PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION

PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley

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Blaine Merker, District 1
Benjamin Bechtolsheim, District 2
Darrell Owens, District 3
Christina Oatfield, District 4
Charles Kahn, District 5
Emily Marthinsen, Chair, District 6
Alfred Twu, District 7
Savlan Hauser, Vice Chair, District 8
Angela Wang, Mayor

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1. **ROLL CALL:** Please put all cellular phones and ringers on silent during the meeting.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:** The Commission recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (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.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda and Information Items** (Three minutes per person; five minutes per organization, or at the discretion of the Chairperson)

4. **ORDER OF AGENDA**

5. **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

6. **AD HOC Subcommittees and Liaison Comments**
   Receive opportunity reports on status of projects for which the Planning Commission has established a subcommittee or liaison.

7. **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   Minutes of October 7, 2026
   From: Commission Secretary
   Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the October 7, 2026 meeting.

10. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Efficiency Dwelling Units**
From: Branka Tartarevic, Associate Planner

Recommendation: Receive a staff recommendation and provide feedback and direction to staff on policy issues and potential development standards for Efficiency Dwelling Units.

Written Materials: Linked Above

B. **2027 Planning Commission Calendar**
From: Justin Horner, Principal Planner

Recommendation: Review and approve a Planning Commission meeting schedule for 2027.

Written Materials: Linked above.

11. INFORMATION REPORTS: None.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- Late Correspondence Packet #1
- Late Correspondence Packet #2

13. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday, December 2, 2026, 6:30 PM.

14. ADJOURN

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