



INFORMATION CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

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Subject: Audit Recommendation Status - Data Analysis of the City of Berkeley's Police Response

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City Auditor's report included 2 recommendations. Both of the recommendations have been implemented.

BACKGROUND

On July 2, 2021, the City Auditor's Office issued its audit, *Data Analysis of the City of Berkeley's Police*¹ This audit report included 2 recommendations. The purpose of this report is to update the City Council on the Police Department's progress on implementing the City Auditor's recommendations. This is the second and final status report for this audit. In brief, multiple datasets including Crime Mapping, Use of Force, Calls for Service, RIPA, the Arrest and Booking Logs are now published and available on the BPD Transparency Hub. The Transparency Hub also information where there was a documented mental health or homelessness component involved: <https://bpd-transparency-initiative-berkeleypd.hub.arcgis.com/>.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time for various members of BPD and the Department of Information Technology.

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ATTACHMENTS

1: Data Analysis Recommendation Table

¹ City Auditor's Office Data Analysis Audit (7/2/2021)

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Data-Analysis-Berkeley-Police-Response.pdf>

Audit Title: Data Analysis of Berkeley's Police Response						
Finding	Recommendation		Department	Last Period: Status	Expected or Actual Implementation Date	Status of Audit Recommendations, Corrective Plan, and Progress Summary
Berkeley Police Department can better track mental health and homelessness calls.	1.1	To improve access to data, we recommend the Berkeley Police Department identify all calls for service where there is an apparent mental health issue and/or homelessness component in a manner that protects the privacy rights of the individuals involved.	Police	Implemented	6/29/2022	<u>Implemented:</u> Starting July 1, 2021, the department formally began utilizing "H" homeless and "MH" mental health disposition codes when closing out any call involving a homeless person or a person with mental health issues. Officers were instructed that they were not required to ask people what their housing status is unless necessary for identification purposes. Unless there are mental health issues which are related to the call, they are not required to ask them what their mental health status is either. Officers are expected to use their best judgement / perception in determining if a call is related to a homeless issue or someone suffering from a mental health issue. If so, they are directed to add the "H" and/or "MH" disposition to the CAD disposition.
The City can improve the transparency of Police Department activity data on the Open Data Portal.	2.1	To improve access to data, we recommend the Berkeley Police Department make calls for service data available on the City's Open Data Portal for all call types allowable by Berkeley Police Department policy and law, and update regularly to facilitate transparency. This data should be published in machine ready format, and contain as many years of data as is available.	Police	Partly Implemented	1/11/2023	<u>Implemented:</u> Multiple datasets including Crime Mapping, Use of Force, Calls for Service, RIPA, the Arrest and Booking Logs are published and available on the BPD Transparency Hub: https://bpd-transparency-initiative-berkeleypd.hub.arcgis.com/ .