

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL HEALTH, LIFE ENRICHMENT, EQUITY &
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, December 9, 2019
10:00 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Cheryl Davila, and Sophie Hahn

Roll Call: 10:06 a.m. Councilmember Davila absent.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 1 speaker

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - November 25, 2019

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Hahn) to approve the minutes of November 25, 2019.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Hahn; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Davila.

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.

2. Listening Session on general conditions in encampments and from the homeless population at large (15 minutes)

Action: 2 speakers. Per the Chair, this will be a standing item on the agenda for the next several meetings.

Councilmember Davila present at 10:15 a.m.

Committee Action Items

3. **Presentation on Vector Control**

Contact: Kelly Wallace, Housing and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: 4 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Davila/Kesarwani) to forward the item to Council with a positive recommendation for the City Council to refer to the City Manager development of a plan for implementation, as soon as possible, including the following three actions:

1. Improve outreach regarding vector control to property owners;
2. Establish and implement protocols to reduce rats and other vectors in areas with a concentration of homeless individuals including, but not limited to, recommendations for food storage, trash, and toilet facilities;
3. Consider undertaking a one-time citywide campaign to reduce rats and other vectors through a sewer-based program and other generalized vector reduction methodologies.

Vote: All Ayes.

4. **Healthy Checkout Ordinance**

From: Councilmembers Harrison and Hahn

Referred: October 28, 2019

Due: April 26, 2019

Recommendation: 1. Adopt an ordinance requiring stores over 2,500 square feet in size to sell more nutritious food and beverage options in their checkout areas.
2. Refer to the City Manager to determine funding and staffing needs to implement and enforce the ordinance and sources of funding to support this program.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: 9 speakers. Discussion held

Item continued to next meeting on January 27, 2020.

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.

5a. Recommendation to Modify Policies Related to the Enforcement of the Berkeley Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance

From: Housing Advisory Commission

Referred: October 29, 2019

Due: April 27, 2020

Recommendation: Approve modifications to policies related to the enforcement of the Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance, as follows:

1. Increase staffing to implement enforcement of the ordinance as part of the next budget;
2. Improve signage related to the ordinance in residential buildings;
3. Make the complaint process less onerous and more user-friendly, including enabling complainants to submit complaints electronically, providing complaint forms in different languages, and removing language requiring the statements to be “sworn,” and considering other, less threatening language that still expects a complaint be provided under the best of appellant’s knowledge;
4. Relax the current requirements around how the Ordinance-based complaint form must be completed in order to be processed (e.g., removing the requirement of providing two separate complaints from different individuals within a six-month period, if the building contains two or fewer units, removing the requirement of providing a sworn statement under penalty of perjury); and
5. Refer to the Community Health and Cannabis Commissions the question of whether the use of recreational (non-medical) cannabis should be incorporated into the Smoke-Free Housing Ordinance.

Financial Implications: See report

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

5b. Companion Report: Recommendation to Modify Policies Related to the Enforcement of the Berkeley Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Ordinance

From: City Manager

Referred: October 29, 2019

Due: April 27, 2020

Recommendation: The City Manager appreciates the Housing Advisory Commission’s efforts to strengthen the implementation of the Smoke-free Multi-Unit Housing ordinance and recommends that the proposed modifications be referred to the City Manager Office for an analysis of the financial and legal feasibility of the proposed changes.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kelly Wallace, Housing and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Items For Future Agendas

- Discussion of items to be added to future agendas
- Discussion of future hearings and open forums

Adjournment

Adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee meeting held on December 9, 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.