



**CITY / UC / STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, April 24, 2026

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Redwood Conference Room (6th Floor)

2180 Milvia St, Berkeley, CA 94704

Committee Members (10):

Representing	Committee Member
Council District 4	Councilmember Igor Tregub
Council District 6	Councilmember Brent Blackaby
Council District 7	Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra
Council District 8	Councilmember Mark Humbert
Mayor (Alternate)	Mayor Adena Ishii
UC Berkeley	Alfred Day, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Support and Belonging
UC Berkeley	Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community
ASUC Undergraduate	Calvin Yang, External Affairs Vice President, ASUC
ASUC Undergraduate (Meeting Chair)	Sanjna Shah, Local Government Relations Director, ASUC
Graduate Assembly	Jose Aguilar, External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly
Graduate Assembly	Norris Davis, Legislative Director, Office of the External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call/Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes from the February 27, 2026 Meeting (*Attachment 1*)
4. Fiat Lux Walk and street lighting master plan
5. Campus development updates on:
 1. People's Park: Supportive housing and use of open space
 2. Bancroft Parking Structure Replacement
6. Construction-related impacts on Oxford/Bancroft corridor, especially bicyclist and pedestrian impacts
7. Civic Innovation challenge overview (*Attachment 2*)
8. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:
 - a. Next Meeting Date: Sept 25, 2026
 - b. Next Meeting Facilitator: TBD
 - c. Potential topics for future meetings:
9. Adjournment

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Attachment 1



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Friday, February 27, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members (10): ✓=Present

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AGENDA

1. Roll Call – 11:05 AM
2. Public Comment on non-agenda matters

- a. Five members of the public were present for the meeting.
 - b. No members of the public provided public comment.
3. Approval of Minutes from the November 21, 2025 Meeting
- a. **M/S/C Humbert/Tregub** to approve minutes of the November 21, 2025 meeting as written.
 - b. Vote:
 - Ayes:* Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Day, Yang, Davis
 - Noes:* None
 - Abstain:* None
 - Absent:* Lizardo, Shah, Aguilar
4. Incorporating city input and materials into incoming student orientation content
- a. Chair Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember for District 7, gave brief opening remarks for this item.
 - b. Micki Antovich, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of New Student Services for the University, was present to provide an overview and answer committee questions on Golden Bear Orientation (GBO) materials and processes.
 - c. Discussion largely centered on ideas and input from Councilmembers on how GBO materials/curricula could better integrate students into city life as well as campus life, with comments and questions specifically focused on:
 - Transfer students and their needs;
 - Enhancing civic engagement for new and transfer students, including ideas like orientation sessions for those who are interested in civic engagement as an academic/career track;
 - Specific information on Berkeley resources and processes like voter registration, the Berkeley Rent Board, acceptance of (and match up to \$15) of EBT at Berkeley Farmers' Markets, micromobility safety, and emergency preparedness and evacuation routes and protocols;
 - The sheer amount of information coming at new students during GBO, and how to time and frame any information appropriately so it can be heard and internalized by students;
 - Partnerships with external stakeholder groups such as Visit Berkeley, Downtown Berkeley Association, and Northside merchants for marketing and engagement with local businesses;

- A session (such as an ice cream social) available for students wishing to meet and get to know the Councilmembers of City Council Districts adjacent to the Campus, with discussion around an event where all four Councilmembers could be present.
 - d. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.
- 5. Campus updates on Fiat Lux walk and campus lighting projects.
 - a. Chair Lunaparra advised the Committee that Director Lizardo, who had been prepared to provide an overview on this agenda item for the Campus, was unexpectedly out on medical leave, and she recommended continuing the item to the April 24 4x6 Committee meeting agenda.
 - b. ASUC EAVP Yang provided brief remarks on the Fiat Lux walk that took place on Campus on January 13, 2026, summarizing main take-aways which included increased consideration of lighting projects near Doe Library and the Crescent Lawn; soliciting more feedback from students as to their priority areas for more lighting, understanding the time and resources needed for new lighting projects; and incorporating lighting into existing campus infrastructure improvement projects.
 - c. Brief discussion around ensuring that Councilmembers in districts adjacent to the Campus, as well as the Mayor, be advised as to the dates of future Fiat Lux walks, to the extent such walks extend into City streets.
 - d. This was a discussion-only item and so no action was taken by the Committee.
- 6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:
 - Next Meeting Date: April 24, 2026, 11 am – 1 pm (Staff Secretary committed to sending calendar holds to all committee members with more advanced notice).
 - Next Meeting Facilitator: TBD (Calvin Yang, ASUC EAVP, was suggested to serve as next Chair but noted a schedule conflict, committing to correspond with ASUC LGR Director Shah about her capacity to serve; Chair Lunaparra volunteered to serve as Chair in the event neither could be present).
 - Next meeting location: it was suggested and the Committee agreed future that 4x6 meetings be hosted in a Brown Act compliant room at Berkeley City Hall moving forward.
 - Potential topics for future meetings:
 - Updates/discussion on Fiat Lux walk, campus lighting projects, and city street lighting plans from Public Works;

- PW presentation on potential designs for Zachary's Corner;
- Campus development updates on:
 - People's Park: Supportive housing and use of open space
 - Cal Softball Field Renovation
 - Cal Beach Volleyball Complex
 - Bancroft Parking Structure Replacement;
- Impacts of construction projects on Oxford/Bancroft corridor, especially with respect to bicyclist and pedestrian safety;
- Continuing discussions on micromobility;
- Use of LRDP funding;
- Planned protest activity management
- Berkeley pier project at the Berkeley Marina
- Civic Innovation challenge overview

7. Adjournment

a. **M/S/C Lunaparra/Blackaby** to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 AM.

b. Vote:

Ayes: Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Day, Yang, Davis

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lizardo, Shah, Aguilar











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Office of Economic Development + Big Ideas @ Berkeley Contest

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April 24, 2026*

Project Summary



BERKELEY CIVIC INNOVATION CHALLENGE

Design. Build. Innovate. For Berkeley, with Berkeley.

- *The Partnership.* A high-impact collaboration between the UC Berkeley Big Ideas Contest and the City of Berkeley.
- *The Goal:* Pairing student talent with city leaders to co-design solutions for pressing local civic and policy challenges.
- *The Timeline:* Launched in October 2025, with the intensive "Sprint" and final pitches concluding in February 2026.

100+

Number of Students Applied to Big Ideas to design civic challenge solutions

30+

Challenges Submitted by the City of Berkeley staff

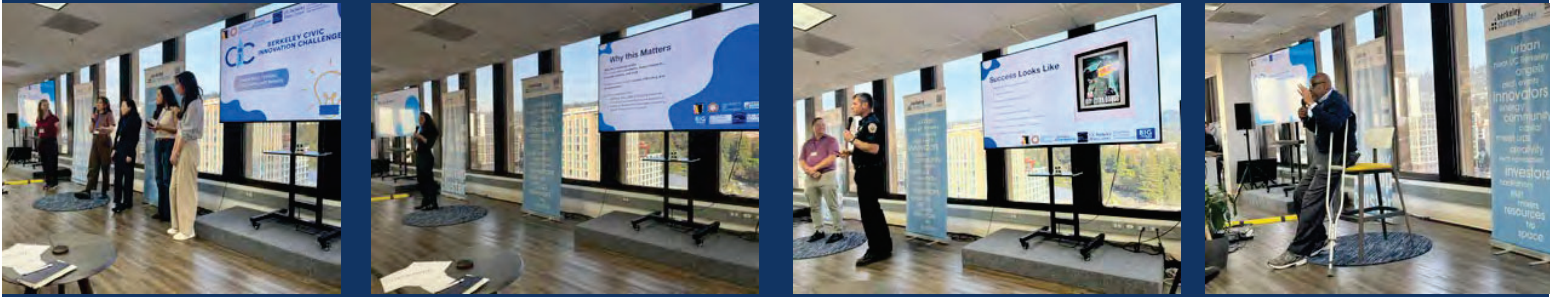
\$4K

Prize money awarded February 2026

The Challenges

City leaders proposed five specific problem areas for students to tackle:

- **Disaster Resilience**: Strengthening disaster preparedness and wildfire safety.
- **Housing Access**: Improving information and access for supportive housing programs.
- **Zero Waste Strategies**: Managing "move-out" waste and reducing items sent to landfills.
- **Digital Access**: Creating more accessible city websites for all residents.
- **Small Business Procurement**: Helping underrepresented businesses succeed in city contracting.



Housing Access & Awareness



Streamline how Berkeley residents discover and access Berkeley's many housing programs.

Zero Waste Strategies



Build innovative strategies or tools that reduce waste and enhance sustainability efforts.

Disaster Preparedness and Resilience



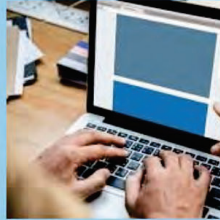
Strengthen Berkeley's disaster preparedness through creative community-driven systems.

SMB Innovation Procurement

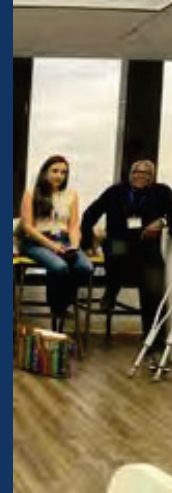


Expand competition and innovation in City procurement to increase opportunities for SMBs.

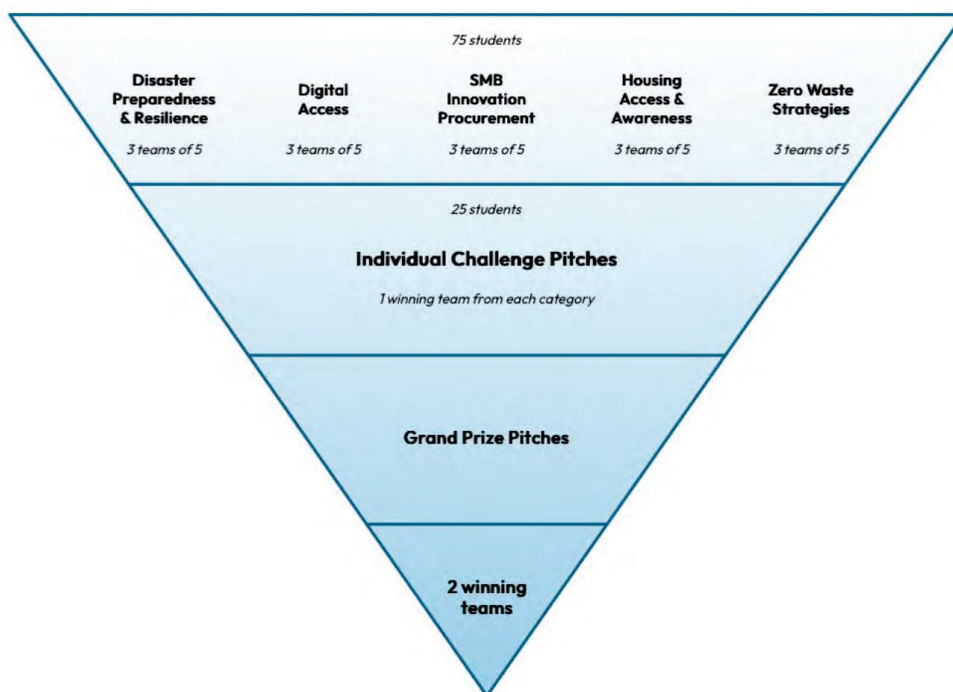
Digital Access – ADA Compliance



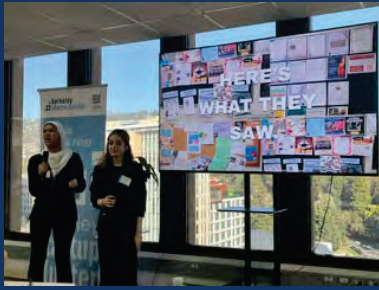
Help Berkeley lead in digital equity by creating tools and processes for people of all abilities.



Program Structure



The Participants



Finale February 6th



Judges



The Civic Innovation Challenge (CIC) Design Sprint

- Format: A high-energy, 7-day intensive design sprint where students research, build, and pitch solutions.
- Participants: 70 selected students from diverse fields like engineering, policy, and data science, forming 15 multidisciplinary teams.
- The Sprint Dates: January 30 – February 6, 2026.
- Awards: Winning teams received awards of \$4,000 each and advanced to Big Ideas Competition

Winning Solutions

The Grand Prize Pitch Day was held on February 6, 2026, at Berkeley SkyDeck.

The top two ideas were:

- ReMove: A plan to eliminate abandoned mattresses and furniture during student move-out.
- AI Accessibility Coach: An AI-powered tool to help city staff overhaul and improve the accessibility of city websites.

The first-ever Berkeley Civic Innovation Challenge (with Big Ideas)



Press Coverage

Campus & community

In new competition, UC Berkeley students will tackle some of the city's most pressing challenges

Students in the newly launched Berkeley Civic Engagement Challenge will compete for prizes, and their proposals could lead to city-wide improvements.

By Jason Pohl



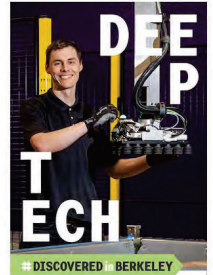
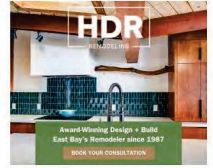
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3 ideas Cal students dreamed up to make life better in Berkeley

In a weeklong sprint called the Berkeley Civic Innovation Challenge, teams of UC Berkeley students invented solutions for city problems like disposing of furniture and making homes fire-safe. Then they pitched their ideas to Berkeley's mayor and others.

Berkeley SKYDECK NEWSLETTER INVESTORS COMPANIES PARTNERS ABOUT PROGRAMS ADVISORS APPLY

News from SkyDeck
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23 MARCH 2026
Newsletter - February 19, 2026
Newsletter - March 4, 2026



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Next Steps



The CIC serves as a "sprint" within the larger year-long Big Ideas Contest:

The Broader Big Ideas Contest Timeline

October – December 2025: Applications and workshops; first-round pre-proposals due December 2, 2025.

January 2026: Finalists announced for the full contest.

February – April 2026: Final round workshops and full 8-page proposal development.

May 2026: Grand Prize Pitch & Awards Celebration (date: May 5-7, 2026).

Implementation: Winning projects from the full contest receive up to \$20,000 and begin implementation in June 2026.

WHAT'S YOUR **BIG IDEA?**

Early-Stage Student-Led Social Innovation at UC Berkeley

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