ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION MINUTES
September 23, 2026

OPENING ITEMS

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Sarah Ranney, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani

Alison LaBonte (Chair), *District 2,* Councilmember Taplin

Vacant, *District 3*, Councilmember Bartlett

Daniel Tahara, *District 4,* Councilmember Tregub

Yasmin Mahmoudian (Vice Chair), *District 5*, Councilmember O'Keefe

vacant, *District 6,* Councilmember Blackaby

Misha Kesselman, *District 7*, Councilmember Lunaparra

Kera Binns, *District 8*, Councilmember Humbert

Gwendy Brown, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii

Mabel Athanasiou, *Youth Commissioner*

Shanza Syed, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM
Commissioners Present: LaBonte, Tahara (arrived 6:04 PM), Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed,
Commissioner Leave of Absence: Ranney
Commissioner Absent: None
Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Katie Van Dyke

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

3. **Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):**

1 member(s) of the Public
0 comment(s)

4. **Approval of Minutes**: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (July 22, 2026)

Motion/second to approve the July 22, 2026 Minutes (Mahmoudian, Kesselman). The motion carried: 7-0-1-1; **Ayes**: LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou. **Noes**: None. **Abstain** Syed. **Absent:** Ranney

5. **Update from Chair** (Alison LaBonte)

6. **Update from Staff** (Sarah Moore)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

7. **Discussion:** Receive Presentation on the Draft Environmental Justice and Safety General Plan Elements (Katie Van Dyke) [Public Comments: 0]

Commissioner Brown left the meeting at 6:57 PM

COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS

8. **Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates** [Public Comments: 0]
    a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, Tahara, Binns)
    b. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
    c. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Brown, Syed)
    d. Data (LaBonte, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

9. **Commission Liaison Reports** [Public Comments: 0]
    a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
    b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
    c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (Gwendy Brown)
    d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
    e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (vacant)
    f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
    g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
    h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

10. **Potential Items for Future Agenda** [Public Comments: 0]
    a. BESO Time of Sale
    b. Reach Codes
    c. Resilience efforts
    d. Microgrids
    e. Annual Climate Action & Resilience update
    f. Transportation equity
    g. Sacramento legislative tracker
    h. Transfer Station
    i. Former City landfill at the Berkeley Marina
    j. Efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community

COMMUNICATIONS

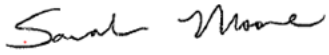
11. **Public Communications**

12. **Commissioner Announcements**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 7:10 PM (Binns, Kesselman). The motion carried: 7-0-0-2; **Ayes**: LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes**: None. **Abstain**: None. **Absent:** Ranney, Brown.

Minutes Approved:



Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary