

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL LAND USE, HOUSING, & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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**Thursday, July 18, 2019
10:30 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor – Cypress Room

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, and Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Lori Droste

Roll Call: 10:33 a.m. All present.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 5 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes from June 13, 2019 - Special Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Hahn/Droste) to approve the minutes from June 13, 2019.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Minutes from June 20, 2019

Action: M/S/C (Droste/Hahn) to approve the minutes from June 20, 2019.

Vote: Ayes – Hahn, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – Droste; Absent – None.

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes.

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

Committee Action Items

3. Referral to City Manager to Return to Council with an Amnesty Program for Legalizing Unpermitted Dwelling Units

From: Councilmembers Wengraf, Harrison, and Hahn, and Mayor Arreguin

Referred: April 8, 2019

Due: October 7, 2019

Recommendation: That the City of Berkeley create and launch an Amnesty Program to incentivize the legalization of unpermitted dwelling units in order to improve the health/safety and preserve and possibly increase the supply of units available. A set of simple and clearly defined standards and a well-defined path for meeting those standards should be established in order to achieve the greatest success.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Susan Wengraf, Councilmember, District 6, 981-7160

Action: 7 speakers. Discussion held. Councilmember Wengraf requested that the item remain in Committee past the due date of October 7, 2019. M/S/C (Arreguin/Droste) to extend the due date by 60 days (new due date of December 6, 2019).

Vote: All Ayes.

4. Prioritizing Affordable Housing for Homeless

From: Mayor Arreguin

Referred: April 15, 2019

Due: October 7, 2019

Recommendation: Refer to the Housing Advisory Commission to develop an ordinance to set aside 20% of affordable housing units for individuals experiencing homelessness, with preference given to BUSD students.

Financial Implications: Staff time

Contact: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, 981-7100

Action: 0 speakers. Item withdrawn by the author, Mayor Jesse Arreguin.

5. Adopt an Ordinance adding a new Chapter 9.50 to the Berkeley Municipal Code Requiring Legal Rights for Legal Tender *(Item contains revised materials.)*

From: Councilmembers Harrison, Hahn, and Davila

Referred: June 10, 2019

Due: November 25, 2019

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance adding a new Chapter 9.50 to the Berkeley Municipal Code requiring legal rights for legal tender, requiring that all brick-and-mortar businesses accept cash.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, 981-7140

Action: 0 speakers. Councilmember Harrison requested that the item remain in Committee past the due date of November 25, 2019. M/S/C (Arreguin/Droste) to extend the due date by 60 days (new due date of March 5, 2020).

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

6. **Ronald V. Dellums Fair Chance Access to Housing and Public Health and Safety Ordinance**
From: Mayor Arreguin, Councilmember Davila, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Robinson
Referred: July 8, 2019
Due: December 24, 2019
Recommendation: Adopt a first reading of the Ronald V. Dellums Fair Chance Access to Housing and Public Health and Safety Ordinance.
Financial Implications: Unknown
Contact: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, 981-7100

Action: 5 speakers. Discussion held. Item continued to September 19, 2019.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

- **None**

Items for Future Agendas

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Droste/Arreguin) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Land Use, Housing, & Economic Development Committee meeting held on July 18, 2019.

April Richardson, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

Communications submitted to City Council Policy Committees are on file in the City Clerk Department at 2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Berkeley, CA.