

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

**Monday, April 26, 2021
10:30 AM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Sophie Hahn, Rigel Robinson, and Lori Droste
Alternate: Councilmember Ben Bartlett

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VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

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Roll Call: 10:32 am. Councilmembers Droste, Hahn, and Robinson present.

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.

Committee Action Items

1. **Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act, Adding BMC Chapter 13.89**

From: Mayor Arreguin (Author) (*Item contains revised material.*)

Referred: February 24, 2020

Due: May 20, 2021

Recommendation: 1. Adopt a first reading of an ordinance adding Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.89, the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA), that will take effect on final adoption with an implementation start upon completion of Administrative Regulations and funding of related program costs; and
2. Direct the City Manager to take all necessary steps to implement this chapter including, but not limited to:

1. Developing Administrative Regulations;
2. Preparing an implementation strategy;
3. Identifying resources to align databases from Finance, Planning, and the Rent Board to accurately reflect the properties that would be subject to TOPA;
4. Determining necessary staffing for program administration and hearing officers for adjudication;
5. Timelines for project “roll-out”;
6. Determining appropriate amount of funding needed to support the acquisition of TOPA properties and recommending possible funding sources;
7. Quantifying an annual program budget and referring such program costs to the June 2020 Budget process.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Action: 41 speakers. Discussion held. Item continued to the next meeting of the policy committee.

Items for Future Agendas

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Land Use, Housing, & Economic Development Committee meeting held on April 26, 2021.

Sarah K. Bunting, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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