

**ANNOTATED AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023  
4:00 PM**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1404 LE ROY AVE, BERKELEY, CA 94708

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 – MARK HUMBERT

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## Preliminary Matters

**Roll Call:** 4:10 p.m.

**Present:** Taplin, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Humbert, Arreguin

**Absent:** Kesarwani, Bartlett, Harrison

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:16 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:39 p.m.

## Action Calendar

1. **Civic Center Phase II - Design Concept** (*Continued from July 11, 2023*) (*Item contains revised material.*)

**From:** City Manager

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving Berkeley’s Civic Center Design Concept, and declaring Council’s intention to support the preferred design concept and necessary future studies articulated in the plan and directing staff to pursue the next steps identified in the plan, including seeking funding and conducting further studies.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

**Action:** 17 speakers. M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to adopt Resolution No. 70,964–N.S. as amended in the revised materials from the City Manager included with the item, and further amended to include that “the highest priority of the Council is the seismic retrofit and best use of the historic buildings in accordance with the Council’s direction in the approved plan.” The Council provided direction to the City Manager to 1) explore full and partial creek restoration; 2) Ensure a home for the Farmers Market in the Civic Center; and 3) develop cost and feasibility information on building out additional spaces in the Veterans’ Building courtyard for arts and cultural uses.

**Vote:** Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Humbert, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Harrison.

## Adjournment

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

**Vote:** Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Humbert, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Harrison.

Adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

## Communications

- None

## Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 2**

### **Item #1: Civic Center Phase II – Design Concept**

1. Karen Dabrusin
2. John Roberts
3. George Speckman
4. Almira Tanner
5. Gayle Paul
6. Angelica Karakat
7. Aimee Baldwin
8. Christopher Kroll
9. Richard Schwartz
10. Sally Hughes
11. Summer Brenner
12. Michael Weber
13. Sally Nelson
14. Irene Rice
15. Sylvia Soriano
16. Kelly Hammargren
17. Toni Mester

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 3**

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18. Presentation, submitted by the Office of Economic Development
19. Aimee Baldwin
20. Stephanie Thomas
21. Sierra Club
22. Erin Diehm
23. Meryl Siegal
24. Christopher Kroll
25. Anonymous