

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

**Thursday, September 19, 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:** 10:34 a.m. All Present.

**Announcement: Brown Act Participation Rules** - Announcement made

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters** - 1 speaker

## **Minutes for Approval**

*Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.*

### **1. Minutes - July 18, 2019**

**Action:** M/S/C (Hahn/Droste) to approve the minutes of July 18, 2019.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## **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

- 2. Referral to City Manager to Return to Council with an Amnesty Program for Legalizing Unpermitted Dwelling Units** *(Item contains supplemental materials)*  
**From: Councilmembers Wengraf, Harrison, and Hahn, and Mayor Arreguin**  
**Referred: April 8, 2019**  
**Due: December 6, 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:** 4 speakers. Discussion held. Author submitted supplemental item and presented phased approach for program. Author working with City Attorney's Office for guidance as to best avenue for implementation. Costs of outreach and program design coordination in process of being defined by staff.

Item continued to next meeting on October 3, 2019.
- 3. 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: March 5, 2020**  
**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:** Item continued to next meeting on October 3, 2019.
- 4. Ronald V. Dellums Fair Chance Access to Housing and Public Health and Safety Ordinance**  
**From: Mayor Arreguin and Councilmembers Davila, Harrison, and Robinson**  
**Referred: July 8, 2019**  
**Due: February 2, 2020**  
**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

## Committee Action Items

**Action:** 2 speakers. Discussion held. Committee members requested number of units impacted if Ordinance phased in. City Attorney and staff are researching how this fits in with existing enforcement procedures.

Item continued to next meeting on October 3, 2019.

### 5. Spring 2019 Bi-Annual Report on Funding for Housing Programs

**From:** Housing Advisory Commission

**Referred:** September 10, 2019

**Due:** February 18, 2020

**Recommendation:** Accept the Housing Advisory Commission's (HAC) recommendations for the allocation of U1 General Fund revenues to increase the supply of affordable housing and protect residents of Berkeley from homelessness.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Mike Uberti, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400

**Action:** Item continued to next meeting on October 3, 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 12:13 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Land Use, Housing, & Economic Development Committee meeting held on September 19, 2019.

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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.*