

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

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**Thursday, June 20, 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.

Present: Hahn, Arreguin

Absent: Droste

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: One speaker.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

None.

Committee Action Items

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.

1. Berkeley Qualified Opportunity Fund

From: Councilmember Bartlett

Referred: March 19, 2019

Due: September 23, 2019

Recommendation: That the City Council direct the City Manager to enter into a limited partnership agreement with an outside vendor investment company to create, market, and administer a qualified Opportunity Fund. The Fund will be governed by a Berkeley Opportunity Governance Body. The Berkeley Opportunity Governance Body will be privately managed, autonomous, and consist of an Investment Board, Advisory Board, and a Community Investment Board. Berkeley Opportunity Governance Body will leverage the Qualified Opportunity Fund to promote inclusive economic development, affordable housing, arts & culture, and sustainability. The Governance Body will prioritize projects that foster an equitable community such as: job creation, financial inclusion, arts & culture, and sustainable innovation. The Governance Body will work with the City to align technical expertise with municipal support.

Financial Implications: See report.

Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, 981-7130

Action: No speakers. Item was withdrawn by Author, Councilmember Bartlett.

2. 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: 2 speakers. Questions asked and discussion held. Item continued to the next meeting, July 18, 2019.

3. 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: No speakers. Item continued to the next meeting, July 18, 2019.

Unscheduled Items

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

4. Adopt an Ordinance adding a new Chapter 9.50 to the Berkeley Municipal Code Requiring Legal Rights for Legal Tender

Referred: June 11, 2019

Due: November 27, 2019

From: Councilmembers Harrison, Hahn, and Davila

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

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

I hereby certify that this is the true and correct record of the Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Committee meeting of June 20, 2019.

Deon Sailes, Assistant City Clerk