

# ANNOTATED AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 15, 2021  
4:00 PM

JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI  
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN  
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT  
DISTRICT 4 – KATE HARRISON

DISTRICT 5 – SOPHIE HAHN  
DISTRICT 6 – SUSAN WENGRAF  
DISTRICT 7 – RIGEL ROBINSON  
DISTRICT 8 – LORI DROSTE

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## Preliminary Matters

**Roll Call:** 4:04 p.m.

**Present:** Harrison, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Droste, Arreguin

**Absent:** Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:05 p.m.

Councilmember Taplin present at 4:11 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:15 p.m.

## Action Calendar – Old Business

- 1. Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID19 Budget Recovery**  
**From: Councilmember Droste (Author), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Arreguin (Co-Sponsor)** *(Reviewed by the Agenda & Rules Committee) (Continued from May 25, 2021)*  
**Recommendation:**
  1. Refer to the City Manager and City Attorney to bring back changes to the enabling legislation to reorganize existing commissions as proposed below in a phased approach. Phase 1: Prioritize merging the Homeless Commission/Homeless Services Panel of Experts and Housing Advisory Commission/Measure O Bond Oversight Committee first, and request that the City Manager bring back changes to the enabling legislation to implement these consolidated commissions. Phase 2: All other Commissions as proposed in the report. As staff is able to make recommendations on consolidation, they can bring those recommendations forward one by one.
  2. Refer to staff to develop recommendations on the transition to new consolidated commissions and the effective date of the changes.
  3. Consider establishing 18 members on the new Climate and Environment Commission and establishing specific subcommittees focused on the policy areas of the merged commissions.
  4. The Peace, Justice and Human Welfare Commission will be composed of only Mayor and Council appointees.
  5. Refer to City Manager and Commissions the following additional considerations:
    - Federal, state or other external mandates that might be impacted, and determine how to handle.
    - Whether charters of to-be-merged Commissions were adopted by City Council, through measures or initiatives passed by voters, or are by Charter, and by what means they might be merged/adjusted.
    - What elements of each Commission to keep, update, or retire, as well as relevant topics/issues not currently covered that might be added to a more comprehensive and/or relevant merged Commission's charter.
    - Whether the merged Commission might include 9, or a greater number of members.
    - The possibility of requiring specific qualifications for appointment to the merged Commission.
    - The possibility of recommended or required Standing Committees of the Merged Commission.
    - Volunteer workload and

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capacity given scope of Commission's charter

*Policy Committee Recommendation: Make a Qualified Positive Recommendation to City Council to: 1. Refer to the City Manager and City Attorney to bring back changes to the enabling legislation to reorganize existing commissions as proposed below in a phased approach. Phase 1: Prioritize merging the Homeless*

*Commission/Homeless Services Panel of Experts and Housing Advisory*

*Commission/Measure O Bond Oversight Committee first, and request that the City Manager bring back changes to the enabling legislation to implement these*

*consolidated commissions. Phase 2: All other Commissions as proposed in the*

*report. As staff is able to make recommendations on consolidation, they can bring*

*those recommendations forward one by one. 2. Refer to the Commissions impacted*

*a process to determine the charge/responsibilities of the newly merged commissions,*

*and bring Commission input to the appropriate Policy Committees (as proposed by*

*Vice-Mayor Droste in 4/5/21 submittal) for further recommendations to the City*

*Manager on revised charge/responsibilities of merged commissions. 3. Refer to staff*

*to develop recommendations on the transition to new consolidated commissions and*

*the effective date of the changes. 4. Consider establishing 18 members on the new*

*Climate and Environment Commission and establishing specific subcommittees*

*focused on the policy areas of the merged commissions. 5. The Peace, Justice and*

*Human Welfare Commission will be comprised of only Mayor and Council*

*appointees. 6. Refer Councilmember Hahn questions to City Manager and*

*Commissions: "Commissions to Combine/Merge - Suggested Considerations"*

*- Federal, state or other external mandates that might be impacted, and determine*

*how to handle. - Whether charters of to-be-merged Commissions were adopted by*

*City Council, through measures or initiatives passed by voters, or are by Charter,*

*and by what means they might be merged/adjusted. - What elements of each*

*Commission to keep, update, or retire, as well as relevant topics/issues not currently*

*covered that might be added to a more comprehensive and/or relevant merged*

*Commission's charter. - Whether the merged Commission might include 9, or a*

*greater number of members. - The possibility of requiring specific qualifications for*

*appointment to the merged Commission. - The possibility of recommended or*

*required Standing Committees of the Merged Commission - Volunteer workload and*

*capacity given scope of Commission's charter.*

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Lori Droste, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

**Action:** 14 speakers. M/S/C (Droste/Robinson) to adopt the item as passed by the Agenda & Rules Committee with the additions noted below.

- Recommend that the Environmental Commission should be nine members, not 18.
- Retain the Representatives of the Poor on the new Peace, Justice, and Human Welfare Commission.
- Transition the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Panel and Community Health Commission to a single 18-member commission.
- Consolidate the Animal Care Commission with the Parks and Waterfront Commission.
- Zero Waste issues related to facilities are consolidated with Public Works Commission and issues related to policy are consolidated with the

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Environmental Commission.

- Refer to the City Manager and the affected commissions to explore the consolidation of the Commission on Disability and the Commission on Aging.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## Adjournment

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

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

## Communications

### **Item #1: Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID19 Budget Recovery**

1. Holly Scheider

## Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

## Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

### **Item #1: Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID 19 Budget Recovery**

2. Revised material, submitted by Councilmember Harrison
3. Kelly Hammargren
4. Holly Scheider
5. Bob Meola
6. Jim McGrath
7. Diana Bohn
8. Josh Jacobs, on behalf of the Homeless Commission

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9. Zaira Rodriguez
10. Igor Tregub
11. George Lippman
12. Pauline Bondonno
13. Camillo Cipolla
14. Remi Omodele
15. Carol Denney