

Youth Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:30pm

Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St., Berkeley CA, 510-981 6670

Mission Statement

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

Commission Members

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>
Mayor	Maya Ng-Yu	BUSD/Brown	Vacant
Kesarwani	Vacant	BUSD/Leyva-Cutler	Andrea Morales
Davila	Vacant	BUSD/Appel	Vacant
Bartlett	Vacant	BUSD/Student Director	Max Schlosberg
Harrison	Gabriella Lerman	BUSD/Sinai	Daijah Conerly
Hahn	Rachel Alper	BUSD	Mallika Hari
Wengraf	Samuel Kaplan-Pettus	BUSD/Alper	Evie Berg
Robinson	Vacant	BUSD	Auden Friedman
Droste	Vacant	BUSD	Vacant

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order (Chair)
2. Roll Call (Secretary)
3. Announcements (Chair)
4. Approval of Agenda (Chair)
5. Approval of Minutes (Chair)
6. Public Comment (Chair)
7. Director's Report

Discussion Items

8. Berkeley Aquatics Update on Investigating Berkeley Swim Lessons and the Willard Pool (Lerman)
9. Gender Neutral Bathrooms Update (Chair)
10. BHS Environmental Initiative Update (Berg, Kaplan-Pettus, Hari)

Action Items

15. Approval of Data Collection Letter to the Berkeley Unified School District School Board

16. Adjourn

Commission Information: The Youth Commission packet is available for review at both the Berkeley Main Library and the Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department Office at 2180 Milvia Street –3rd Floor, during normal business hours. If you have questions, contact Commission Secretary, Ginsi K. Bryant, at 981-6671 or by email at Gbryant@cityofberkeley.info.

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Youth Commission Regular Meeting Dates January 2019 –December 2019

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday, January 14	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley
Monday, February 11	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley
Monday, March 11	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley
Monday, April 22	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley
Monday, May 13	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley
Monday, June 3	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley
July	Break	
August	Break	
Monday, September 9	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley
Tuesday, October 15	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley
Tuesday, November 12	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley
Monday, December 9	6:30pm	1730 Oregon Street, Berkeley

City of Berkeley Youth Commission

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City of Berkeley School Board

Dear Honorable School Board,

We are writing in our capacity as the City of Berkeley Youth Commission to urge you to contract the Institute for Child Poverty & Homelessness (ICPH), a non-profit organization, to collect data on the homeless students of Berkeley. This data could be used to bring attention to the adversity this demographic faces and to propel policy to combat it.

The ICPH is an independent nonprofit which works to collect information on issues of health, education and housing in a community. Their work in cities such as Seattle and New York has provided analysis of the struggles of homeless students and the effectiveness of programs which support them, as well as demographic data to inform the policy makers and the public.

The programs working in Berkeley to address youth homelessness rely on outdated information and speculation on population and lifestyle for those they wish to support. While these programs certainly have merit, it is difficult for them to adequately serve without knowing who they serve or what is effective. This would be a crucial first step towards adequately helping these disadvantaged young people.

Sincerely,

City of Berkeley Youth Commission