        | Hopkins Street | Stannage Ave  | Northside Ave | 61            | 7/24/2024     | Fair (70-51)  | 70-61     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
| 1        | Hopkins Street | Northside Ave | Peralta Ave   | 66            | 7/24/2024     | Fair (70-51)  | 70-61     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
| 1        | Hopkins Street | Peralta Ave   | Gilman St     | 43            | 7/24/2024     | Poor (50-31)  | 50-41     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
| 1        | Hopkins Street | Gilman St     | Sacramento St | 19            | 7/24/2024     | Failed (30-0) | 20-11     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
| 1,5      | Hopkins Street | Sacramento St | Hopkins Ct    | 39            | 7/24/2024     | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     |               |                            |
| 5        | Hopkins Street | Hopkins Ct    | Monterey Ave  | 40            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     |               |                            |
| 5        | Hopkins Street | Monterey Ave  | Mc Gee Ave    | 38            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     | 12/01/1989    | Reconstruct Structure (AC) |
| 5        | Hopkins Street | Mc Gee Ave    | Carlotta Ave  | 33            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     | 12/01/1989    | Reconstruct Structure (AC) |
| 5        | Hopkins Street | Carlotta Ave  | Josephine St  | 34            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     | 12/01/1989    | Mill & Thick Overlay       |
| 5        | Hopkins Street | Josephine St  | The Alameda   | 39            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     | 07/01/1991    | Reconstruct Structure (AC) |
| 5        | Hopkins Street | The Alameda   | Sutter St     | 24            | 07/09/2024    | Failed (30-0) | 30-21     | 07/01/1991    | Mill & Thick Overlay       |

Source: Department of Public Works

<sup>5</sup> This rating system is used by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, a transportation agency for the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties. See:

[https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2026-01/PCI\\_table2024DataJanuary2026Update.pdf?cb=75f63c2d](https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2026-01/PCI_table2024DataJanuary2026Update.pdf?cb=75f63c2d)

## Exhibit 2: A Segment of Hopkins Street between Gilman and Sacramento with Failing Pavement



Source: Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

### ***Hopkins Street Is a High-Injury Corridor for Bicyclists and Pedestrians.***<sup>6</sup>

According to the City of Berkeley's Vision Zero Annual Report, 86 percent of Berkeley's severe and fatal collisions occur on just 15 percent of City streets. Hopkins is one of them. Between 2011 and 2026, 46 pedestrian and bicycle crashes occurred along the Hopkins corridor, resulting in 3 fatalities, 5 suspected serious injuries, 20 suspected minor injuries, 13 possible injuries, and 5 unspecified injuries. Among the most severe incidents, a pedestrian was killed at Hopkins and Monterey in April 2017, four cyclists suffered severe injury on Hopkins (at Carlotta, Monterey, The Alameda, and Albina) from April 2016 through November 2023, and one pedestrian suffered severe injury in June 2021 at Hopkins and Peralta, as shown in Exhibit 3 below. The median age of those killed or severely injured on the corridor is 67.5 years, underscoring the disproportionate risk this street poses to older adults. Collisions involving people riding bikes or walking make up almost 61 percent of collisions that result in death or severe injury, despite making up just 40 percent of trips in Berkeley.<sup>7</sup> The pedestrian and bike safety features proposed in this item are a direct and overdue

<sup>6</sup> Item #23 Vision Zero Annual Report, Berkeley City Council Meeting June 28, 2022, [https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2022-06-28%20Item%2023%20Vision%20Zero%20Annual%20Report\\_0.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2022-06-28%20Item%2023%20Vision%20Zero%20Annual%20Report_0.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> Item #23 Vision Zero Annual Report, Berkeley City Council Meeting June 28, 2022, [https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2022-06-28%20Item%2023%20Vision%20Zero%20Annual%20Report\\_0.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2022-06-28%20Item%2023%20Vision%20Zero%20Annual%20Report_0.pdf), p. 13 of 39.

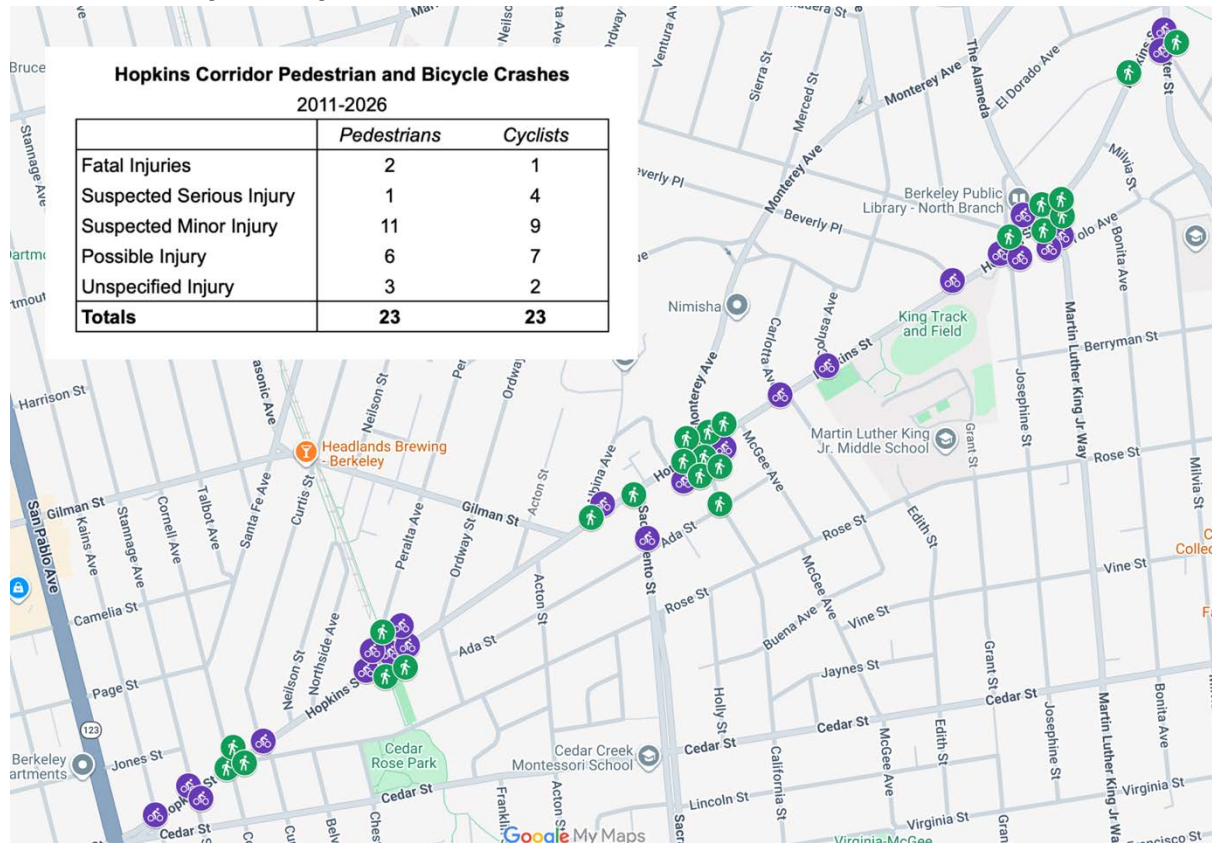
response to collisions that have occurred; all collisions over the last 15 years are shown in Exhibit 4 below.

**Exhibit 3: Eight Fatal and Severe Incidents Occurred On or Near Hopkins Street from 2016 to 2025**

| Outcome            | Date              | Age  | Mode       | Location              |
|--------------------|-------------------|------|------------|-----------------------|
| Severe injury      | April 30, 2016    | 24   | Cyclist    | Hopkins & Carlotta    |
| Killed             | February 8, 2017  | 78   | Cyclist    | Ada & Sacramento      |
| Killed             | April 14, 2017    | 69   | Pedestrian | Hopkins & Monterey    |
| Severe injury      | June 11, 2017     | 51   | Cyclist    | Hopkins & Monterey    |
| Severe injury      | July 24, 2018     | 69   | Cyclist    | Hopkins & The Alameda |
| Severe injury      | June 7, 2021      | 76   | Pedestrian | Hopkins & Peralta     |
| Severe injury      | November 17, 2023 | 49   | Cyclist    | Hopkins & Albina      |
| Killed             | January 26, 2025  | 66   | Pedestrian | California & Ada      |
| <b>Median age:</b> |                   | 67.5 |            |                       |

Sources: Berkeley Police Transparency Hub, Traffic Safety: <https://bpd-transparency-initiative-berkeleypd.hub.arcgis.com/pages/traffic-safety>; Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS): <https://www.chp.ca.gov/programs-services/services-information/switrs-statewide-integrated-traffic-records-system/>; and California Crash Reporting System (CCRS): <https://data.ca.gov/dataset/ccrs>

## Exhibit 4: Map of Hopkins Corridor Pedestrian and Bike Crashes 2011- 2026



Sources: Berkeley Police Transparency Hub, Traffic Safety: <https://bpd-transparency-initiative-berkeleypd.hub.arcgis.com/pages/traffic-safety>; Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS): <https://www.chp.ca.gov/programs-services/services-information/switrs-statewide-integrated-traffic-records-system/>; and California Crash Reporting System (CCRS): <https://data.ca.gov/dataset/ccrs>

**Updated Review by Fire Department Shows Class IV Separated Bikeways Can Retain Workable Emergency Access.** Three years ago, Fire Department concerns were among the issues that brought the Hopkins Corridor project to a halt. The April 2023 off-agenda memo from the City Manager<sup>8</sup> cited unresolved questions about lane widths, the absence of fire code official approval for traffic calming devices, and the inability to quantify the project's impact on evacuation times along this designated Emergency Access and Evacuation Route. Those concerns have now been resolved. The City completed its Evacuation Time Study in 2025. Fire staff have since reviewed and approved the proposed traffic calming features under Berkeley Fire Code Section 503.4.1. And the design maintains 26-foot curb-to-curb widths within 20 feet of fire hydrants wherever feasible, consistent with Berkeley Fire Code Appendix D. Critically, Fire staff have confirmed that lane widths of 11 feet preferred and 10.5 feet minimum are acceptable—the same widths that a one-way Class IV separated bikeway configuration on each side of Hopkins would maintain. The fire safety objections that

<sup>8</sup> City Manager Dee Williams-Ridley April 4, 2023 off-agenda memo: Public Information for Hopkins Corridor Project: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-04-05%20Public%20Information%20for%20Hopkins%20Corridor%20Project.pdf>

contributed to the indefinite pause of this project—and drove the February 10, 2026 item requesting paving of Hopkins Street with pedestrian safety improvements only—no longer exist.

***Extending Hopkins Class Protected Bike Lanes to Ohlone Greenway Provides Critical Low-Stress, Regional Connection . . .*** In response to Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani's May 2022 referral to extend Hopkins corridor complete streets bicycle and pedestrian improvements west of Gilman Street,<sup>9</sup> staff presented three extension options to neighbors and other stakeholders during a December 2022 community meeting, including protected bike lanes extended to (1) Acton Street, (2) Ohlone Greenway / Peralta Avenue, and (3) Kains Avenue (then the planned street for the Parallel Bikeway for San Pablo Avenue).<sup>10</sup> While low-stress bikeways (along Ninth and California streets) and the Ohlone Greenway run north-south through west and central Berkeley, there is currently no low-stress network that connects the bikeways and Ohlone Greenway north of Virginia Street, as Exhibit 5 below illustrates. Significantly, the City is planning to implement the Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project, expected to break ground this summer 2026, to further enhance safety along this Class I bikeway.<sup>11</sup> The reallocation of parking that will be necessary to extend protected bike lanes to the Ohlone Greenway / Peralta Avenue (discussed further below) is recommended because of the importance of providing a safe connection to the Ohlone Greenway. Further extension of protected bike lanes to Stannage Avenue—where a parallel bike route is planned by the Alameda County Transportation Commission—should be studied prior to implementation to consider adequate parking availability on nearby blocks and other potential mitigations related to parking demand.

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<sup>9</sup> May 10, 2022 City Council Meeting: Extension of Hopkins Corridor Complete Streets Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements to Enable Safe and Equitable Access to Public Resources: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2022-05-10%20Item%2033%20Kesarwani.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> Presentation for the Virtual Community Meeting for the Hopkins Corridor Transportation Safety Project West of Gilman Street, December 12, 2022: <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Hopkins%20West%20Virtual%20Community%20Meeting%2020221212.pdf>

<sup>11</sup> This project will make improvements to the Ohlone Greenway multi-use pathway from Virginia Gardens on the south end to Santa Fe Avenue/Albany border to the north. City of Berkeley's webpage, Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project: <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/ohlone-greenway-safety-improvements-project>

## Exhibit 5: Low-Stress Bicycle Network and Intersections with High Stress Network and Intersection Gaps



**FIGURE ES-1: LOW STRESS NETWORK & INTERSECTIONS WITH HIGH STRESS NETWORK & INTERSECTION GAPS**

| CORRIDORS                             |                                    | INTERSECTIONS                         |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <span style="color: green;">—</span>  | LTS 1 - ALL AGES AND ABILITIES     | <span style="color: green;">●</span>  | LTS 1 - ALL AGES AND ABILITIES     |
| <span style="color: blue;">—</span>   | LTS 2 - INTERESTED BUT CONCERNED   | <span style="color: blue;">●</span>   | LTS 2 - INTERESTED BUT CONCERNED   |
| NETWORK GAPS                          |                                    | INTERSECTION GAPS                     |                                    |
| <span style="color: orange;">—</span> | LTS 3 - ENTHUSIASTIC AND CONFIDENT | <span style="color: orange;">●</span> | LTS 3 - ENTHUSIASTIC AND CONFIDENT |
| <span style="color: red;">—</span>    | LTS 4 - STRONG AND FEARLESS        | <span style="color: red;">●</span>    | LTS 4 - STRONG AND FEARLESS        |

Source: 2017 City of Berkeley Bicycle Plan, Executive Summary, p. ES-10

**. . . While Extending Bike Lanes to Sutter Street Connects to Milvia Bike Boulevard.** Providing a Class IV separated bikeway to The Alameda and continuing a Class II buffered bicycle lane from The Alameda to Sutter Street enables a connection to the Milvia Bike Boulevard.

**To Make Hopkins Safe for All Users, This Design Will Require Reallocation of On-Street Parking.** In order to provide adequate street width for the Class IV separated bikeways on both sides of Hopkins Street, on-street parking will need to be

reallocated. While parking can be retained on the south side of Hopkins between The Alameda and California Street / Monterey Avenue—where the street’s width ranges from 41 to 46 feet—it will need to be repurposed from California Street / Monterey Avenue to Peralta Avenue / Ohlone Greenway, as the road narrows to 36 feet. For this reason, this item requests the development and implementation of a comprehensive Curb Management Plan for the commercial, recreational, and residential areas around Hopkins Street that includes additional ADA parking spaces, loading zones, short-term parking zones, waste collection service needs, and metering areas adjacent to commercial and/or recreational uses to encourage parking turnover. Further, the item requests exploration of expanding the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Eligibility Map to this area, along with the ability of residents of Hopkins Street living on or adjacent to a block with parking loss to obtain an RPP permit for the nearest street. We recognize that this item represents an unprecedented repurposing of the public right-of-way from parking to bike infrastructure, and every effort will be made to accommodate all street users. As the City’s population grows with new housing planned at the North Berkeley BART Station and other locations, it is critical to plan for safe and convenient modes of travel through walking, biking, and transit use.

## **BACKGROUND**

Hopkins Street serves as a major east–west arterial in North Berkeley, linking the Berkeley Hills to San Pablo Avenue and Interstate-80. It is unique in that it combines dense residential neighborhoods with a neighborhood-serving commercial district centered around the intersection of Hopkins Street and Monterey Avenue / California Street. This area includes Monterey Market, Magnanis Poultry, Hopkins Street Bakery, Gioia Pizza, the Berkeley Horticulture Nursery, Espresso Roma Cafe, and other long-standing small businesses that serve the neighborhood and also draw visitors from across Berkeley. The corridor is also home to the North Branch of the Berkeley Library, several schools including Mustard Seed, Hopkins Preschool, King Middle School (including King track, playgrounds, and pool), and St. Mary’s High School, as well as a high concentration of both families and seniors. It is also the most direct route used by northwest Berkeley residents to access these public services and amenities that are not readily available in their own neighborhoods.

## **ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

In February 2026, Councilmembers Shoshana O’Keefe and Rashi Kesarwani submitted a referral to the City Manager to prioritize paving Hopkins Street from Sutter Street to San Pablo Avenue with pedestrian safety improvements by Fiscal Year 2027-28 to address the failing condition of the street that continues to impact all users. The referral asked for pedestrian safety features only as it relied heavily on the prior off-agenda memo from 2023 that cited unresolved questions about lane widths, the

absence of fire code official approval for traffic calming devices, and concerns about evacuation times, all of which have since been resolved and are no longer an issue.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

According to Berkeley's 2025 Climate Action Plan update, transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the City (58 percent of emissions), largely due to private vehicle use. Building connected, safe active transportation facilities advances the City's climate, health, and safety goals.

The Hopkins Street paving project is subject to the City of Berkeley's Green Infrastructure (GI) requirements, which were established to comply with the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Stormwater Municipal Regional National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (MRP3).

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

At the April FITES Committee meeting, Public Works staff reported that the cost of repaving with bikeways would be on the order of magnitude of \$14-15 million, compared to \$11 million for paving with pedestrian safety features only. The February 2026 version of this item requesting pedestrian safety features only was based on our prior understanding of the need for significant infrastructure upgrades to meet concerns raised by the Fire Department. With Fire concerns addressed without the need for costly infrastructure upgrades, we believe that the marginal increase of the bikeway here is a cost worth bearing to provide safety benefits on a high-injury corridor.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Budget Referral: Hopkins Street Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study, January 28, 2018
2. Supplemental Material for the Hopkins Corridor Project Conceptual Design: Extension of Hopkins Corridor Complete Streets Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements to Enable Safe and Equitable Access to Public Resources, May 10, 2022
3. Referral: Scheduling Hopkins Street for Paving with Pedestrian Safety Improvements, February 10, 2026



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CONSENT CALENDAR

January 23, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Sophie Hahn  
Subject: Budget Referral: Hopkins Street Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Budget Process the funds necessary to undertake a traffic and placemaking study of the Hopkins/Monterey/Sacramento corridor; specifically, Sacramento Street from the southern approach of Rose Street to Hopkins, Hopkins from Gilman Avenue to Sutter/Henry, and the Monterey Avenue approach to Hopkins from the North. The study should include all intersections and use a “complete streets” approach to identify improvements to be integrated into the paving and bicycle infrastructure work already scheduled for this area, and to identify additional projects to be undertaken over time, with an emphasis on pedestrian safety, bike and vehicle safety and flow, community-building and placemaking, parking, support for local businesses, green infrastructure and aesthetics. Include cost estimates, potential sources of funding and a proposed timeline for implementation of recommended improvements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$200,000 to supplement existing funds for planning in the corridor, and staff time to complete the studies.

BACKGROUND

In 2017, the City of Berkeley experienced two fatalities as a result of car accidents involving pedestrians or cyclists. Both occurred in the heavily trafficked Hopkins /Sacramento/Monterey corridor (the “Hopkins Street Corridor”), one at the intersection of Hopkins and Monterey involving a pedestrian<sup>1</sup>, and the other on Sacramento Avenue near Hopkins, involving a cyclist<sup>2</sup>. These tragedies are just two of the most recent and deadly incidents in this busy area, and highlight the need for a comprehensive traffic study of the Hopkins Street Corridor. Specifically, the area of study should include Sacramento Street from the southern approach of Rose Street to Hopkins Street, Hopkins from Gilman Street to Sutter Street, and the Monterey Avenue approach to Hopkins from the North, plus all major and minor intersections.

In addition to the recent deaths in this area, there are numerous impactful conditions in the Hopkins/Monterey corridor that support the need for comprehensive study of traffic conditions

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.berkeleyside.com/2017/05/01/longtime-activist-69-dies-north-berkeley-crash-police-say-driver-failed-yield/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.berkeleyside.com/2017/02/08/cyclist-dies-north-berkeley-crash/>

and placemaking including, but not limited to:

- The busy neighborhood commercial area centered around the intersection of Hopkins Street and Monterey Ave, which attracts significant car, bicycle and pedestrian traffic on a daily basis, constant ingress and egress from parking lots and spaces, and associated delivery and other trucks;
- Numerous educational and recreational facilities in the area that involve drop-off and pick-up of youth, and/or youth pedestrians and bike riders, including at least four preschools (Mustard Seed at 1640 Hopkins St, Hopkins Pre-school at 1810 Hopkins, Sprouts at 1910 Hopkins, and Gay Austin School at 1611 Hopkins), King Middle School, King's playing fields and the adjacent park, pool, and tennis courts, St. Mary's High School and the North Branch Library;
- Two active churches;
- A high concentration of families and Senior Citizens living in the area, regularly crossing streets to access shops, recreational and ecumenical facilities and the North Branch public library;
- Hopkins and Monterey serving as major East/West access corridors with significant vehicular traffic to and from freeways and cross-town destinations (via Sacramento, San Pablo, The Alameda/MLK and Sutter/Henry/Shattuck);
- Hopkins and Sacramento serving as designated Emergency Access and Evacuation Routes<sup>3</sup>;
- California Street as a bicycle boulevard, and both Hopkins and Monterey scheduled for new bike infrastructure as part of the 2017 Berkeley Bicycle Plan;
- Several AC Transit bus lines travelling through the corridor;
- One of only two gas stations in North Berkeley located at Hopkins and MLK/Alameda, with vehicles regularly stacked in the street and intersection awaiting ingress;
- The area, in particular the commercial district at Hopkins and Monterey, serving as an important community gathering space; and
- Treasured local businesses along Hopkins that draw a neighborhood and regional clientele and benefit from pedestrian activity and lively café-seating and street-life.

In light of all of these conditions, a comprehensive planning process is warranted - if not overdue - to improve the safety and enjoyment of the corridor for all citizens and all uses.

The study should include robust community outreach and input, and address the following considerations, as well as others deemed advisable by staff or the public:

**Complete Streets/Traffic:**

- Pedestrian safety at all intersections along the corridor, in particular at Monterey and Hopkins, the site of a fatality in April of 2017;
- Bicycle lanes, parking and infrastructure, including elements anticipated as part of the 2017 Berkeley Bicycle Plan;

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedImages/Fire/Level\\_3\\_-\\_General/Wildfire%20Evacuation%20Map%202011.JPG?n=8697](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedImages/Fire/Level_3_-_General/Wildfire%20Evacuation%20Map%202011.JPG?n=8697)

- Traffic flow into and out of the corridor, with special attention to the Gilman/Hopkins, Sacramento/Hopkins, Hopkins/Monterey and Hopkins/MLK/Alameda intersections;
- Ingress and egress from the Monterey Market and the Hopkins/MLK/Alameda gas station;
- Parking, pick-up and drop-off for schools, the public library, churches and recreational facilities, including consideration of traffic management at peak times;
- AC Transit and school busses, both public and private;
- Green Infrastructure
- Addition of signalized intersections and/or adjustment of timing, turning and other features of signalized intersections; and
- Parking for employees and customers and loading for commercial vehicles.

#### **Community Building/Placemaking**

- Study to include the entire neighborhood commercial area of Hopkins Street from McGee Avenue to Hopkins Court;
- Exploration of means to create additional spaces for community gathering and to increase greenery and other placemaking amenities that harmonize with existing features in the corridor, with full access for all ages and abilities;
- Ensure design and style of improvements add to the charm and character of this highly valued and historic neighborhood commercial district; and
- Any other considerations that may further enhance placemaking and the safe and vibrant use of public spaces, including improvements to hardscape and greenery and enhancement of community-building and placemaking.

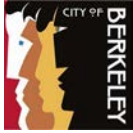
#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

This recommendation supports Berkeley's environmental sustainability and resilience goals by encouraging biking and walking, enhancing a neighborhood shopping district with locally owned businesses that source responsibly and locally, incorporating green infrastructure, and strengthening community.

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Councilmember, District 1

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIAL  
for Supplemental Packet 1**

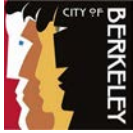
**Meeting Date:** April 26, 2022

**Item Number:** 33

**Item Description:** Hopkins Corridor Project Conceptual Design

**Submitted by:** Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

This supplemental material contains a referral to the City Manager to extend the bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements planned for Hopkins (for the Monterey to Gilman segment) further west to San Pablo Avenue, contingent upon holding two community engagement meetings to seek input from stakeholders. This referral is complementary to direction presented by staff in item # 33 and is not intended to modify it in any way.



Rashi Kesarwani  
Councilmember District 1

Action Calendar  
May 10, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani (Author)

SUBJECT: Extension of Hopkins Corridor Complete Streets Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements to Enable Safe and Equitable Access to Public Resources

#### RECOMMENDATION

Direct the City Manager to extend the bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements planned for Hopkins (for the Monterey to Gilman segment) further west to San Pablo Avenue, contingent upon holding two community engagement meetings to seek input from stakeholders, such as roadway users, residents, visitors, employees, business owners, and the Transportation Commission.

The community meetings should specify benefits of extending the proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvements from Monterey to Gilman further west to San Pablo Avenue, including:

- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety.** All pedestrians and bicyclists would experience greater safety as a result of the proposed upgrades, such as bulbouts, raised crosswalks, and protected bike lanes, consistent with the City's Vision Zero Action Plan.
- **Enhancing the Low-Stress Bicycle Network.** Extension of bike lanes on Hopkins to San Pablo Avenue is recommended in the City's Bicycle Plan.<sup>1</sup> It would improve the City's bicycle network, enabling low-stress connections to the Ohlone Greenway, the San Pablo corridor, and a

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<sup>1</sup> 2017 City of Berkeley Bicycle Plan, Section 5 Proposed Bikeway Network, p.3  
[https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Berkeley-Bicycle-Plan-2017\\_Ch5\\_ProposedBikewayNetwork.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Berkeley-Bicycle-Plan-2017_Ch5_ProposedBikewayNetwork.pdf)

potential parallel bikeway on Kains Avenue under consideration as part of the San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project.<sup>2</sup>

- **Traffic Calming.** A protected bike lane for the full length of Hopkins would have the effect of narrowing the roadway and slowing car speeds west of Gilman—where neighbors have expressed a need for traffic calming.
- **Safe and Equitable Access for West Berkeley Residents.** The pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements proposed for Hopkins—if fully extended to San Pablo Avenue—would enable residents of West Berkeley to safely access public services and amenities, such as schools (i.e., King Middle School, Ruth Acty Elementary School, and the Mustard Seed Preschool), the Berkeley Public Library (North Branch); King pool, tennis courts, track, sports field, and playgrounds; Monterey Market, and other commercial establishments. *Without the extension of the pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements to San Pablo Avenue, bicyclists and pedestrians initiating trips from West Berkeley would not have equally safe access to these public services and amenities compared to residents living east of Gilman.*

Further, the community engagement meetings should address strategies to manage parking impacts, including:

- Automatic inclusion of specified nearby residential blocks into the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) program, with the ability of blocks to opt out if greater than 50 percent of residents wish to do so; and/or
- Allowance for a “front yard setback” permit to enable driveway expansion.

Outreach and engagement for the Hopkins Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study (Gilman to Sutter) began in October 2020, with construction expected to begin in late summer/early fall of 2023. This referral is presented as supplemental to the staff recommendations for Gilman to Sutter and in no way seeks to modify them.

## CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

***More than 70 Percent of Berkeley Residents are “Interested but Concerned” About Biking Without Protected Paths.*** The City of Berkeley’s Bicycle Plan found in a representative survey that 71 percent of Berkeley residents were “interested but concerned” about bicycling, meaning they are somewhat inclined towards bicycling though are held back due to concern over

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<sup>2</sup> Alameda County Transportation Commission, San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project, <https://www.alamedactc.org/programs-projects/multimodal-arterial-roads/sanpabloave/>

sharing the road with cars. This group prefers separated bikeways and low traffic streets. Further, the Bicycle Plan survey indicated that 90 percent of residents already bicycle or would consider doing so if the right conditions exist: low-stress bicycle infrastructure and better road conditions.<sup>3</sup> That is, the vast majority of Berkeley residents would welcome a continuous and connected system of low-stress bikeways, defined as a facility that is suitable for all ages and all abilities of bike users, including children.

***The Full Length of Hopkins is an Important Corridor for the City's Bike Network.*** The Bicycle Plan recommends a low-stress Bicycle Network, as shown in Exhibit 1.<sup>4</sup> Significantly, it also shows that the current low-stress network and intersections are interrupted by a high-stress network and intersection gaps that are not suitable for bicyclists of all ages and abilities.

### Exhibit 1: Low-Stress Bicycle Network and Intersections with High Stress Network and Intersection Gaps



FIGURE ES-1: LOW STRESS NETWORK & INTERSECTIONS WITH HIGH STRESS NETWORK & INTERSECTION GAPS

| CORRIDORS                          | INTERSECTIONS                      |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LTS 1 - ALL AGES AND ABILITIES     | LTS 1 - ALL AGES AND ABILITIES     |
| LTS 2 - INTERESTED BUT CONCERNED   | LTS 2 - INTERESTED BUT CONCERNED   |
| LTS 3 - ENTHUSIASTIC AND CONFIDENT | LTS 3 - ENTHUSIASTIC AND CONFIDENT |
| LTS 4 - STRONG AND FEARLESS        | LTS 4 - STRONG AND FEARLESS        |

Source: 2017 City of Berkeley Bicycle Plan, Executive Summary

As Exhibit 1 shows, while low-stress bikeways and the Ohlone Greenway run north-south through west and central Berkeley (along Ninth and California

<sup>3</sup> 2017 City of Berkeley Bicycle Plan, Berkeley Resident Survey, Executive Summary, p. ES-6, [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB2923](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2923)

<sup>4</sup> 2017 City of Berkeley Bicycle Plan, <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Berkeley-Bicycle-Plan-2017-Executive%20Summary.pdf>

streets), there is currently no low-stress network that connects the bikeways and Ohlone Greenway north of Virginia Street. Only Hopkins Street west of California Street—a *high-stress* bikeway—directly connects northwest Berkeley residents and Ohlone Greenway users to amenities along the Hopkins corridor in North Berkeley. Improving the full length of Hopkins Street by making it a low-stress bikeway would help increase connectivity opportunities, allowing cyclists greater range of travel throughout the city.

***Important Public Services and Amenities Are Provided On or Near***

***Hopkins.*** Important public services and amenities are only available on or near Hopkins, including Ruth Acty Elementary School, King Middle School, and the Mustard Seed Preschool; King pool, tennis courts, track, sports field, and playgrounds; Berkeley Public Library (North Branch); and Monterey Market, among other commercial establishments. Hopkins Street is the most direct route connecting motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians coming from West Berkeley eastward in order to access these public services and amenities that by and large do not exist in Northwest Berkeley. Similarly, Hopkins Street is a major access route connecting cyclists to the Ohlone Greenway bike path going northward beyond Berkeley, and can easily connect travelers to Kains Street, a potential parallel bikeway under consideration through the San Pablo Avenue Corridor Project. As such, the full length of Hopkins (west of Gilman to San Pablo Avenue) warrants the same bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements.

**BACKGROUND**

***2018 City Council Referral Initiated Hopkins Corridor Traffic and***

***Placemaking Study.*** The Hopkins Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study originated with a January 2018 budget referral submitted by Councilmember Sophie Hahn. The item was submitted after two fatalities—of a pedestrian and a bicyclist—occurred at intersections along Hopkins in 2017.<sup>5</sup> Between 2016 to 2019, the Hopkins corridor witnessed a total of 18 collisions resulting in injuries or fatalities, with 78 percent of the collisions involving pedestrians or cyclists.<sup>6</sup> The Council item from Councilmember Hahn called for taking a “complete streets” approach to the study, emphasizing the need to recognize the range of users, including pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, while also prioritizing safety for all and easy access to the small businesses populating the commercial area. The study also called for a robust community outreach and input process, which began in October 2020 and concluded in early May 2022.

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<sup>5</sup> Item #28 “Budget Referral: Hopkins Street Corridor traffic and Placemaking Study,” Jan. 23, 2018

<sup>6</sup> Hopkins Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study, <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/hopkins-corridor-traffic-and-placemaking-study>, Staff Presentation: Hopkins Street from Sutter to the Alameda, March 1, 2022, slide #9.

***Community Process for the Hopkins Corridor Improvements from Gilman to Sutter Streets.*** Throughout the community process, which began in October 2020, staff identified key areas of concern to stakeholders: interest in improving pedestrian safety and protecting cyclists, concern over loss of on-street parking, and the desire to support the unique array of small businesses that make the corridor special. In total, staff conducted three workshops between October 2020 and October 2021, had roughly 40 discussions with business owners and other representatives of institutions along the corridor, and received more than 1,000 emails and phone calls from various constituents. During three successive weeks in March 2022, city staff met with residents living on and in close proximity to Hopkins Street to discuss conceptual designs and staff recommendations for the complete streets approach to redesigning the Hopkins corridor from Gilman Street to Sutter.<sup>7</sup> This three-part series of community workshops was intended to engage all stakeholders of the corridor: residents, business owners, employees, and visitors to understand the particular needs of the community. Integrating the variety of stakeholder feedback and concerns, staff recommended a bi-directional bikeway from Gilman to the Alameda, switching to a buffered bike lane on the north side of the street, and a parking protected bike lane on the south side of the street from the Alameda up to Sutter. This referral is an accompaniment to the staff recommendation as it seeks to extend community outreach to the westernmost portion of Hopkins Street for the purposes of installing similar bike and pedestrian improvements.

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

This referral is requesting two community meetings to be conducted by city transportation staff to engage District 1 residents on or in close proximity to the westernmost portion of Hopkins Street and the broader community. It is recommended that the meetings take place by the end of the calendar year to ensure the Hopkins Corridor improvement process stays on schedule, and to schedule at least one meeting with the Transportation Commission.

### **RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

#### ***Extending a Protected Bike Lane Along Hopkins Upholds Berkeley's Stated Goals and Values Articulated in Our Vision Zero and Bicycle Plans.***

There are multiple rationales for this supplemental referral. First and foremost, the potential to extend a protected bike lane along the remainder of the western portion of Hopkins Street directly aligns with both the City's Vision Zero Action

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<sup>7</sup> Hopkins Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study, <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/hopkins-corridor-traffic-and-placemaking-study> (March 1, 2022: Hopkins Street from Sutter to the Alameda; March 7, 2022: Hopkins Street from the Alameda to McGee; March 14, 2022: Hopkins Street from McGee to Gilman Street)

Plan adopted in 2019<sup>8</sup> and the City of Berkeley's Bicycle Plan, approved May 2017.<sup>9</sup> Berkeley's adoption of a Vision Zero Plan endorses the engineering strategy to design and build our streets to eliminate severe injuries and fatalities, prioritizing safety for all users. As noted on p.17 of the Vision Zero Plan, "slower streets are safer streets," and adding a protected bike lane has a traffic calming effect on all users, slowing speeds.<sup>10</sup> The City's Bicycle Plan recognizes that a large majority of Berkeley residents are interested, but concerned, about bicycling and asserts the goal of making Berkeley a bicycle friendly city where cycling is a safe, comfortable and convenient form of transportation and recreation for all people (Executive Summary, p.1). Making the full length of Hopkins Street a low-stress bikeway would expand the continuous and connected bicycle network.

***Providing a Protected Bike Lane on the Western Portion of Hopkins Connects West Berkeley Residents to Public Services and Other Bike Routes.*** The potential for a protected bike lane along all of Hopkins Street is an important safety measure for West Berkeley residents who regularly use this corridor for public services and amenities that are not available in their own neighborhood. It also enhances safety for all cyclists who can use this corridor to seamlessly connect with other bike routes in the City.

***Adding a Protected Bike Lane Now to the Scope of Repaving Work on Hopkins Makes Economic Sense.*** Adding the extension of the protected bicycle lane on Hopkins to the scope of repaving work now makes economic sense as it will be more expensive to add this safety measure in the future if it becomes a stand-alone project. This is especially true as construction costs continue to rise. Because of this time constraint, it is crucial that we hear from residents and community members that would be most affected by such an improvement before finalizing repaving plans. Residents should be fully aware of the impacts of adding a protected bicycle lane along the entire length of Hopkins Street, particularly as it relates to on-street parking, and understand what mitigating efforts the City could offer to help offset any negative impacts. The proposed community engagement meetings would allow the City to share

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<sup>8</sup> City of Berkeley Vision Zero Action Plan, March 2019, <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/Berkeley-Vision-Zero-Action-Plan.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> City of Berkeley Bicycle Plan, May 2, 2017, <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Berkeley-Bicycle-Plan-2017-Executive%20Summary.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> See Science Daily May 29, 2019 article: [Cycling Lanes Reduce Fatalities for all Road Users Study Shows](https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/05/190529113036.htm), <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/05/190529113036.htm>

this information while providing community members the opportunity to share their feedback.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Extending a protected bicycle lane along the entire length of Hopkins Street aligns with our city's Climate Action Plan<sup>11</sup> as it would make this transit corridor safer for cyclists, thus incentivizing carbon-free trips. This will help reduce vehicle miles traveled and transportation-related emissions, the biggest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions in the city.

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<sup>11</sup> City of Berkeley Climate Action Plan, 2009, <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Berkeley-Bicycle-Plan-2017-Executive%20Summary.pdf>



**Councilmember Shoshana O’Keefe, District 5**  
**Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani, District 1**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmember Shoshana O’Keefe and Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani (Co-Authors), Mayor Adena Ishii and Councilmember Mark Humbert (Co-Sponsors)  
 Subject: Scheduling Hopkins Street for Paving with Pedestrian Safety Improvements

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Refer to the City Manager to prioritize paving Hopkins Street from Sutter to San Pablo with pedestrian safety improvements by Fiscal Year 2026-27 or FY 2027-28 at the latest.

Refer to the City Manager to work with the Department of Public Works to:

1. Perform an in-house safety assessment of Hopkins, west of Gilman Street to recommend appropriate pedestrian safety enhancements;<sup>1</sup>
2. Incorporate pedestrian safety improvements into the paving project, including but not limited to additional and improved crosswalks, lighting enhancements, and traffic calming measures consistent with the City’s Vision Zero and Pedestrian Plans; and
3. Return to Council by May 2026, as part of the biennial budget development process, for FY 2026-28 with a recommended timeline, scope of work, cost and funding source(s).

### **CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

The overall pavement quality of the Hopkins corridor is poor. Of the 12 different segments that run from Sutter to San Pablo Avenue only two are considered in fair condition on a scale of 0 to 100, with zero being “failed” and 100 being “brand new.” Eight other segments along the corridor are considered in “poor” condition, ranging on the scale from 33 to 46, while two are rated as “failed,” with scores of 19 and 24 respectively.<sup>2</sup> The exact scores of each segment can

<sup>1</sup> The Hopkins Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study originally only considered design improvements between Gilman Street and Sutter leaving the segments of Hopkins west of Gilman with no prior staff safety assessment.

<sup>2</sup> This rating system is used by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, a transportation agency for the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties. See: [https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2026-01/PCI\\_table2024DataJanuary2026Update.pdf?cb=75f63c2d](https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2026-01/PCI_table2024DataJanuary2026Update.pdf?cb=75f63c2d)

be found in Exhibit 1 in the section below. This item is recommending doing only pedestrian upgrades because Measure FF, the sidewalk and street repairs parcel tax passed by the voters in November 2024 with 60 percent approval, specifically notes, “Proceeds of the tax may not be used to fund bicycle-specific safety improvements (such as cycletracks or protected bikes lanes) on Hopkins Street between McGee and Gilman.”<sup>3</sup>

## **BACKGROUND**

Hopkins serves as a major east–west arterial in North Berkeley, linking the Berkeley Hills to San Pablo Avenue and I-80. It is unique in that it combines dense residential neighborhoods with a neighborhood-serving commercial district centered around the intersection of Hopkins Street and Monterey Avenue. This area includes the Monterey Market, Magnanis Poultry, Hopkins Street Bakery, Gioia Pizza, the Berkeley Horticulture Nursery, Espresso Roma Cafe, and other long-standing small businesses that serve the neighborhood and also draw visitors from across Berkeley. The corridor is also home to the North Branch of the Berkeley Library, several schools including Mustard Seed, Hopkins Preschool, King Middle School, and St. Mary’s High School, as well as a high concentration of both families and seniors. It is also the most direct route used by northwest Berkeley residents to access these public services and amenities that are not readily available in their own neighborhoods.

The street has a documented history of pedestrian and bicycle safety concerns, and has been identified in Berkeley’s Vision Zero Plan as a high injury street.<sup>4</sup> Many intersections are outdated, lacking modern safety features and in the last several decades, the street has been home to fatalities and severe injuries. In 2017, a crash claimed the life of a Berkeley resident, prompting a referral from then Councilmember Sophie Hahn for a traffic and placemaking study for the corridor. In an April 2023 off-agenda memo, former City Manager Dee Williams-Ridley, cited vacancies within the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department as the reason for pausing the work previously directed by the City Council, which was to further develop designs for the Hopkins project.<sup>5</sup>

Although the City had previously set aside funding for the Hopkins Paving Project, City Council reallocated \$2.8 million of those funds on June 13, 2023, to close the Measure T1 funding gap.<sup>6</sup> An additional \$900,000 was later removed from the project during the adoption of the FY 2023-

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<sup>3</sup> Measure FF ballot statement and text of the ballot measure:  
[https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/24%20-%20Measure%20FF%20-%20City%20of%20Berkeley%20-%20SAFE%20Streets\\_3.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/24%20-%20Measure%20FF%20-%20City%20of%20Berkeley%20-%20SAFE%20Streets_3.pdf), page 6 of 14.

<sup>4</sup> June 28, 2022 Regular City Council meeting, agenda item #23: “Vision Zero Annual Report.”  
[https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2022-06-28%20Item%2023%20Vision%20Zero%20Annual%20Report\\_0.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2022-06-28%20Item%2023%20Vision%20Zero%20Annual%20Report_0.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> April 4, 2023 Public Information Report for Hopkins Corridor Project:  
<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-04-05%20Public%20Information%20for%20Hopkins%20Corridor%20Project.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> November 28, 2023 Regular City Council meeting agenda item #17: “Street Rehabilitation Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028.” <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-11-28%20Item%2017%20Street%20Rehabilitation%20Five%20Year%20Plan.pdf>

24 budget. However, when the City Council approved the Street Rehabilitation Five-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028, staff committed to completing Hopkins as soon as possible and no later than this five-year cycle.<sup>7</sup>

As of today, Hopkins Street from Sutter to San Pablo remains on the City's 5 Year Paving Plan as a 2023 holdover.<sup>8</sup> The state of the street has only continued to worsen, with parts of Hopkins rated among the worst Pavement Condition Index scores in the City. From an asset management perspective, the current Pavement Condition Index (PCI) scores present a critical urgency.

### Exhibit 1: Hopkins Street Segments Are Mostly in Failed or Poor Pavement Condition

| District | Street Name        | Beg Location  | End Location  | Last Calc PCI | Calc PCI Date | Condition     | PCI Range | Last MNR Date | Last MNR Treatment         |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------|
|          | 1 Hopkins Street   | San Pablo Ave | Stannage Ave  | 46            | 7/24/2024     | Poor (50-31)  | 50-41     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
|          | 1 Hopkins Street   | Stannage Ave  | Northside Ave | 61            | 7/24/2024     | Fair (70-51)  | 70-61     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
|          | 1 Hopkins Street   | Northside Ave | Peralta Ave   | 66            | 7/24/2024     | Fair (70-51)  | 70-61     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
|          | 1 Hopkins Street   | Peralta Ave   | Gilman St     | 43            | 7/24/2024     | Poor (50-31)  | 50-41     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
|          | 1 Hopkins Street   | Gilman St     | Sacramento St | 19            | 7/24/2024     | Failed (30-0) | 20-11     | 9/13/2002     | Mill & Overlay w/ Fabric   |
|          | 1,5 Hopkins Street | Sacramento St | Hopkins Ct    | 39            | 7/24/2024     | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     |               |                            |
|          | 5 Hopkins Street   | Hopkins Ct    | Monterey Ave  | 40            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     |               |                            |
|          | 5 Hopkins Street   | Monterey Ave  | Mc Gee Ave    | 38            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     | 12/01/1989    | Reconstruct Structure (AC) |
|          | 5 Hopkins Street   | Mc Gee Ave    | Carlotta Ave  | 33            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     | 12/01/1989    | Reconstruct Structure (AC) |
|          | 5 Hopkins Street   | Carlotta Ave  | Josephine St  | 34            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     | 12/01/1989    | Mill & Thick Overlay       |
|          | 5 Hopkins Street   | Josephine St  | The Alameda   | 39            | 07/09/2024    | Poor (50-31)  | 40-31     | 07/01/1991    | Reconstruct Structure (AC) |
|          | 5 Hopkins Street   | The Alameda   | Sutter St     | 24            | 07/09/2024    | Failed (30-0) | 30-21     | 07/01/1991    | Mill & Thick Overlay       |

Source: Department of Public Works

<sup>7</sup> November 28, 2023 Regular City Council meeting agenda item #17: "Street Rehabilitation Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028." <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-11-28%20Item%2017%20Street%20Rehabilitation%20Five%20Year%20Plan.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> November 28, 2023 Regular City Council meeting agenda item #17: "Street Rehabilitation Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028." <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2023-11-28%20Item%2017%20Street%20Rehabilitation%20Five%20Year%20Plan.pdf>

**Exhibit 2: A Segment of Hopkins Street between Gilman and Sacramento with a PCI of 19, indicating a failing pavement condition**



Source: Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

Along with paving, the pedestrian safety improvements proposed for this segment include:

- Reconstructed curb ramps
- Bulb-outs at Monterey/Hopkins (NW and NE corners with green infrastructure: 346 & 249 sq ft); Bulb-out at California/Hopkins (SE corner); Bulb-outs at all four corners at The Alameda/Hopkins, including approximately 556 sq ft of green infrastructure on the NW corner
- Relocation of the Hopkins/McGee crosswalk from west to east (requires a new north-side curb ramp)
- Raised crosswalk at Hopkins/Josephine (west side)
- Additional Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), bulb-outs, pedestrian safety islands, stop signs and other types of improvements as recommended by staff to enhance safety at intersections and crossings west of Gilman Street

Given the safety concerns, the deteriorating condition of the street, and the fact that Hopkins Street has been on the paving plan for years, this referral asks the City Manager to follow through with the commitment the City made to the residents of Hopkins Street and move forward with paving the street with pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures.

### **REVIEW OF EXISTING PLANS, PROGRAMS, POLICIES AND LAWS**

Advancing paving and pedestrian safety on Hopkins will support citywide goals and address deferred maintenance, in accordance with the City's Vision Zero and Pedestrian Plans.

### **CONSULTATION/OUTREACH OVERVIEW AND RESULTS**

Councilmembers O'Keefe and Kesarwani met with the City Manager and Public Works, and both expressed interest in pursuing the project.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

The Hopkins Street paving project is subject to the City of Berkeley's Green Infrastructure (GI) requirements, which were established to comply with the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Stormwater Municipal Regional National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (MRP3).

### **FISCAL IMPACTS**

To be determined.

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### **ATTACHMENT**

1. Budget Referral: Hopkins Street Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> January 28, 2018 Regular Council Meeting agenda item #28, "Budget Referral: Hopkins Street Corridor Traffic and Placemaking Study." <https://newspack-berkeleyside-cityside.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2018-01-23-Item-28-Budget-Referral-Hopkins.pdf>

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

To: Honorable Members of the City Council  
From: Mayor Adena Ishii  
Subject: Excused Absence for Councilmember Ben Bartlett

RECOMMENDATION

Excuse Councilmember Ben Bartlett from the June 30, 2026 council meeting because of a medical illness/condition.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the City Charter Article V, § 19, the City Council must approve an absence by a Councilmember from a meeting in order for that absence to be considered excused. Specifically, it states:

*If the Mayor or any member of the Council is absent from one or more regular meetings of the Council during any calendar month, unless excused by the Council in order to attend to official business of the City, or unless excused by the Council as a result of their own illness or the illness or death of a "close family member" as defined in the City's bereavement policy from attending no more than two regular meetings in any calendar year, they shall be paid for each regular meeting attended during such months in an amount equal to the monthly remuneration divided by the number of regular meetings held during such month.*

Councilmember Bartlett was unable to attend the June 30, 2026 Council meeting due to a medical illness/condition.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Not applicable

CONTACT PERSON

Mayor Adena Ishii

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## CONSENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Adena Ishii (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor),  
Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)

SUBJECT: Recission of the Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and Motor Vehicle  
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards Under the Clean Air Act

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Attorney's Office to join the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University's amicus brief in support of the petition for review of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) rescission of the greenhouse gas endangerment finding and motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standards under the Clean Air Act, 91 Fed. Reg. 7686 (Feb. 18, 2026), subject to City Attorney review and approval of the brief.

BACKGROUND

EPA issued the endangerment finding in 2009 pursuant to its authority under Section 202(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act, which requires it to regulate emissions from new motor vehicles that "cause, or contribute to," dangerous air pollution. At that time, EPA concluded that GHG pollution endangers human health and contributes to climate change and therefore requires federal regulation, providing the scientific and legal basis for regulating GHG emissions both from motor vehicle tailpipe emissions and from other sources, like powerplants.

In February 2026, EPA rescinded the endangerment finding. In its decision to reverse course, EPA now argues that the agency lacks statutory authority to regulate GHG emissions from new motor vehicles. EPA also now contends that GHG emissions from vehicles do not contribute to "air pollution," that any regulation of those emissions would not "materially affect" global climate change, that regulation of GHG emissions is a "major question" requiring clearer Congressional approval, and that regulating GHG emissions is "costly and futile."

Subsequently, states, cities, and nonprofit groups petitioned the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to review EPA's decision to rescind the endangerment finding—*American Public Health Association, et al. v. EPA, et al.*, Docket No. 26-01037 (D.C. Cir. Feb 18, 2026). The petitioners include a coalition of states joined by a dozen local governments, as well as a

separate group of nonprofit petitioners including the American Public Health Association, Earthjustice, Environmental Defense Fund, Sierra Club, and Union of Concerned Scientists. Another separate coalition of states has intervened in support of the EPA's rescission decision.

The Sabin Center for Climate Change Law plans to file a brief supporting the petitioners on behalf of local governments and the United States Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, Climate Mayors, and certain municipalities. The brief will provide the local government perspective on EPA's rescission of the endangerment finding.

The court has yet to set a schedule for merits briefing; however, amici anticipate a filing deadline in late July. While the brief has not yet been drafted, initial conversations with attorneys at the Sabin Center indicate that the brief will describe the climate impacts that cities are experiencing and examples of the actions being taken in response; discuss the ways that cities have acted in reliance on a shared understanding that the Clean Air Act clearly directed EPA to regulate greenhouse gases; highlight the increased costs to cities that will come from EPA's rescission; and demonstrate—contrary to EPA's false assertion that tailpipe emissions are too small to justify federal regulation—that cities have long known that incremental action is a critical and effective strategy to address climate change.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal staff time to review the briefing and track the litigation.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The rescission of the 2009 endangerment finding threatens the environment in Berkeley and around the world; a favorable decision by the Court would protect the environment.

#### CONTACT PERSON

Mayor Adena Ishii  
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Attachment: A: Resolution

Attachment B: September 16, 2025 Comment Letter in Rulemaking Docket No.: EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0194; FRL-12715-01-OAR

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

WHEREAS, in 2009 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found that greenhouse gas emissions endanger human health and contribute to the dangerous buildup of climate pollution in the atmosphere and therefore require federal regulation under Section 202 of the Clean Air Act (the Endangerment Finding); and

WHEREAS, the Endangerment Finding provided the legal and scientific basis for EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles and other sources, like power plants, and thereby reduce dangerous air pollution that exacerbates the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Endangerment Finding was based on a thorough examination of the scientific evidence of climate change and upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in 2012 in *Coalition for Responsible Regulation v. EPA*, 684 F.3d 102 (D.C. Cir. 2012); and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City of Berkeley adopted a Climate Action Plan to reach the voter-approved goal of reducing the City's greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 2000 levels in 2050, in 2018 it adopted a resolution establishing the goal of becoming a Fossil Fuel-Free City, and 2021 it adopted a resolution committing the City to the C40 Race to Zero Campaign, including a commitment to reaching net-zero emissions in 2045 or sooner; and

WHEREAS, the City lacks the authority to set greenhouse gas standards for major sectors such as transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City is already experiencing the cascading harms of climate change, such as rising seas, flooding, extreme heat, wildfire, and worsening air quality, which burden the most vulnerable in our community and necessitate a tremendous dedication of public funds towards infrastructure retrofits, adaptation measures, and response costs; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2026 the EPA rescinded the Endangerment Finding and motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standards (91 Fed. Reg. 7686 (Feb. 18, 2026), in an unfounded abdication of its statutory authority that will negatively impact the City by exacerbating the climate crisis as explained by the City in its public comment on the rulemaking; and

WHEREAS, a group of states, cities, and nonprofit groups petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to review the EPA's decision to rescind the endangerment finding; and

WHEREAS, the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law represents the interests of local governments including the United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities,

and Climate Mayors and plans to submit an amicus brief in support of the petitioners that explains the negative impacts EPA's decision will have on cities such as the City of Berkeley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Attorney is authorized to sign onto the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law's amicus brief supporting the petitioners in *American Public Health Association, et al. v. EPA, et al.*, Docket No. 26-01037 (D.C. Cir. Feb 18, 2026), subject to City Attorney review.



September 16, 2025

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200  
 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC  
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## VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Subject: Proposed Rule, Reconsideration of 2009 Endangerment Finding and Greenhouse Gas Vehicle Standards, 90 Fed. Reg. 36,288 (Aug. 1, 2025)

Docket No.: EPA–HQ–OAR–2025–0194; FRL–12715–01–OAR

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Berkeley, I write to submit this comment letter in strong opposition to EPA’s proposal to reconsider or rescind the Endangerment Finding for greenhouse gases (GHGs) and to eliminate federal GHG standards for motor vehicles. As Mayor, I work to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents. Rolling back these foundational protections will directly endanger our community, increase costs, and undermine decades of local planning and investment.

### **1. Local governments like Berkeley are on the front lines of climate impacts.**

Berkeley is already experiencing the cascading harms of climate change – rising seas, flooding, extreme heat, wildfire, and worsening air quality – all of which are tied to GHG emissions from vehicles and other sources.

The impacts of climate change place heavy fiscal and social burdens on our city. The City of Berkeley 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan<sup>1</sup> documents many examples, including:

- **Sea Level Rise and Groundwater:** The San Francisco Bay has already risen eight inches since 1900, and projections show up to four feet of sea-level rise likely by 2100.<sup>2</sup> At just two feet of rise, Berkeley’s shoreline will face permanent inundation, including portions of César E. Chávez Park, University Avenue, and the McLaughlin Eastshore State Seashore. As sea levels rise, more emergent groundwater is projected. Emergent groundwater can damage roads and add to surface flooding, especially during rain

<sup>1</sup> City of Berkeley 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (City of Berkeley, March 18, 2025) <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Final%202024%20LHMP%20SENT%20TO%20FEMA%20NOVEMBER%2027.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> California’s Fourth Climate Change Assessment San Francisco Bay Area Region Report (State of California, 2018) [https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2019-11/Reg\\_Report-SUM-CCCA4-2018-005\\_SanFranciscoBayArea\\_ADA.pdf](https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2019-11/Reg_Report-SUM-CCCA4-2018-005_SanFranciscoBayArea_ADA.pdf)

events. Rising groundwater can also carry buried industrial toxins. Rising sea and groundwater particularly impacts West Berkeley, where residents already have higher incidents of hospitalization due to asthma and experience poorer air quality.

- **Direct Costs:** Sea-level rise is projected to impose \$3 million in repair costs by 2050 and over \$17 million by 2100 at the Berkeley Marina alone, not including \$12 million in non-market losses such as degraded habitat and recreation. Adaptation measures to protect this critical infrastructure are estimated at \$11 million by 2050.
- **Stormwater and Flooding:** Berkeley's storm drain system – 93 miles of pipelines, much of it over 90 years old – is undersized and deteriorating. It was designed for a “10-year storm,” yet atmospheric river events in recent years have repeatedly overwhelmed the system, flooding neighborhoods like Southwest Berkeley. The City of Berkeley incurred \$364,847 in response costs during the winter storms and mudslide of January-March 2023 alone.

An increase in extreme weather events will be associated with commensurate increases in response costs. The City is currently investing \$1.9 million in a Stormwater Master Plan to address system-wide deficiencies, but the costs of retrofitting infrastructure escalate with every year that climate change accelerates.

- **Extreme Heat and Air Quality:** Berkeley's low-income neighborhoods in the flatlands are particularly vulnerable to extreme heat due to the urban heat island effect. Increased vehicle emissions worsen smog and particulate pollution, exacerbating asthma rates that are already disproportionately high in West Berkeley.
- **Wildfire:** Climate change is resulting in longer, drier summers leading to wildfires of greater frequency and duration. Increased drought conditions cause fuels to become extremely dry and more fire prone. Additionally, climate change causes more frequent bouts of extreme weather, including low humidity and high winds associated with fire weather. Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) fires are the primary wildfire concern in Berkeley. However, the City of Berkeley also owns three resident camps outside the city limits, including Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, which was destroyed by the Rim Fire in August 2013. Rebuilding Tuolumne Camp cost \$54.7 million; it reopened in 2022.
- **Equity Impacts:** Flooding, heat, and poor air disproportionately affect Berkeley's disadvantaged communities – those least equipped to adapt. West and South Berkeley face the brunt of storm drain failures and are also home to many low-income families and communities of color.

Rolling back the Endangerment Finding and vehicle GHG standards would undermine our ability to protect residents from these escalating harms.

## **2. The Endangerment Finding is grounded in sound science.**

EPA's 2009 Endangerment Finding was based on an overwhelming body of peer-reviewed science, which has only grown stronger. The 2023 Fifth National Climate Assessment confirms what our City has already documented: urban infrastructure designed for 20th-century conditions is failing under today's climate stresses. Berkeley's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan provides site-specific evidence that GHG emissions – including from vehicles – are directly

linked to worsening local hazards, from flooding to heat to air quality.<sup>3</sup>

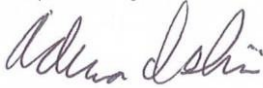
### **3. Rescinding vehicle GHG standards would leave Berkeley powerless to address transportation emissions.**

Transportation is the largest source of GHGs nationally and locally. In Berkeley, transportation routinely accounts for over half of the community's GHG emissions; transportation was responsible for 58% of Berkeley's GHG emissions in 2023.<sup>4</sup> Despite the outsized role of transportation emissions, under Section 209 of the Clean Air Act, cities like Berkeley cannot set their own vehicle emissions standards. If EPA rescinds the Endangerment Finding and federal vehicle standards, local governments will be left without tools to address this dominant source of emissions, despite shouldering the overwhelming costs of its impacts.

### **Conclusion**

The City of Berkeley strongly urges EPA to maintain the Endangerment Finding and federal vehicle GHG standards. Weakening them would increase local flooding, infrastructure damage, health burdens, and fiscal strain, particularly for our most vulnerable communities. Berkeley has already invested millions to address the impacts of climate change and protect our residents and infrastructure from future impacts, but without strong federal action to curb transportation emissions, our efforts will be overwhelmed. Protecting the health and welfare of our residents requires continued recognition of the dangers posed by GHG emissions and decisive action to mitigate them.

Respectfully submitted,



Adena Ishii  
Mayor  
City of Berkeley

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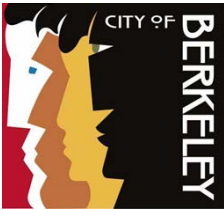
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<sup>4</sup> Climate Action Plan and Resilience Update (City of Berkeley, April 15, 2025),

[https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-04-15%20Item%2023%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20and%20Resilience%20Update\\_0.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-04-15%20Item%2023%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20and%20Resilience%20Update_0.pdf)





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CONSENT CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmembers Igor Tregub (Author), Mayor Adena Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Brent Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Shoshana O’Keefe (Co-Sponsor)

**Subject:** Referral to the City Manager: RENAISSANCE (Revitalizing Enterprise and Neighborhoods through Activation, Investment, Safety, Streamlining, Accessibility, Networking, Collaboration, and Equity), Part 1: Performance Standards for Commercial District Activation and Blight Mitigation

**RECOMMENDATION**

Refer to the City Manager the development of a set of commercial vacancy blight mitigation strategies that include but are not limited to:

1. **Performance Standards**: Establish performance standards for commercial district properties, where a building has been demolished, partially demolished, or partially constructed, and the property has remained in that condition for an established time period without any documentation showing that the project is advancing within the defined near-term timeframe. These standards may include but are not limited to temporary landscaping, creative temporary use, creative and dynamic fencing, murals, green walls and/or other remedies that maintain the site in an attractive and visibly activated state.
2. **Revocation of Permits**: Reaffirm the authority of the City Manager or designee to declare the permit lapsed due to non-compliance findings outlined in Number 1 above. Explore streamlining and simplifying the permit revocation process established in Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) 23.404.080 if the owner of the

property is out of compliance with the performance standards described in Number 1.

3. **Unmitigated Prolonged Commercial Vacancy**: Add “unmitigated prolonged commercial vacancy” as a defined factor to declare a property blighted in commercial districts.

## **BACKGROUND**

Berkeley has commercial districts with strong potential for economic vitality, community gathering, and cultural expression.<sup>1</sup> However, some of its commercial districts continue to experience a combination of challenges, including public safety incidents, prolonged vacancies, blighted properties, underutilized storefronts, and intermittent periods of visible distress. These conditions contribute to the perception and reality of economic decline, which in turn could reduce foot traffic, discourage investment, weaken local business stability and neighborhood cohesion, and reduce the overall sense of safety and vibrancy in key business districts (including Downtown Berkeley, Telegraph Avenue Commercial District, Adeline Corridor, San Pablo Avenue Corridor, and Solano Avenue Commercial District).<sup>2</sup>

Despite several successful programs<sup>3</sup> and encouraging trends<sup>4</sup> the prevalence of long-term commercial storefront vacancies continues to create a sense of an unwelcoming environment, which can discourage residents and visitors from spending time in our most active commercial districts.

In some cases, buildings have been demolished in anticipation of new construction. However, due to complex macroeconomic factors and market conditions, inactive and visually unappealing lots have been left behind over a period of months, even years.<sup>5</sup> The surrounding community experiences the cumulative impacts through reduced foot traffic, blocked sidewalks, negative visual conditions, and a diminished sense of place.

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<sup>1</sup> Economic Dashboards and Reports, <https://berkeleyca.gov/doing-business/economic-development/economic-dashboards-and-reports>

<sup>2</sup> Commercial District Dashboards 2024, [https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Attachment2\\_Commercial%20District%20Dashboards\\_2024\\_Q4.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Attachment2_Commercial%20District%20Dashboards_2024_Q4.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Berkeley Relief Fund, <https://berkeleyrelieffund.org/>; City Loan Fund for Small Businesses, [https://www.dailycal.org/archives/city-of-berkeley-announces-loan-fund-to-support-small-businesses/article\\_d3dc322c-9aa7-5f74-b030-cd56920ef263.html#:~:text=To%20prevent%20Berkeley's%20entrepreneurial%20landscape,default%20rate%20of%20about%2020%25](https://www.dailycal.org/archives/city-of-berkeley-announces-loan-fund-to-support-small-businesses/article_d3dc322c-9aa7-5f74-b030-cd56920ef263.html#:~:text=To%20prevent%20Berkeley's%20entrepreneurial%20landscape,default%20rate%20of%20about%2020%25).

<sup>4</sup> Office of Economic Development, “Berkeley Economic Dashboards Update,” February 2025, <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025-02-25%20Special%20Item%2001%20Berkeley%20Economic%20Dashboards.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> Downtown Berkeley Vacancies, <https://www.berkeleyside.org/2025/04/04/berkeley-housing-downtown-vacancies>

Public entities and neighboring businesses are often left to bear the financial and administrative burden of attempting to mitigate these conditions in order to support adjacent businesses and maintain a more attractive and welcoming environment for the surrounding community.

In some cases, property owners have been unwilling to invest in interim mitigation measures while the commercial sites they own remain inactive. Short-term activation measures, including temporary community use, landscaping, or cultural installations, can provide meaningful benefit, can be low cost for the property owner and should be explored and encouraged.<sup>6</sup>

While the Berkeley City Council updated BMC Chapter 23.326 in 2024 to clarify demolition standards for residential properties and units, including improved management of properties between demolition and redevelopment, the changes did not apply to non-residential properties or commercial storefronts.<sup>7</sup> The City's public nuisance provisions do provide certain enforcement tools for inadequately maintained properties that contribute to blight.<sup>8</sup> In 2018, the City Council adopted a referral to specify the time period after which vacant properties meet a condition of unlawful nuisance, but the item was amended to only include long-term residential vacancies prior to adoption.<sup>9</sup>

Without appropriate regulatory tools, the City has limited ability to prevent these conditions from persisting or to require reasonable steps to reduce their negative impacts. In the absence of clear expectations, timelines, and mitigation requirements, such properties may remain in prolonged limbo.

## **RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Under California law, local jurisdictions have well-established authority to set and enforce standards related to property conditions, nuisance, and blight – including long-term property vacancies – to protect community health, safety, and neighborhood vitality. This authority generally includes regulating physical changes to buildings through permitting

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<sup>6</sup> Rethinking urban transformation: Temporary uses for vacant land, <https://jeremynemeth.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/cities.pdf#:~:text=journal%20homepage:%20www.elsevier.com/locate/cities.%20Please%20cite%20this%20article,press%20as:%20N%C3%A9meth%2C%20J.%2C%20&%20Langhorst%2C%20J.>

<sup>7</sup> <https://berkeley.municipal.codes/BMC/23.326.070>

<sup>8</sup> [Ch. 12.92 Anti-Blight | Berkeley Municipal Code](#)

<sup>9</sup> <https://records.cityofberkeley.info/PublicAccess/paFiles/cqFiles/index.html>, Search Term: “7/10/2018; CLK - Agenda Packet (Public); District 4; REGULAR; Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 12.92 to Specify that Vacancy after a Given Period in a Residential or Commercial Building is a Condition of Unlawful Nuisance,” between 7/10/18 and 8/25/18

requirements, particularly when tied to construction, safety, and habitability considerations, such as the removal or decommissioning of utility systems.

The existing policy environment, permitting structures, and economic development tools require strengthening and alignment to effectively respond to the changing conditions across several of the City's commercial districts.<sup>10</sup>

Local jurisdictions may also use tools such as performance bonds or other financial assurances in connection with demolition, construction, or ongoing site maintenance to help ensure properties are not left in conditions that contribute to deterioration or disinvestment. Establishing local measures can help address the visible and community-facing impacts of prolonged vacancies, including maintenance standards, registration programs, and temporary activation strategies. These approaches are most effective when they focus on property conditions and community impacts and are carefully aligned with applicable state law governing leasing and property rights.

Additionally, safe and active storefronts as well as welcoming public spaces strengthen local jobs, foster daily community interaction, and support a sense of safety and belonging. When storefronts remain inactive, when demolition sites remain idle, or when businesses struggle to open or recover after damage, the resultant visible decline affects residents, workers, and visitors alike.

Establishing performance standards for properties, where buildings have been demolished, will help prevent inactive, fenced off, or deteriorating sites from contributing to neighborhood blight. Streamlining and simplifying the permit revocation process will ensure that the established performance standards are being followed. Lastly, adding "unmitigated prolonged commercial vacancy" as a defined factor to declare a property blighted in commercial districts will communicate clear expectations with property owners. This, in turn, will also support merchants, cultural organizers, property owners, workers, residents, and visitors by creating conditions that encourage activation, reduce uncertainty, and strengthen shared responsibility for the health and vibrancy of Berkeley's commercial districts.

Short-term activation measures, including temporary community use, landscaping, or cultural installations, can be low-cost for the property owner and provide meaningful benefit to the community.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Berkeley City Council Economic Development Work Session: Small Business Support, <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/Small%20Business%20Report%202018.pdf>

<sup>11</sup> Rethinking Urban Transformation: Temporary Uses for Vacant Land, <https://jeremynemeth.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/cities.pdf#:~:text=journal%20homepage:%20www.elsevier.com/locate/cities.%20>

## **ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

No alternatives have been considered, but elements of this referral can be amended, added to, or combined. Additional RENAISSANCE referrals are contemplated for future submission to the City Council.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Strengthening the vitality of Berkeley's Commercial Districts supports the wellbeing of residents, employees, business owners, and visitors. When storefronts are active, streets feel and are more welcoming, walkable, and safe. Clear performance expectations for properties undergoing transition, combined with predictable enforcement and support tools, help ensure that commercial districts continue to be places where people feel a sense of belonging and pride. The recommendations outlined in this report support economic resilience, cultural vibrancy, and the shared experience of public life in Berkeley.

## **CONSULTATION CONDUCTED**

This report was prepared with input from the City Manager's Office, the Office of Economic Development, the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the City Attorney's Office. The Berkeley Chamber, Downtown Berkeley Association, small business owners, cultural space owners, constituents, and other stakeholders were also consulted, and their feedback has been incorporated to the extent possible.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no known direct financial costs and/or cost savings associated with these recommendations beyond the staff time associated with implementing this referral. The resultant outcomes associated with this item support more vibrant and active commercial districts which could increase revenue to the City.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS**

Vibrant local commercial districts reduce driving distances, encourage walking and transit use, and support localized economic systems which reduce emissions associated with regional retail travel.

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Civic Arts Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR  
July 28, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Civic Arts Commission  
Submitted by: Peter Montgomery, Chairperson, Civic Arts Commission  
Subject: Civic Arts Commission FY27 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Civic Arts Commission has updated their work plan, which outlines Commission objectives for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) based upon goals articulated in the *City of Berkeley Arts & Culture Plan (2018 - 2027 Update)*<sup>1</sup> and reflective of previously initiated projects that are under way. This work plan includes a variety of objectives in three civic arts areas: Grants, Policy, and Public Art.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At its regular meeting on June 24, 2026, the Civic Arts Commission approved the final FY27 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan, which is used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

**Action Item:** Civic Arts Commission FY27 Work Plan

M/S/C (Montgomery/ Woo) to approve the Civic Arts Commission FY27 Work Plan

**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda (LoA), Scott.

Public Comment: 0

BACKGROUND

See attached work plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental sustainability or climate impacts identified as a result of this plan.

<sup>1</sup> <https://dev.berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/OED%20Arts%20and%20Culture%20Plan%20Update.pdf>

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research, public meetings, new initiatives, other additional recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

No fiscal impacts determined at this time.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment: 1: FY27 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan



## **Civic Arts Commission FY27 Work Plan (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027)**

Approved at 6/24/2026 Civic Arts Commission meeting

### **Grants Subcommittee**

1. Advocate to Council for the sustaining and growth of the Civic Arts grant funding allocation.
2. Review and develop Civic Arts guidelines for Arts Programs, Community Festivals, General Operating Support, and Individual Artist Projects grant categories for the FY28 grant cycle with Civic Arts staff; make final guidelines recommendations to Civic Arts Commission.
3. Review funding scenarios for grant awards based on scores, number of applicants, and available funding; make final grant funding recommendations to Civic Arts Commission.
4. Prepare for and monitor the proposed Berkeley arts ballot measure that will impact Civic Arts grants funding and staff operations.

### **Policy Subcommittee**

#### **1. Event Producer Policy Recommendations**

Ensure that the Event Producer Policy Recommendations are appropriately presented to City Council, reviewed, and acted upon following their anticipated Council consideration in June 2026. The Subcommittee may continue to monitor implementation, identify any follow-up policy needs, and support staff and the Commission in advancing recommendations that strengthen Berkeley's event production landscape.

#### **2. Civic Arts Grant Funding and General Fund Support**

Advocate for the preservation and restoration of full Civic Arts grant funding levels in the General Fund budget. The Subcommittee should continue to emphasize that any future arts revenue measure or dedicated arts funding source should supplement, rather than replace or reduce, existing General Fund support for Civic Arts grants, programs, and core operations.

#### **3. Civic Arts Staffing and Program Capacity**

Advocate for the reinstatement of the Economic Development Project Coordinator position, or an equivalent Civic Arts staffing resource, in future budgets. The Subcommittee should continue to advocate for a sustainable staffing model that reflects the ongoing Civic Arts workload within the City Manager's Office, including grants administration, policy development, Commission support, public art coordination, cultural planning, and arts sector engagement.

**4. Cultural Arts District Policy and West Berkeley Cultural Arts District**

Continue supporting the development of a Cultural Arts District in West Berkeley while also advancing a broader policy framework for the establishment, recognition, and support of Cultural Arts Districts in Berkeley. Building on the FY 2026 work plan and the City's experience with the African American Arts and Culture District of South & West Berkeley / Lorin District, the Subcommittee shall work to articulate policy guidelines for future Cultural Arts Districts. This may include criteria for district formation, community leadership, cultural significance, geographic boundaries, governance, sustainability, and alignment with potential state designation opportunities.

**5. Arts Activation in Vacant Commercial Spaces**

Explore and develop policy recommendations for utilizing vacant or underused commercial spaces in Berkeley for arts and cultural uses, with a particular focus on retail frontage, storefront activation, and corridors such as San Pablo Avenue and University Avenue. This work may include reviewing existing Economic Development efforts, inviting staff presentations, researching models from other cities, and identifying feasible policy tools or pilot opportunities to support temporary or longer-term arts activation in vacant spaces including live/work opportunities.

**6. Berkeley Cultural Trust**

Support the development, advocacy, and long-term sustainability of the newly revived Berkeley Cultural Trust. The Subcommittee should help ensure ongoing Civic Arts Commission representation at Berkeley Cultural Trust meetings and identify opportunities for alignment between the Trust, the Commission, City staff, and the broader arts and culture sector.

**7. Poet Laureate Program**

Continue advocating for the establishment of a permanent Berkeley Poet Laureate Program. The Subcommittee may support the development of program guidelines, funding recommendations, selection processes, roles and expectations, and potential partnerships to ensure the program is sustainable and aligned with the City's cultural goals.

**8. Turtle Island Monument Project**

Monitor and support resolution of the Turtle Island Monument project, including identifying any outstanding policy, process, funding, or interdepartmental coordination issues that require Commission attention. The Subcommittee should work with staff to clarify the project's current status and determine whether further Commission or Council action is needed.

**9. Tracking System for Commission Referrals and Council Actions**

Develop or recommend a tracking system for Civic Arts Commission referrals, recommendations, and items transmitted to City Council. The purpose of this system would be to support continuity of operations, improve transparency, track Council action and follow-up needs, and help future Commissioners and staff understand the status of prior Commission work.

## **Public Art Subcommittee**

### **1. Strategic Planning and Program Direction**

- Collaborate with Civic Arts staff and Dyson/Womack to develop a Public Art Strategic Plan for the City of Berkeley. The Plan will identify the steps, strategies, and actions needed to shape, strengthen, and evolve the Civic Arts Program. It will include recommendations to stabilize and sustain the Public Art Program in service of the community, including best practices, policy updates, and guidance on project prioritization and discontinuation. The Plan will build upon previous policy achievements and planning efforts adopted by the City Council.
- Review and approve the FY27 Work Plan for projects funded through Funds 148 and 150.

### **2. Project Prioritization and Backlog Management**

- Continue the pause on new public art projects until the existing backlog of projects is addressed and the Public Art Strategic Plan is completed, consistent with prior Civic Arts Commission direction from April 26, 2023.
- Permit Civic Arts staff to honor the mission, spirit, and community intent of “not started” projects through projects currently in progress, ongoing initiatives, and staff-proposed solutions until the Public Art Strategic Plan is completed and approved.

### **3. Public Art Project Review and Artist Selection**

- Review and approve public art projects at key development milestones presented by staff.
- Actively promote and distribute public art RFQs through professional networks, artist communities, and relevant community channels.
- Represent the Public Art Subcommittee on RFQ selection panels when possible.

### **4. Public Engagement and Civic Arts Programming**

- Support the development, visibility, and public engagement of Civic Arts programming and public art platforms, including Cube Space, the Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza Sound Art Program, and other current or emerging initiatives that support artists, inspire collaboration, and connect audiences with Berkeley’s public art ecosystem.





Landmarks Preservation Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR

July 28, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Landmarks Preservation Commission  
 Submitted by: Denise Hall Montgomery, LPC Chairperson  
 Subject: Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission Actions

INTRODUCTION

The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) has prepared a report on its activities during the period June 2025 through May 2026; see Attachment 1, "Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission Actions." Reports on the Commission's activities are required on an annual basis, in accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.24.090 - *Annual Report Required*.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On June 4, 2025, the Commission voted to approve the attached report and to forward it to City Council. Vote: 9-0-0-0; Yes: Crandall, Fike, Finacom, Gordon, Greene, Montilla, Orbuch, Schwartz, Turner; No: none; Abstain: none; Absent: none.

BACKGROUND

Staff prepared a draft report summarizing LPC's actions and then presented it for the Commission's consideration at the meeting on June 4, 2026. The Commission received the report favorably and voted to adopt it and to forward it to City Council in accordance with the BMC requirement.

The Commission held a total of 11 meetings during this reporting period. Among numerous accomplishments, the Commission:

- Added four properties to the local register.
- Granted four Structural Alteration Permits for new development, improvements, additions or expansions within City Landmark properties.
- Received five demolition referrals from the Zoning Adjustments Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Historic preservation practices encourage the adaptive re-use and rehabilitation of cultural resources within the City. The rehabilitation of these resources, rather than their removal, achieves construction and demolition waste diversion, and promotes investment in existing urban centers.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The LPC will continue to submit an annual report on its activities in accordance with the BMC requirement.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this reporting activity.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Annual Report of Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) Activities



# LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Report to city council

## Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) Actions

Reporting Period: June 2025 through May 2026  
Due Date: June 30, 2026

Presented to City Council  
By the LPC Secretary  
On behalf of the LPC Chairperson and the Commission  
In accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.24.090

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**Part 1: Introduction**

In accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.24.090, the LPC shall report its actions to City Council on an annual basis. The report must arrive not later than June 30 of each year.

Herein City Council will find summaries of all LPC activities for the current reporting period. The summary lists are arranged in categories reflecting LPC's compulsory duties, such as public meetings and quasi-judicial reviews, as well as other efforts that further cultural resource preservation in Berkeley.

**Part 2: LPC Meetings Held**

| Meeting Body                               | Date              |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Landmarks Preservation Commission<br>(LPC) | June 5, 2025      |
|                                            | July 7, 2025      |
|                                            | August 7, 2025    |
|                                            | September 4, 2025 |
|                                            | October 6, 2025   |
|                                            | November 6, 2025  |
|                                            | December 4, 2025  |
|                                            | February 5, 2026  |
|                                            | March 5, 2026     |
|                                            | April 6, 2026     |
|                                            | May 7, 2026       |

**Part 3: LPC Regulatory Actions**

| Activity                                                           | Property Address                             | Application Number | Action Date                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Landmark & Structure of Merit Designations<br>BMC Section 3.24.150 | 2035 Francisco Street                        | LMIN2024-0003      | June 5, 2025                                                 |
|                                                                    | 2939 Dwight Way                              | LMIN2020-0007      | August 7, 2025                                               |
|                                                                    | 2000 Blake Street                            | LMIN2025-0003      | September 4, 2025                                            |
|                                                                    | 1929 Martin Luther King Jr. Way              | LMIN2025-0002      | November 7, 2025                                             |
| Structural Alteration Permits<br>BMC Section 3.24.240              | 2009 Tenth Street                            | LMSAP2025-0003     | June 5, 2025                                                 |
|                                                                    | 2328 Channing Way                            | LMSAP2025-0004     | July 7, 2025                                                 |
|                                                                    | 2135 Martin Luther King Jr. Way              | LMSAP2025-0004     | July 7, 2025                                                 |
|                                                                    | 2276 Shattuck Avenue                         | LMSAP2024-0005     | December 4, 2025                                             |
| Use Permit Demolition Referrals<br>BMC Section 23.326.070          | 2372 Ellsworth Street                        | ZP2024-0169        | July 7, 2025                                                 |
|                                                                    | 2298 Durant Avenue                           | ZP2024-0126        | July 7, 2025                                                 |
|                                                                    | 2029 University Avenue                       | ZP2024-0181        | September 4, 2025                                            |
|                                                                    | 1890 Alcatraz Avenue                         | ZP2024-0183        | September 4, 2025                                            |
|                                                                    | 2417 Carleton Street                         | ZP2024-0027        | October 6, 2025                                              |
| Mill Act Contract Applications<br>City Council Resolution 59,355   | 1619 Walnut Street                           | LMMA2025-0002      | <i>Favorable Action to City Council on September 4, 2025</i> |
|                                                                    | 21 Mosswood Road                             | LMMA2025-0001      | <i>Favorable Action to City Council on November 6, 2025</i>  |
| Zoning Officer Referrals<br>BMC Section 23.202.070(G)(1)           | N/A                                          | N/A                | N/A                                                          |
| Final Design Review<br>BMC Section 23.406.070(D)(3)                | N/A                                          | N/A                | N/A                                                          |
| Design Review Referrals<br>BMC Section 23.406.070(F)(1)(a)         | 2449 Dwight Way                              | DRCP2022-0003      | August 7, 2025                                               |
|                                                                    | 2428-2430 Bancroft Way                       | DRSL2024-0005      | December 5, 2024                                             |
| Section 106 Referrals<br>National Preservation Act                 | 2012-2024 Ashby Avenue                       | N/A                | No action, January 6, 2025                                   |
|                                                                    | 1708 Harmon Street/3240 Ellis Street         | N/A                | No action, January 6, 2025                                   |
|                                                                    | 1750 Sacramento Street (North Berkeley BART) | N/A                | No action, May 1, 2025                                       |
|                                                                    | 1429 Delaware Street (North Berkeley BART)   | N/A                | No action, May 1, 2025                                       |

**Part 4: LPC Agenda Discussions Held**

| Topic                                       | Discussion                                                                                                                             | Outcome                                                      | Date(s)                                              |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Mills Act                                   | Discussed recommendations from the subcommittee, and other ideas for improving the Mills Act program, and a moratorium on the program. | Council voted to pause the program<br>November 18, 2025      | October 6, 2025                                      |
| Anna Head School                            | Discussed the information received from the Save Anna Head School campaign.                                                            | Letter sent to the University of California.                 | October 6, 2025                                      |
| Landmarks Preservation Ordinance Amendments | Discussed proposed amendments to the Landmarks Preservation Ordinance (Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.24).                          | Established a new subcommittee; sent communication to staff. | February 5, 2026;<br>March 5, 2026;<br>April 6, 2026 |

**Part 5: LPC Agenda Presentations Received**

| Topic                                                           | Presenter                                                  | Date             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Purpose and overview of the Planning and Development Department | Jordan Klein, Planning and Development Department Director | February 5, 2026 |
| 2026 Potential Infrastructure Bond Measure                      | City Manager's Office                                      | March 5, 2026    |

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| Upcoming Worksessions and Special Meetings |                    |
| Scheduled Dates                            |                    |
| July 14 (4pm)                              | ODPA Annual Report |

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| Unscheduled Presentations and Special Meetings |  |
| 1. None                                        |  |

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

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|  | <b>City Council Referrals to the Agenda &amp; Rules Committee and Unfinished Business for Scheduling</b> |
|  | None                                                                                                     |

| CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT                                                       |                      |                       |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| WORKING CALENDAR FOR SCHEDULING LAND USE MATTERS<br>BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL |                      |                       |                   |
| Address                                                                     | Board/<br>Commission | Appeal Period<br>Ends | Public<br>Hearing |
| <b>NOD – Notices of Decision</b>                                            |                      |                       |                   |
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| <b>Notes</b>                                                                |                      |                       |                   |
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| ZAB: Zoning Adjustments Board                                               |                      |                       |                   |
| LPC: Landmarks Preservation Commission                                      |                      |                       |                   |

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