Commission on Disability

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DRAFT Meeting Agenda: November 18, 2026 at 5pm

North Berkeley Senior Center, Aspen Room
1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709

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Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair Fischer
2. Land Acknowledgment recognizing Berkeley as the ancestral, unceded home of the Ohlone People.
3. Roll Call by Secretary
4. Public Comments
   The public may comment about any item *not* on the agenda. Public comments on agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing that item. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.
5. Approval: Draft minutes of the October 14, 2026 meeting*
6. Approval: Order of Agenda*

Discussion/Action Items

7. Input to City staff on two concepts for the ADA accessible approach to the entrance of Berkeley's historic Maudelle Shirek City Hall*
8. Vote on the 2027 CoD meeting schedule*
9. Ad hoc committee reports: PROWAG, WCAG, Micromobility
10. Work Plan Updates and Developments

Commissioner Reports/Announcements

Staff Updates

11. Log of Access Complaints*
12. Email and voicemail sent to the Commission*

Adjournment

* **Documents included in packet.**
** **Documents to be delivered at meeting.**
*** **Documents previously distributed.**

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DRAFT Minutes re October 14, 2026 meeting

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Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair Fischer at 5:04pm
2. Land Acknowledgment recognizing Berkeley as the ancestral, unceded home of the Ohlone People.
3. Roll Call by Secretary
   Commissioners present: Rena Fischer, Mina Sun, Bonnie Lewkowicz, Jae Mann, Fred Nisen, and Valerie Coleman
   Commissioners on a Leave of Absence: Helen Walsh and Kathi Pugh
   Staff present: Thomas Gregory
   Public members present: Odile Lavault (liaison from Commission on Aging), Kelly Hammargren, Maria Sol, and Steven Schuyler
4. Public Comments
   Sol said that as a disabled pedestrian using the sidewalk she frequently is almost hit by bikes, e-bikes, and scooters. Her path is frequently obstructed by scooters.

   Schuyler voiced concern about future accessibility on the west sidewalk of Oxford between Center and Allston due to the proposed 20+-story development at 2128 Oxford.
5. Approval of September 9, 2026 draft minutes: "…to approve September's draft minutes." Moved by: Lewkowicz. Seconded by: Sun. Ayes: unanimous. The motion passes.
6. Approval of Order of Agenda: "…to approve the agenda." Moved by: Sun. Seconded by: Fischer. Ayes: unanimous. The motion passes.

Discussion/Action Items

7. Existing ad hoc committees on Micromobility, PROWAG, WCAG: review, extend (if needed) and add target dates for reporting back to the CoD.

   Fischer proposed establishing target end dates for CoD's ad hoc committees as outlined in the Commissioner's Manual.
   WCAG ad hoc committee (Fischer, Sun, and Nisen):
   Nisen proposed that, since the City must comply with WCAG by April 26, 2027, this committee continue its work through May 2027. Sun agreed and also suggested that this committee schedule additional meetings with staff on progress made toward WCAG compliance.

   A motion was made "…that the ad hoc committee on WCAG be constituted with Sun, Nisen, and Fischer for a term through 5/31/27." Moved by: Fischer. Seconded by: Nisen. Ayes: unanimous. The motion passes.

   PROWAG committee (i.e., Fischer, Pugh, Lewkowicz, and Coleman): Lewkowicz advised waiting to see how Council votes on CoD's PROWAG recommendation on 10/27/26.

   Micromobility committee (i.e., Sun, Mann, Nisen, and Coleman): Coleman suggested revisiting this at a subsequent CoD meeting after the committee has a chance to discusses its plans.

8. Ad hoc committee reports: Micromobility, PROWAG, WCAG

Micromobility report: Coleman said that this committee has just met to discuss objectives, resources, and members' roles. It is scheduling its next meeting.

PROWAG report: Fischer said that she has worked with the City's Transportation Manager on a document to be included in contractors' packets directing the implementation of PROWAG during construction. However, the City's ability to consistently enforce the standard is less clear. The committee has suggested using the City's 311/Report & Pay Online system to facilitate reporting of PROWAG violations during construction. Nisen said that outreach will be critical to educate the community about processes for reporting.

WCAG report: Sun reported that the City has contracted with the Blind Institute of Technology (BIT) to conduct an audit of the City's website. BIT identified many accessibility issues that the website contractor, Rolling Orange, has begun correcting. BIT is also reviewing vendors' VPAT reports and is conducting City-wide trainings to help create WCAG compliant documents. The City purchased Cognito, software that creates WCAG-compliant forms. The City is considering other software solutions for PDFs that are not forms.

9. Report to Council: Using the Report & Pay webpage (aka 311 Online) to report eScooter/micromobility devices: Fischer asked for input on the existing draft.

10. Disaster Preparedness: CoD input and the public comment process

Fischer asked for feedback to the CoD's input (distributed at the meeting) to the draft emergency-preparedness content of the City's update to the General Plan. Fischer said that CoD will seek a meeting with the Planning Dept. staff developing the City draft.

Public comment: Sol stated that emergency preparedness is critical to the disability community.

11. Work Plan Updates and Developments

Commissioner Reports/Announcements

Nisen announced that anyone experiencing access barriers while trying to vote is encouraged to call Disability Rights California's voting hotline at (888) 569-7955.

Staff Updates

12. Log of Access Complaints
13. Email and voicemail sent to the Commission

Adjournment at 6:55pm

Minutes approved by CoD vote on: _____

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Thomas Gregory, Secretary to Commission

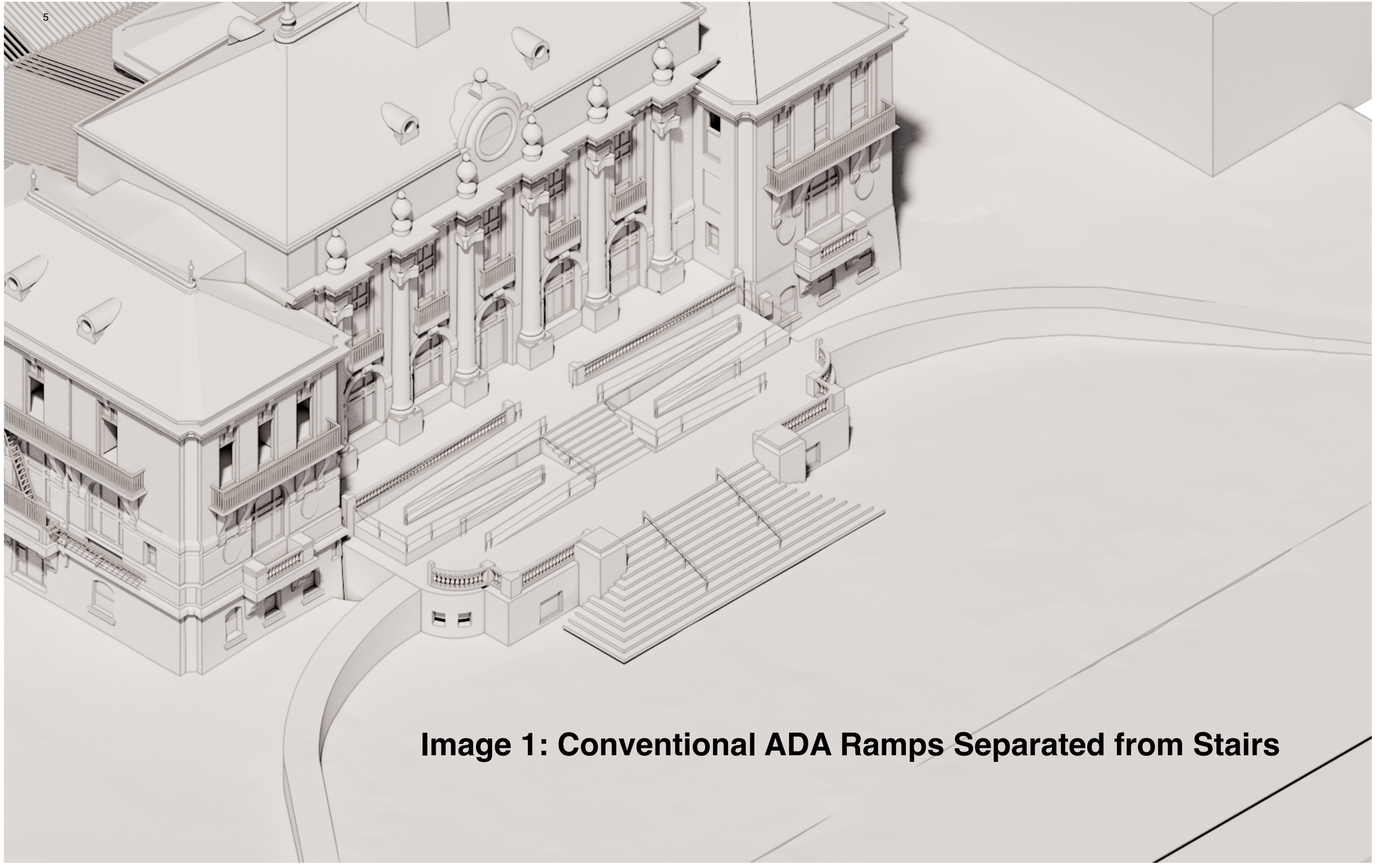


Image 1: Conventional ADA Ramps Separated from Stairs

SIEGEL & STRAIN Architects

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Issued With:	**Reference:** RAMP OPTION	RAMP OPTION
Issue Date: 11/09/26	**Drawn By:** Author	

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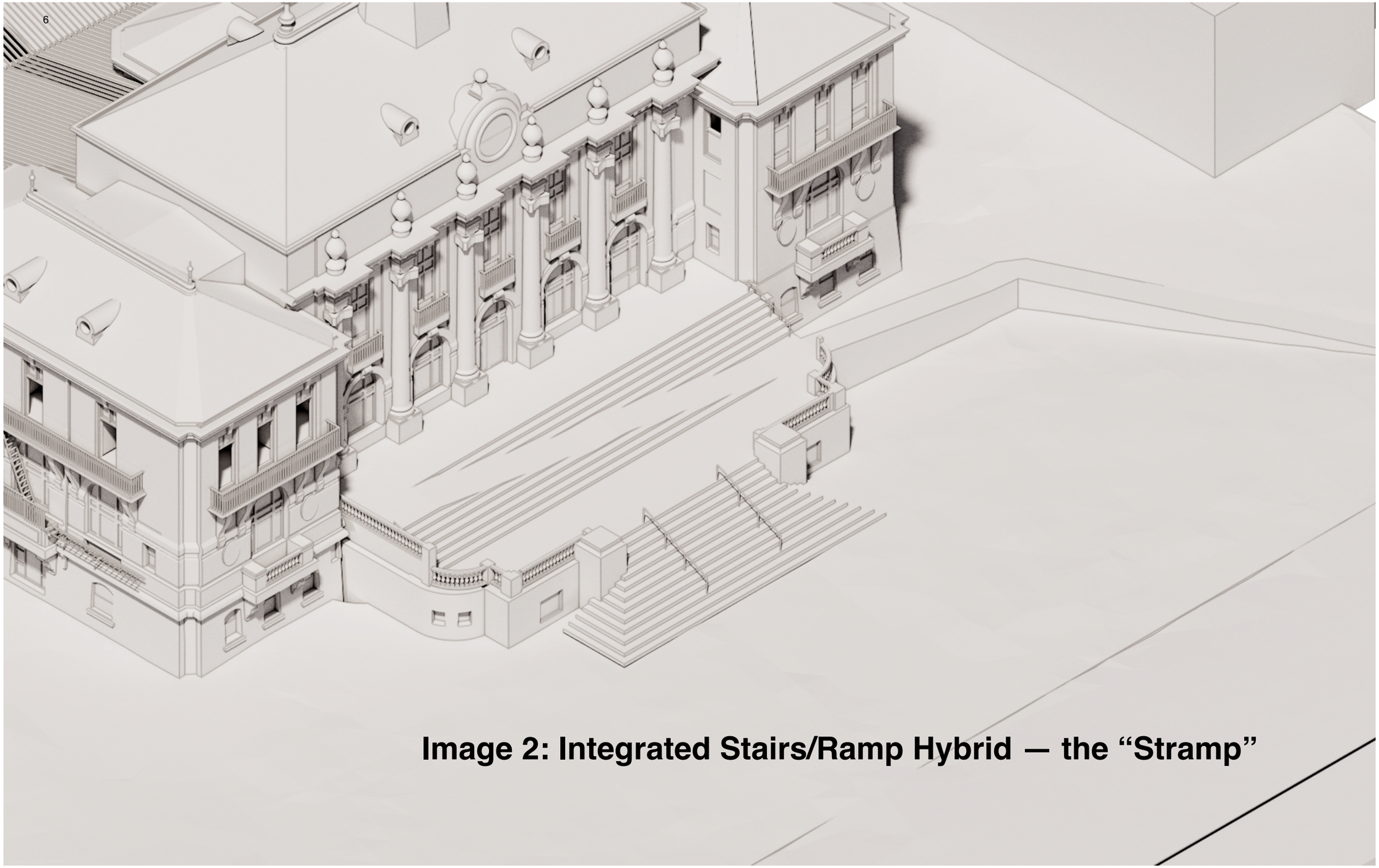


Image 2: Integrated Stairs/Ramp Hybrid — the “Stramp”

Agenda Item #7

Two concepts for the ADA approach to the entrance of Berkeley's Maudelle Shirek City Hall

Image #1 long description: Conventional ADA Ramps Separated from the Stairs

The drawing shows a view of Berkeley's historic (1908) Maudelle Shirek City Hall, with its ornate front, columns, and multiple entrance doors. A broad exterior staircase leads to the main entrance.

The proposed accessible ramps are located to either side of the upper stairway. They follow typical ramp design: longer, indirect routes (switchbacks), using sloped segments, turns, and level landings to reach the entrance. Railings distinguish the ramp routes from the stairs.

The design provides separate ways of reaching the same destination: wheelchair users and others who require a step-free path follow the ramps to the sides, while people who use stairs can take the more direct, central route.

The principal characteristic of this conventional design is the physical separation of the accessible route from the stairs, with both providing access to the building.

Image #2 long description: The "Stramp," an Integrated Stairs/Ramp Hybrid

This drawing shows the same historic City Hall building and its broad exterior staircase. Instead of conventional ramps separated from the stairs, the drawing shows a broad, integrated stair-and-ramp design, called a "stramp." The concept was originally developed by landscape architect Cornelia Oberlander in the 1970s.

The drawing shows three long, sloping surfaces integrated with broad steps across the entrance. Rather than placing ramps at the edges of a central staircase, the design combines stepped and sloped routes within one architectural composition. The intention is to allow people using wheelchairs, and other mobility devices, and people walking up stairs, to approach the building within a unified entrance space.

The defining characteristic is integration rather than separation. The design makes the accessible path part of the main architectural experience instead of a distinct route alongside it.

However, this early rendering conveys a concept. It does not establish whether the proposed stramp meets ADA requirements for slope, landings, handrails, edge protection, or other features. Those details require review.

A Comparative Description

The two proposals represent different philosophies of accessible entrance design. The first uses the familiar approach: providing ramps and stairs as separate architectural elements. The ramp route is less direct and involves turns and landings, but it is readily identifiable as a distinct route. The second design explores a more integrated approach based on the "stramp" concept. Sloped pathways and steps are layered together across the entrance, creating a shared visual and architectural experience for people using different mobility modes.

The main difference between the two designs is not just how the ramps look, but whether people using a step-free ramp route and those using stairs approach the grand entrance to a grand building as separate paths or as a shared space.

For blind and low-vision users, an additional consideration is how clearly each design distinguishes level surfaces, slopes, steps, and changes in elevation through tactile and other nonvisual cues. In particular, the "stramp's" integration of steps and sloped surfaces raises critical questions about detectable boundaries, predictable routes, and wayfinding that cannot be resolved from this preliminary drawing.

Agenda item #8

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Proposed Meeting Calendar for 2027

Regular meeting day: Second Wednesday of each month

January 13

February 10

March 17 (third Wednesday)
(March 10 conflicts with Eid al-Fitr.)

April 14

May 12

June 9

July 14

August: No meeting

September 8 (Is September 15 better?)

October 13

November 10

December: No meeting

November2026 - Log of Unresolved Access-related Complaints

Subject matter key:
1 = built environment (facilities and their adjacent paths of travel)
2 = built environment (pedestrian rights of way)
3 = digital content
4 = effective communications/signage
5 = programs, services, and activities

An asterisk next to the complaint's submission date indicates that the complaint was a formal ADA Grievance.

All of the information contained in the following table is provided in non-table format immediately below the table.

Date Complaint Lodged	Nature of Lack of Access	Date the City deemed a solution was implemented	Nature of solution	Was the solution legally compliant?	Complainant's level of satisfaction with solution
9/29/26	2. PROWAG violations (lack of compliant detour or diversion) reported at the NW corner of Haste/Telegraph and the nearby NW corner of Dwight/Telegraph.	Not yet	Staff will contact relevant contractors verify violations and to instruct them to remediate violations.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable
*9/16/26	5. Via EBCLC personnel, a John Doe with no contact info reports that he is a person with a disability and that his property was	Not yet	Staff have reached out to EBCLC for further info and/or to be put in contact with John Doe.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable

	stolen by a City contractor.				
9/12/26	2. Construction site at Telegraph/Stuart impeding sidewalk in violation of PROWAG due to lack of a diversion or a detour accompanied by required signage and audible signals.	Not yet	On 9/16 staff contacted the relevant contract to inform them that they need to remediate the condition and how to do so.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable
9/10/26	2. The slope of sidewalk adjacent to an on-street accessible parking space near 840 Colusa (Thousand Oaks Elementary School) is reportedly too steep.	Not yet	Staff have assessed the site and requested that the non-compliant accessible parking space be replaced by a truly accessible parking space ~ 100' north (as preferred by the complainant).	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable
8/14/26	2. Construction site on west side of Adeline immediately north of 2910 Adeline is impeding the sidewalk; while a diversion is in place, it does not feature	Not yet	Staff will require the relevant contractor to remediate the issue as soon as possible.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable

	audible signals and therefore violates PROWAG.				
8/9/26	2. Utility vault in newly poured sidewalk on Russell Street at Sylvia Mendez School creates an unbeveled 1” change in elevation within the pedestrian right-of-way.	10/28/26 (or earlier)	Staff required the relevant contractor to remediate the issue by adding additional concrete to raise the level of the inappropriately low sidewalk segment surrounding the utility vault.	Compliant	Unknown
4/23/26	2. Construction site “at about 2110 Adeline St.” blocking sidewalk in a manner not compliant with PROWAG. Staff determined that no 2110 Adeline address exists within City and subsequently requested further info from complainant. Update: the non-compliant site is immediately north of 2910 Adeline.	10/23/26 (or earlier)	Staff will require the relevant contractor to remediate the issue as soon as practicable.	Compliant	Unknown

2/23/26	2. West side of 9th Street between Carleton and Pardee not PROWAG-compliant due to construction work encroaching on right-of-way and the lack of an appropriate diversion or detour.	Not yet	Staff will have the contractor remediate the violation and the remediation, once implemented, will comply with law and City policy.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable
11/12/25	2. Lack of access pertains to impermissible changes in elevation existing within the east-west crosswalks at Shattuck and Durant.	Not yet	Staff will have the violation remediated, but no ETA is available at this time.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable
9/4/25	2. Lack of access pertains to (a) the sidewalk closure on south side of Bancroft, west of Ellsworth, not being PROWAG-compliant and (b) the installation of a temporary bike lane at that site not being accessible to wheelchair users.	Not yet	On 9/4/25 staff instructed the relevant contractor to render the sidewalk blockage compliant with PROWAG. On that date, PW staff also considered building a temporary ramp so that wheelchair users could access the	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable

			temporary bike lane; however, that approach was subsequently abandoned due to staff's safety-related concerns.		
9/3/25	2. Lack of access pertains to existence of approximately 1" high unbeveled elevation(s) within crosswalk near east side of University at Grant.	Not yet	Staff have instructed EBMUD, the entity that created the elevation(s), to shave the elevation(s) to render them PROWAG-compliant (i.e., to 1/4" high or less if unbeveled, or to ½" high or less if beveled), but the implementation of this remediation has not yet been verified.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable
8/20/25	1. Lack of access pertains to lack of accessible parking at Strawberry Creek Park.	Not yet	A PROWAG-compliant blue spot will be installed on Addison at the northern border of the park, though	Not yet applicable	The complainant has expressed satisfaction with the planned solution but has

			no ETA is currently available.		expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of an ETA.
6/18/25	2. Lack of access pertains to a blue parking spot at Milvia/Derby not being PROWAG-compliant.	Not yet	Staff are considering remedial options (namely, either to eliminate this blue spot or else to render it PROWAG-compliant) but have not yet settled on an approach or an ETA.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable
6/3/25	2. Lack of access pertains to the public right-of-way on west side of Shattuck between Ward and Derby reportedly not being PROWAG-compliant in its design.	6/5/25	The City deemed that this issue was resolved on 6/5/25 when staff determined that the site in question was in fact PROWAG-compliant and that the site's design violated neither law nor City policy.	Compliant	The complainant was unsatisfied with this outcome. Although the City deems this complaint to have been resolved, it remains on this log of unresolved complaints at the request of one of CoD's officers.
3/24/25	2. Lack of access pertains to the alternate pedestrian access route on	Not yet	By or before 5/12/25 the City remediated all PROWAG	Compliant with law, but not yet fully compliant	Despite the partial nature of the currently implemented

	north side of Kittredge between Shattuck and Harold not being compliant with PROWAG.		violations at the site except for the absence of proximity-actuated audible signals, but a complete remediation has yet to be implemented	with City policy.	remediation, the complainant has expressed high satisfaction with the outcome.
1/17/25	2. Lack of access pertains to two curb ramps at Euclid and Crystal Way lacking the required detectable warning surfaces.	Not yet	Staff will install detectable warning surfaces at this site, but no ETA is currently available.	Not yet applicable	Complainant is likely unsatisfied that the remediation has yet to be accomplished but, since they have subsequently moved to a different state, they might not have any level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction.
6/30/24	2. Lack of access due to overgrown hedge on 1600 block of Acton obstructing sidewalk.	Not yet	PW staff have referred the matter to Code Enforcement staff, who in turn have informed the property owner that they must trim their hedge, but staff have yet	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable

			to confirm that compliance has been achieved.		
6/20/24	3. Lack of access due to City website not complying with WCAG. Once implemented, the yet-to-be-implemented solution will comply with law and City policy.	Not yet	The City is collaborating with CoD's ad hoc committee and others to develop a roadmap by which the City will achieve compliance with WCAG 2.1-AA by the federal govt's April2027 deadline for achieving such compliance.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable
1/28/24	2. Lack of access due to sidewalk near NW corner of MLK and Derby not being PROWAG-compliant due to pronounced change in elevation.	Not yet	Once the yet-to-be-implemented solution is implemented it will comply with law and City policy, but there is currently no ETA for remediation.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable (although complainant has expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of an ETA for remediation)
12/1/23	1. Lack of access due to Pathways STAIR Center not being ADA-compliant. At the time of this complaint, the	Not yet	In Dec2025, the City's contractor completed a re-design and thorough re-modeling of the site, a	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable (although complainant has expressed dissatisfaction with the

	City's records indicated that 93 violations of the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design existed at the center.		project intended to remediate all ADA violations. Staff and the contractor are still working to determine which, if any, of the 93 violations remain un-remediated.		lack of an ETA for verification of remediation)
8/28/23	1. Lack of access pertaining to Stegmann Trail at Cesar Chavez Park being too bumpy for use by wheelchair users.	Not yet. There is no ETA on when the this project might resume, but PRW staff expect that it will be at least July2027 and likely later before the project resumes.	At the time this complaint was lodged, the City had plans, including funding, for a project that would render the trail ADA-compliant and that was tentatively scheduled to commence in Sep2024. However, in July2025 plans for this project, called the Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Pathway Project, were paused indefinitely due to issues of	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable

			underground (and perhaps surface level) contaminatio n at Cesar Chavez Park.		
6/8/23	3. Lack of access pertaining to (well-founded and accurate) concern that many documents posted to the website in addition to Commissioners' Manual (which was non-compliant at the time this complaint was lodged but which has since been remediated) could be out of compliance with WCAG.	Not yet	CMO has established an all-dept Digital Accessibility Task Force, members of which collaborate approximatel y monthly with CoD's ad hoc committee regarding WCAG compliance. The Task Force's goal is to achieve WCAG compliance by April2027.	Not yet applicable	Not yet applicable (although the complainant is cautiously optimistic about progress made to date)

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contractor to remediate the issue as soon as practicable. Staff deemed this issue to have been remediated by 10/23/26 or sooner. The solution is compliant. The complainant's level of satisfaction is unknown.

2/23/26

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1/28/24

2. Lack of access due to sidewalk near NW corner of MLK and Derby not being PROWAG-compliant due to pronounced change in elevation. The City does not yet deem that a solution has been implemented. Once the yet-to-be-implemented solution is implemented it will comply with law and City policy, but there is currently no ETA for remediation. The complainant is not satisfied with the City's current lack of progress.

12/1/23

1. Lack of access due to Pathways STAIR Center not being ADA-compliant. At the time of this complaint, the City's records indicated that 93 violations of the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design existed at the center. The City does not yet deem that

a full solution has been both implemented and verified. In Dec2025, the City's contractor completed a re-design and thorough re-modeling of the site, a project intended to remediate all ADA violations. Staff and the contractor are still working to determine which, if any, of the 93 violations remain un-remediated. The complainant's level of satisfaction is unknown but likely low.

8/28/23

1. Lack of access pertaining to Stegmann Trail at Cesar Chavez Park being too bumpy for use by wheelchair users. The City does not deem that a solution has been implemented. At the time this complaint was lodged, the City had plans, including funding, for a project that would render the trail ADA-compliant and that was tentatively scheduled to commence in Sep2024. However, in July2025 plans for this project, called the Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Pathway Project, were paused indefinitely due to issues of underground (and perhaps surface level) contamination at Cesar Chavez Park. There is no ETA on when the this project might resume, but PRW staff expect that it will be at least July2027 and likely later before the project resumes. The complainant's level of satisfaction with the lack of progress is likely very low.

6/8/23

3. Lack of access pertaining to (well-founded and accurate) concern that many documents posted to the website in addition to Commissioners' Manual (which was non-compliant at the time this complaint was lodged but which has since been remediated) could be out of compliance with WCAG. The City does not yet deem that a solution has been implemented. CMO has established an all-dept Digital Accessibility Task Force, members of which collaborate approximately monthly with CoD's ad hoc committee regarding WCAG compliance. The Task Force's goal is to achieve WCAG compliance by April2027. The complainant is cautiously optimistic about progress made to date.

Access-related complaints NOT involving purported non-compliance with ADA/Title III or with PROWAG:

Issue: the intensity of the flashing lights on City vehicles affects me negatively neurologically and needs to be reduced so that I can safely access the City's public rights-of-way.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 4.

Issue: the shared micro-mobility rental scooters frequently impeding sidewalk access are not removed quickly enough.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 66.

Issue: the amount of time provided to cross a crosswalk should be increased by 50%, especially at LeRoy/Hearst.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 1.

Issue: every intersection with pedestrian signals should also have Accessible Pedestrian Signals.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 2.

Issue: the wifi device that the City has approved for installation near North Branch Library will, due to my electro-sensitivity, render that library branch, as well as the nearby gas station that I typically use, inaccessible to me.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 1.

Issue: the City should offer a program that helps constituents vindicate their ADA/Title III rights vis a vis public accommodations, at least those that are located within Berkeley.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 1.

Issue: the medical office building at 2300 Dana is not compliant with the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, and so the City should make that building compliant.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 1.

Issue: on-street blue spots on the left-hand side of one-way streets endanger placard holders who exit their vehicle via a passenger-side lift as the placard holder will be in/near an active traffic lane when they exit the vehicle.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 2.

Issue: Protected bike lanes, such as the cycle tracks proposed for Hopkins Street, are dangerous and reportedly inaccessible for many people with disabilities, and so the City should conclude that such designs are not consistent with or compliant with ADA obligations and should, therefore, avoid such designs.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 5.

Issue: UC Theatre on University Avenue too frequently gets the City's permission to reserve parking spaces in front of the venue's entrance.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 1.

Issue: The amount of time the City takes to process applications for building permits should be reduced vis a vis applicants who are pregnant and/or have injuries as the waiting time can be especially difficult for such applicants.

Approximate number of such complaints lodged since 9/10/25: 1.