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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: African American Resource Center

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**From:** Micky Duxbury <mickydux612@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 12:13 PM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** African American Resource Center

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Hello Staff of the Zoning Board,

As a resident of central Berkeley, I am in full support of the AAHRC going forward. For far too many years, Berkeley has ignored the displacement of African Americans from the city and not addressed the unique history and contributions that the Black community has made to this city. We need this center for all of us!

Not only have Black people been displaced, the need for affirming and equitable practices has not been adequately paid attention to by the City of Berkeley.

Thank you, Micky Duxbury

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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: Strongly support the ZAB issuing a permit to build the African American Holistic Resource Center

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**From:** J & J Schroeder <janicejimschroeder@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 11:06 AM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** Strongly support the ZAB issuing a permit to build the African American Holistic Resource Center

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Members of the Zoning Appeals Board,  
As a retired teacher at Berkeley Adult School (BAS) who taught a comprehensive health education class and who also provided crisis support services to BAS students, I strongly support the issuance of a permit to build the African American Holistic Resource Center.

During my 30 years of service at BAS, I taught and counselled many African American students who would have greatly benefited from the services offered at the African American Holistic Resource Center. I believe this center could have positively impacted their mental, emotional and physical health, and in some cases impacted and changed the direction of their lives.

It is well past time for this vital kind of resource center to be built and located in Berkeley. Please take the right, just and moral action to expedite a permit for the construction to begin.

Sincerely,  
Janice Schroeder  
District 1 resident for 46 years

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**From:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB)  
**Subject:** FW: AAHRC Support!

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**From:** Thomas Luce <tomfluce@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 10:51 AM  
**To:** Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) <Planningzab@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** AAHRC Support!

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I'm writing in support of the AAHRC being voted on at tonight's meeting.

"The AAHRC will focus on serving African American Berkeley residents, particularly people from the historic South and West Berkeley neighborhoods, and those displaced from Berkeley who have been disproportionately impacted by racism and gentrification, and would benefit from treatment and services provided in a culturally responsive and supportive way. The AAHRC will be open to all, however the focus of the AAHRC will be to enhance, strengthen, and validate African American/Black identity, cultural values, and traditions. The AAHRC will support participants by using community-defined and culturally appropriate approaches and practices in order to decrease inequities and disparities in all aspects of life for the African American population in Berkeley.

Sincerely,  
Tom

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