

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

**Monday, March 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: 10:06 a.m.

Present: Bartlett, Kesarwani

Absent: Taplin

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2 speakers

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - February 8, 2021

Action: M/S/C (Bartlett/Kesarwani) to approve the minutes of February 8, 2021.

Vote: Ayes - Bartlett, Kesarwani; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Taplin.

Councilmember Taplin present at 10:11 a.m.

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.

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. 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: 3 speakers. M/S/C (Kesarwani/Bartlett) to forward the item to Council with a negative recommendation given that there are a number of questions as to some of the points of the resolution including the purview of the Legislature, legal questions, and feasibility.

Committee Action Items

The Committee recommends that the Council refer to the Public Safety Committee to consider the state Police Officer's Bill of Rights and possible subsequent action by the City Council. Further, that the office of Councilmember Taplin will look into specific state bills on police reform and public safety issues to determine which bills warrant a letter of support from the City Council.

Vote: All Ayes.

3. **Update - Presentation: Public Health Implications for unsanitary conditions at Aquatic Park**

From: City Manager

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Action: 1 speaker. Presentation made and discussion held.

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**

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes

Adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

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

April Richardson, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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