

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

**Monday, February 8, 2021
10:00 AM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Terry Taplin, and Ben Bartlett
Alternate: Councilmember Rigel Robinson

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AGENDA

Roll Call: 10:05 a.m. All present.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 1 speaker

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - January 25, 2021

Action: M/S/C (Bartlett/Kesarwani) to approve the minutes of January 25, 2021.

Vote: All Ayes.

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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.

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. Support Vision 2025 for Sustainable for Sustainable Food Policies

From: Councilmember Davila (Author)

Referred: August 31, 2020

Due: February 15, 2021

Recommendation: 1. Adopt a Resolution Supporting Vision 2025 for Sustainable Food Policies

2. Join San Francisco, Chicago and Austin in signing the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) which includes forming an advisory body on sustainable food policies.

3. Support adoption of a Climate-Friendly Food Purchasing Policy as described by Friends of the Earth to replace 50% of the City's annual animal-based food procurement with plant-based food.

4. Short Term Referral to the City Manager to: a. Track the amount of animal-based food replaced with plant-based food; b. Use Friends of the Earth's Municipal Guide to Climate-Friendly Food Purchasing for the procurement of plant-based food.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: 2 speakers. M/S/C (Kesarwani/Bartlett) to send the item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation to:

1. express support for the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP)

2. Refer aspects of the original item to the Community Health Commission (or future commission addressing public health) to take the following actions:

a) Consult with appropriate City staff to evaluate the feasibility of altering food

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sources within the City's existing food service contracts - with a specific focus on the feasibility of replacing meat and dairy-based offerings with plant-based options - given contractor procurement practices and any federal or state nutrition requirements for seniors and other affected populations; and
(b) Solicit input from potentially affected communities, particularly seniors, for their feedback on shifting to more plant-based foods through a short survey or other means; and

3. Adopt the resolution as amended.

Vote: All Ayes.

3. **Requesting the California State Legislature to introduce actions to value human life and to condemn racial injustice and police brutality**

From: Councilmember Davila (Author)

Referred: November 30, 2020

Due: May 22, 2021

Recommendation: 1. Adopt a resolution requesting the California State Legislature to introduce legislation incorporating recommendations from the community to value human life and to condemn racial injustice and police brutality.

2. Send copies of this resolution to State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, State Senator Nancy Skinner, and Governor Gavin Newsom.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: 1 speaker. Item continued to next meeting on March 8, 2021.

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
- Discussion of future hearings and open forums

Action: (Kesarwani/Bartlett) Amend the meeting schedule to once a month (second Monday). The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2021.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Taplin) to adjourn the meeting

Vote: All Ayes

Adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee meeting held on February 8, 2021.

April Richardson, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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