



Office of the City Manager

## 2 X 2 COMMITTEE MEETING BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Friday, November 22, 2024

3:00 – 4:00 pm

**\*New Location**

**1005 Parker Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710**

### Committee Members:

Councilmember Sophie Hahn  
Councilmember Terry Taplin

Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board President  
Jennifer Shanoski, BUSD Board Director

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*This is a meeting of the 2 x2 Committee of the Berkeley City Council and the Berkeley Unified School District. Since a quorum of the Berkeley City Council may actually be present to discuss matters with the 2 x 2 Committee, this meeting is being noticed as a special meeting of the Berkeley City Council as well as the 2 x 2 Committee meeting.*

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda for November 22, 2024
4. Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2024 (Attachment 1)
5. Public Comment (5 min)
6. Discussion Items
  - 6.1 Traffic Safety at Cragmont Elementary (15 min)
  - 6.2 Expanding Afterschool Programs (40 min)
7. Adjournment



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## **2x2 Meeting Notes**

**Meeting Location:** 1005 Parker Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

**Date:** September 20, 2024

**Meeting Time:** 2:30 - 4:00 pm

### **2x2 Member Participants:**

#### **BUSD:**

Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board President - Absent

Jennifer Shanoski, BUSD Board Director

#### **City of Berkeley:**

Sophie Hahn, City of Berkeley Councilmember, Chair

Terry Taplin, City of Berkeley Councilmember

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**1. Call to Order:** Quorum was established at 2:41 pm

**2. Approval of Meeting Agenda for September 20, 2024:**

Councilmember Taplin made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, and it was seconded by DirectorShanoski. The motion passed 3-0.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2024:**

Director Shanoski made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, and it was seconded by Councilmember Taplin - The motion passed 3-0

**4. Public Comment:**

The committee heard a total of five public comments.

Two commenters addressed the committee encouraging more traffic safety enforcement around Cragmont Elementary School during drop off and pick up.

Two commenters addressed the committee encouraging the District and the City of Berkeley to work to find solutions to expand after school programs for families, and encouraged the District to move the calendar up

to notify families of after school placement before the summer starts so families can plan accordingly.

One commenter addressed the committee to point out that some of the smaller school sites do not have parking permits available to educators on time, causing educators to get multiple parking tickets. The commenter encouraged a “grace period” after the start of the school year until residential parking permits are issued.

**5. Discussion Items:**  
**a. YEP Update**

Nina Goldman provided an update to the committee about the Youth Equity Partnership Program’s (YEP) efforts to help Black and Latinx 16 and 17 year olds to register to vote for the 2024 School Board elections. Berkeley students have heard from various presenters, including Director Shanoski about the importance of voting, as well as understanding the role of school board directors. YEPs goal is to register 400 students to vote in the November 5 elections.

**b. Expanding Afterschool Programs - Discussion Associated with Staffing, budget and transportation needs**

Scott Ferris, the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Berkeley, led a discussion with the committee about the City’s after school programs, which currently serves 250 to 300 Berkeley students. Currently the programs have the ability to expand by at least 100 more students total, and the cost to the City of Berkeley is about \$300,000.00 on an annual basis, the possible expansion will also require a conversation with the school district about expanding transportation for those students, as currently there are still about 11 students that do not have transportation to their after school programs.

Councilmember Hahn suggested agendizing a longer conversation, 45 minutes, at a future meeting with presentations from both the City of Berkeley and the school district to continue this discussion.

### **c. Traffic Safety Enforcement Around BUSD Schools - Update on Crossing Guards**

Jennifer Tate, Deputy Chief of the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) provided the committee with an update regarding traffic enforcement around BUSD school sites, said that it is important for school sites to provide BPD with school start times and end times so parking enforcement and police officers can provide extra attention, check for distracted drivers, people speeding and fine illegally parked vehicles. Deputy Chief Tate also mentioned that they have been receiving complaints around Longfellow Middle School, and police is not providing enforcement in that area as well.

Wahid Amiri from the City of Berkeley Public Works Department shared that recently, they have seen a few resignations of crossing guards and are working to hire replacements as soon as possible.

Councilmember Hahn requested to agendaize this item for 45 minutes in a future committee agenda.

### **d. Cost of BUSD Use of James Kenney Facility**

The BUSD requested this item to discuss a waiver for the use of the City of Berkeley's James Kenney Facility during the Longfellow Middle School Construction. Currently, Longfellow is using the James Kenney gym, basketball courts and fields Monday Through Friday, and the City of Berkeley's Afterschool Program is also using the gym Monday and Friday, and so far sharing the facility is going well.

The City of Berkeley is currently issuing fees to the District of \$52,000.00 in permits, the City Budget office will discuss the requested survey at their November budget meeting.

Assistant Superintendent John Calise is hoping that the City will continue the same partnership they have enjoyed for many years in joint facilities use where the District leases its facilities to the City of Berkeley for \$1 a year.

### **e. RPP for Educators at School Sites**

The committee discussed concerns from the Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT) regarding residential parking permits (RPP) for educators. The BFT noted that permit expiration dates don't align with the school district's calendar, leading to educators receiving parking tickets. Both the BFT and the District requested that the City consider adjusting the expiration dates to match the school calendar. Mr. Wahid Amiri explained that there is a one-week grace period after RPPs expire, which can be extended to two weeks if there are vendor-related issues.

### **Action Items**

#### **f. Identify meeting dates for the remainder of 2024**

The remaining two meetings for the 2x2 Committee will take place on October 24 at 4:30 pm and November 13 at 4:00 pm

Requested Agenda Items for the next two meeting:

October 24:

- Update on Traffic Enforcement Around BUSD Schools - 45 min
- Road Closures that affect bus routes

November 13

- Discussion Regarding Expanding Afterschool Programs and Transportation - 45 minutes
- Update on the Oxford School Sale

**6. Adjournment:** 4:10 pm