

Recreation

Youth Commission Meeting

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30pm

Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center/YAP 1730
Oregon St. Berkeley, CA 94703

The Commission may discuss any items listed on the agenda but may take action only on items identified as Action.

1. Call to Order (Chair):
2. Roll Call (Secretary):
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair):
4. Approval of Minutes for April 8, 2024 (Chair):
5. Public Comments (2 min):
6. Chair's Announcements (Chair)
7. Director's Report
8. Introductions (Chair)
9. Action Item: Vote to send Bathroom Letter
10. Discussion: Brainstorm plans for the future
11. Discussion: Work plan finalization
12. Adjourn

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Mission Statement

The Berkeley Youth Commission identifies the needs of youth, reviews and recommends youth services and programs

Dear Members of the School Board,

As the City of Berkeley Youth Commission, we write to express our concern regarding the condition of the restroom facilities at Berkeley High school.

Through a survey with a hundred and sixty one responses, the main issues we identified are the consistent absence of soap and paper towels, malfunctioning or lack of locks on restroom stalls, and the accumulation of trash on the ground. These issues not only contribute to an unsanitary environment but also detract from the overall safety and well-being of students. Of particular concern are the C and M bathrooms, which have been identified by the student body as the top priorities for improvement. These facilities are used by the entire student population and are in dire need of attention. We urge the school board to allocate resources towards addressing the issues with these specific bathrooms promptly.

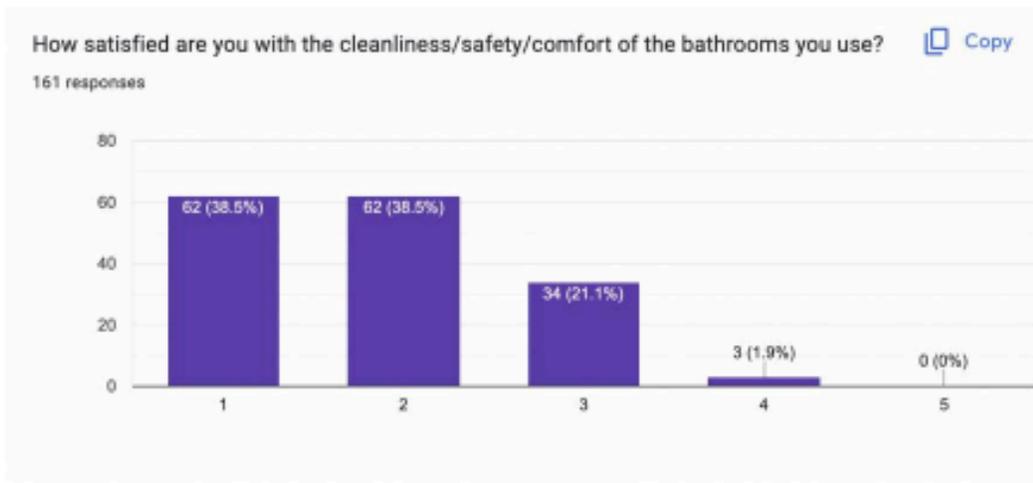
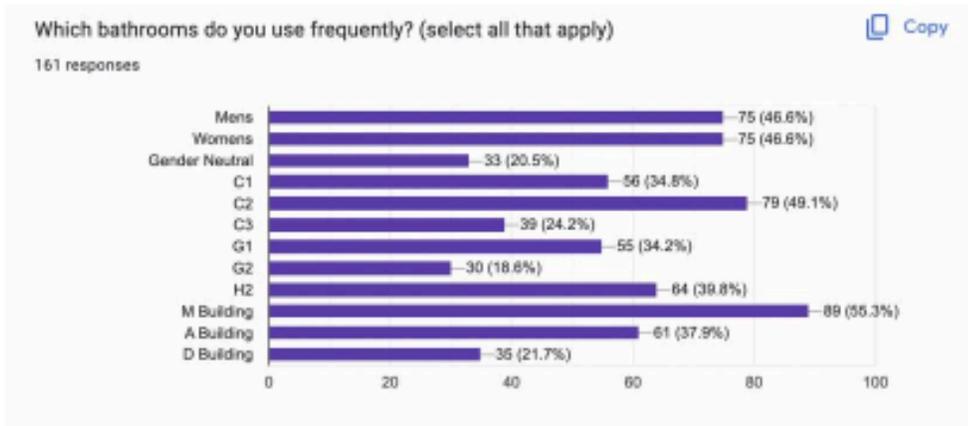
Additionally, we recommend that hall monitors be directed to focus their efforts on identifying and addressing individuals who are responsible for vandalizing and damaging the bathrooms. By holding these individuals accountable for their actions, we can deter future incidents of vandalism and ensure the longevity of the renovated facilities. It is worth noting that the problems with the restroom facilities are not new but rather a longstanding issue that has persisted for decades. Many teachers and alumni can attest to the ongoing challenges faced with the school's bathrooms. As such, it is crucial that decisive action be taken

to address these concerns.

Furthermore, we suggest that custodians conduct consistent checkups on the bathrooms and gather data on specific needs and areas requiring attention. This data-driven approach will help to inform decision-making and ensure that resources are allocated effectively.

In conclusion, we urge the school board to prioritize the renovation of the restroom facilities at Berkeley High. By addressing the main issues with the bathrooms and implementing measures to prevent further damage, we can create a cleaner, safer, and more conducive learning environment for all students

Best regards,
The Berkeley City Youth Commission



Internal

Activity	Resources	Next Step	Goal

