

ANNOTATED AGENDA
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
6:00 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: 6:03 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Harrison, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Droste, Arreguin

Absent: None

Report from Closed Session

The City Council met in closed session and authorized the City Attorney to settle claims brought by Melanie Popper against the City of Berkeley (including Tort Claim No. 0164BC2021-0001 and California Department of Industrial Relations, State Case No. RCI-CM-810610) for \$20,000.

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Adjourn in memory of Tom Guarino, PG&E Governmental Affairs Representative
2. Adjourn in memory of Harry Brill, Labor Activist
3. Adjourn in memory of Ted Edlin, City Commissioner
4. Adjourn in memory of Margaret "Gogi" Hodder, City Employee
5. Adjourned in memory of victims of COVID-19

City Manager Comments:

The City Manager provided an update on the City's Reimagining Public Safety Process

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 9 speakers.

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Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 34 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Kesarwani) to add an item to the agenda entitled "Letter to Governor Newsom Calling for Improvements and Additional Funding for State's Vaccine Rollout" from Councilmember Kesarwani pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2).

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Droste) to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated.

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

- 1. Amendment: FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance** *(Item contains revised material.)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a new first reading of Ordinance No. 7,748-N.S. amending the FY 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance No. 7,724–N.S. for fiscal year 2021 based upon recommended re-appropriation of committed FY 2020 funding and other adjustments authorized since July 1, 2020, in the amount of \$197,890,469 (gross) and \$193,471,132 (net).
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Teresa Berkeley-Simmons, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 7,748–N.S. Second reading scheduled for February 9, 2021.
- 2. Minutes for Approval**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the council meetings of December 1, 2020 (closed and regular), December 3, 2020 (closed), December 8, 2020 (4pm-special and 6pm-special) and December 15, 2020 (closed, special and regular).
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.
- 3. Temporarily Suspending Certain Provisions of the Commissioners’ Manual that Apply to Meetings of Subcommittees**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution temporarily suspending the provisions of the Commissioners’ Manual and Resolution No. 69,063-N.S. that ad hoc subcommittees of City boards and commissions follow State open meeting procedures, thereby enabling ad hoc subcommittees to meet and conduct work while allowing City staff to continue emergency response efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Financial Implications: No direct fiscal impact
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,681–N.S.
- 4. Annual Commission Attendance and Meeting Frequency Report** *(Continued from November 10, 2020. Item contains supplemental material.)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Review and accept the annual Commission Attendance and Meeting Frequency Report.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
Action: Approved recommendation.

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- 5. Authorized Agent Update for FEMA Public Assistance for COVID-19**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Deputy City Managers and AG Witt, LLC to engage with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services regarding grants applied for by the City of Berkeley for the FEMA-4482-DR-CA California COVID-19 Pandemic.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Dave White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,682–N.S.
- 6. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on January 19, 2021**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.
Financial Implications: Various Funds - \$4,235,362
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Approved recommendation.
- 7. Rescinding Housing Trust Fund Guidelines and Adopting New Guidelines**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution rescinding the City's current Housing Trust Fund Guidelines (Resolution No. 64,394-N.S.) and adopting new Housing Trust Fund Guidelines that preserve essential components while updating the process to award funds and certain requirements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,683–N.S.
- 8. Authorization to Execute a Revised Programmatic Agreement with the California State Historic Preservation Officer**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a revised Programmatic Agreement (PA) with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to clarify which rehabilitation activities would not require SHPO's review.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,684–N.S.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Harrison, Wengraf, Robinson, Droste, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – Hahn; Absent – None.

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- 9. Predevelopment and Acquisition Loan for 2527 San Pablo Avenue**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Authorizing the execution of a \$5,500,000 loan to Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) for costs related to acquisition and predevelopment of the proposed affordable housing development at 2527 San Pablo Avenue (2527 San Pablo), utilizing existing reserved funds previously allocated by Council. 2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all original or amended documents or agreements to effectuate this action.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,685–N.S.
- 10. Revenue Contract: Community Services Block Grant for Calendar Year 2021**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to accept the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Contract Number 21F-4001 for the amount of \$275,106 to provide services for low-income people for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, with the option to extend the contract period through May 31, 2022.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,686–N.S.
- 11. 2021 Health Plan Changes**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions:
1. Approving rates for the Kaiser Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) health plans as follows: (a) 15.58% increase for Kaiser S1 Group #60 (Active Group); (b) 15% increase for the HSA-Qualified Deductible HMO Plan (Active Group) (c) 1.89% increase for Pre-Medicare Eligible Retirees (Retiree Group); and (d) -4.00% decrease for Post-65 Senior Advantage (Retiree Group)
2. Approving rates for the Sutter Health Plus health plans as follows: (a) 1.87% increase for the Active HMO ML 26 group; and (b) 1.19% increase for the Pre-Medicare retiree group.
The health plan premium rates will be effective for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: LaTanya Bellow, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,687–N.S. (Kaiser), and Resolution No. 69,688–N.S. (Sutter).

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12. **2021 Fee Assessment – State of California Self-Insurance Fund (Workers’ Compensation Program)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing payment to the State of California Department of Industrial Relations for Fiscal Year 2021 for administering the Workers’ Compensation Program, in an amount not to exceed \$235,979.91.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: LaTanya Bellow, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,689–N.S.
13. **Memorandum of Understanding: Berkeley Fire Fighters Association/I.A.F.F. Local 1227 Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a new one (1) year Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as “MOU”) with the Berkeley Fire Fighters Association/I.A.F.F. Local 1227 Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association (hereafter referred to as the “Association”) with a term of June 30, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and authorizing the City Manager to make non-substantive edits to the format and language of the Memorandum of Understanding in alignment with the tentative agreement, and conforming to legal requirements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: LaTanya Bellow, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,690–N.S.
14. **Contract Amendments: Plan Check Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute contract amendments for an additional amount of \$500,000 each, to new total amounts not to exceed \$1,500,000 for each contract, and extending the terms of the contracts for a one-year period to June 30, 2022 with:
1. West Coast Code Consulting, Contract No. 119641-2
2. Telesis Engineers, Contract No. 119639-1
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,691–N.S. (West Coast), and Resolution No. 69,692–N.S. (Telesis Engineers).

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- 15. Filling Vacancies Among the Elected Representatives of the Poor**
From: Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointments of Ms. Denah Bookstein (District 1); and Mr. Carlos Hill (District 1) as elected representatives of the poor on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC), having been voted onto the Commission at the HWCAC December 9, 2020 meeting, and that their terms expire December 9, 2022.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Mary-Claire Katz, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,693–N.S.
- 16. Amendments to the Berkeley Lobbyist Registration Act**
From: Open Government Commission
Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance amending the Berkeley Lobbyist Registration Act (BMC Chapter 2.09) to incorporate the recommendations of the Open Government Commission (OGC).
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950
Action: Adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 7,749–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Harrison. Second reading scheduled for February 9, 2021.
- 17. Renaming of Four City Paths for Founders of the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association**
From: Public Works Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution pursuant to Berkeley’s Policy for Naming and Renaming Public Facilities, the Public Works Commission (PWC) recommends the naming and renaming of four Berkeley Paths, as identified on the map at Attachment 1 to the report, in honor of the four women founders of the Berkeley Path Wanderers:
1. Rename a path off of Keith Avenue near Shasta Road, currently named Eleanor Path, to “Eleanor Hall Gibson Path,” after founder Eleanor Hall Gibson, who passed away in 2016;
2. Name the following paths, subject to a 2/3 vote of the City Council as provided at Section 2(B) of the Policy, as follows: - The extension connector of Walnut Street through the UC complex between Hearst and Berkeley Way to be named “Ruth Armstrong Path” in honor of Ruth Armstrong (Moskovitz); - The path parallel to the top of Solano Avenue running along Los Angeles Avenue up the tunnel slope towards the Marin Circle, to be named “Jacque Ensign Way” in honor of Jacque Ensign; and - Path 71 to be named “Patricia DeVito Path” in honor of Pat DeVito. In addition to the renaming of these four paths, the Public Works commission supports the inclusion of interpretive signage describing the contributions of each of the honored individuals.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Joe Enke, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,694–N.S.

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18. Revisions to Enabling Legislation for Reimagining Public Safety Task Force From: Mayor Arreguin (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution:

1. Rescinding Resolution No. 69,673-N.S.; and
2. Establishing a Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, comprised of: (a) one representative appointed by each member of the City Council and Mayor pursuant to the Fair Representation Ordinance, B.M.C. Sections 2.04.030-2.04.130, (b) one representative appointed by the Mental Health Commission, Youth Commission, and Police Review Commission (to be replaced by a representative of the Police Accountability Board once it is established), and (c) one representative appointed by the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) External Affairs Vice President, one representative appointed by the Berkeley Community Safety Coalition (BCSC) Steering Committee, and three additional members to be appointed "At-Large" by the Task Force, with appointments subject to confirmation by the City Council.

The Task Force will be facilitated by a professional consultant, the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR), with administrative support by the City Manager's office, and will serve as the hub of community engagement for the Reimagining Public Safety effort initiated and guided by the NICJR team. The Task Force will also include the participation of City Staff from the City Manager's Office, Human Resources, Health, Housing and Community Services, Berkeley Fire Department, Berkeley Police Department, and Public Works Department. For visual, see Attachment 3.

With the exception of "At-Large" appointments, appointments to the Task Force should be made by January 31, 2021, and reflect a diverse range of experiences, knowledge, expertise and representation. To maintain the Council's July 14, 2020, commitment to centering the voices of those most impacted in our process of reimagining community safety appointments should be made with the goal of achieving a balance of the following criteria:

- a. Active Members of Berkeley Community (Required of All)*
- b. Representation from Impacted Communities
 - Formerly incarcerated individuals
 - Victims/family members of violent crime
 - Immigrant community
 - Communities impacted by high crime, over-policing and police violence
 - Individuals experiencing homelessness
 - Historically marginalized populations
- c. Faith-Based Community Leaders
- d. Expertise/Leadership in Violence Prevention, Youth Services, Crisis Intervention, and Restorative or Transformative Justice
- e. Health/ Public Health Expertise
- f. City of Berkeley labor/union representation
- g. Law Enforcement Operation Knowledge
- h. City Budget Operations/Knowledge
- i. Committed to the Goals and Success of The Taskforce (Required of All)

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As outlined in the July 14, 2020, City Council Omnibus Action, City Council provided direction for the development of a new paradigm of public safety that should include, but is not limited to:

- 1) Building on the work of the City Council, the City Manager, Berkeley Police Department (BPD), the Police Review Commission and other City commissions and other working groups addressing community health and safety.
- 2) Research and engagement to define a holistic, anti-racist approach to community safety, including a review and analysis of emerging models, programs and practices that could be applied in Berkeley.
- 3) Recommend a new, community-centered safety paradigm as a foundation for deep and lasting change, grounded in the principles of Reduce, Improve and Reinvest as proposed by the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform considering, among other things:
 - A. The social determinants of health and changes required to deliver a holistic approach to community-centered safety.
 - B. The appropriate response to community calls for help including size, scope of operation and power and duties of a well-trained police force.
 - C. Limiting militarized weaponry and equipment.
 - D. Identifying alternatives to policing and enforcement to reduce conflict, harm, and institutionalization, introduce alternative and restorative justice models, and reduce or eliminate use of fines and incarceration.
 - E. Options to reduce police contacts, stops, arrests, tickets, fines and incarceration and replace these, to the greatest extent possible, with educational, community serving, restorative and other positive programs, policies and systems.
 - F. Reducing the Berkeley Police Department budget to reflect its revised mandates, with a goal of a 50% reduction, based on the results of requested analysis and achieved through programs such as the Specialized Care Unit.

Direct the City Manager to ensure that the working group of City Staff as outlined in the October 28th Off-Agenda Memo is coordinating with the Task Force.

The Task Force will provide input to and make recommendations to NICJR and City Staff on a set of recommended programs, structures and initiatives incorporated into a final report and implementation plan developed by NICJR to guide future decision making in upcoming budget processes for FY 2022-23 and, as a second phase produced, in the FY 2024-2025 budget processes.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,695–N.S.

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19. **Urging the National Parks Service to Establish a National Parks Unit in the San Francisco Bay Area to Honor the Black Panther Party for Self Defense**
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Arreguin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution calling on the National Parks Service to conduct a Reconnaissance Survey to assess the suitability of lands in the San Francisco Bay Area to honor the Black Panther Party in Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond, and the surrounding Bay Area; send letter to the National Parks Service, and President[-elect] Joseph R. Biden, Jr with resolution.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,696–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Taplin.
20. **Relief for Child Care Providers**
From: Councilmember Hahn (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Wengraf (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Arreguin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution making child care providers, including all forms of early childhood education, eligible for grants and other assistance under the Berkeley Relief Fund.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Sophie Hahn, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,697–N.S.
21. **Resolution Reaffirming the City of Berkeley’s Commitment to Roe v. Wade**
From: Councilmember Wengraf (Author), Councilmember Droste (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution reaffirming the City of Berkeley’s commitment to Roe v. Wade and honoring the 48th anniversary of its passage.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Susan Wengraf, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 69,698–N.S.
22. **Support for AB 15 and AB16**
From: Councilmember Robinson (Author), Mayor Arreguin (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Send a letter of support for AB 15, the Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021, and AB 16, the Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021, to Assemblymembers Buffy Wicks and David Chiu and Senator Nancy Skinner, and urge the legislature not to preempt cities like Berkeley from taking robust steps to protect tenants.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Rigel Robinson, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Approved recommendation.

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Urgent Item: Letter to Governor Newsom Calling for Improvements and Additional Funding for State's Vaccine Rollout

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author)

Recommendation: Request that the City Manager send the attached letter to Governor Newsom calling for improvements and additional funding for the state's vaccine rollout. Specifically, the letter requests: immediate additional funding of \$400 million to local health departments for vaccine distribution, administration, and public outreach; data on vaccine usage at the health care system and county level; and flexibility for vaccine phases and a user-friendly experience.

Copies of the attached letter should also be sent to: Senator Nancy Skinner, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee; Assemblymember Phil Ting, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee; the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee; the Assembly Budget Committee; Mark Ghaly, Secretary, California Health and Human Services; Tomás Aragón, Director, State Public Health Officer, Department of Public Health; and Keely Bosler, Director, Department of Finance.

Financial Implications: Staff time

Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

Action: Moved to Consent Calendar. Approved recommendation with revisions to the letter, the final language of the letter to read as follows:

We believe the distribution of safe and effective vaccines to Californians demands a level of urgency akin to a wartime mobilization, so we write to you with concerns about California's vaccine rollout to date. We understand that there is currently a limited supply of vaccines being made available to local health departments and health care systems, as is true for all U.S. states and territories. We also know that the availability of vaccine supply is dependent on manufacturers and coordination with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

We applaud recent steps taken by your administration and local partners to establish mass vaccination sites and increase the number of trained vaccinators in order to ensure that life-saving vaccine gets into arms as quickly as possible. We strongly agree with the recommendations that have already been made in a letter authored by Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris on January 13, 2021, which was co-signed by 46 state lawmakers. In that letter, state legislators called on your administration to:

- *Provide a reliable forecast of vaccine doses to be distributed to local health departments and health care systems, and it is our sincere hope that your administration and the incoming Biden-Harris administration can work together to provide the certainty that our local vaccine distributors need in order to adequately plan for efficient vaccine distribution;*
- *Expand the pool of vaccinators to include nursing students, retired medical professionals, firefighters, and trained service members of the National Guard; and*
- *Assure that state reimbursement will be available to local health departments for vaccine distribution costs.*

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As a local health jurisdiction, the City of Berkeley is eager to play its role in vaccinating our community; as of January 15, 2021, our city has used 92 percent of 1,100 first doses received and eagerly awaits more life-saving doses to protect our community. We respectfully make the following requests that we believe will help to ensure that we have the tools needed to win the war against COVID-19:

1) Provide immediate additional funding to local health departments for vaccine distribution, administration, and public outreach. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed long-term under-investment in local health departments by the state and federal government alike. We support the request made by a number of organizations—including the California State Association of Counties, Urban Counties of California, Rural County Representatives of California, County Health Executives Association of California, and the Health Officers Association of California—to provide \$400 million for COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration. This funding is critical to ensuring that local health departments have the staffing and logistical support needed to get vaccine into arms and to leverage partnerships with trusted messengers that can promote the safety and efficacy of vaccines to our diverse communities. We are concerned about news reports indicating that roughly 20 to 40 percent of frontline health care workers in Los Angeles County and an estimated 50 percent in Riverside County declined the vaccine, and we believe much more investment is needed in a public awareness campaign.

2) Provide data on vaccine usage at the health care system, county and local health jurisdiction level. It has come to our attention that the California Department of Public Health does not provide data on vaccine usage rates by health care system and at the county level or by local health jurisdiction. Given our state's challenges in using available vaccine, we are concerned that local health departments do not have access to local data on how vaccine distributors within their jurisdiction are performing in terms of vaccine usage. We urgently request that the state make vaccine usage data available by health care system and at the county level or by local health jurisdiction, so that local health departments can support entities within their jurisdiction that may be experiencing challenges in efficiently using vaccine doses.

3) Promote flexibility for vaccine phases and a user-friendly experience. As we proceed with our vaccination program, we urge you to ensure that our state's prioritization system for distributing vaccines includes flexibility so that no dose ever goes to waste within the established tiers and phasing. In addition, reports of uneven access to vaccine among eligible priority groups across the state and long phone hold times lead us to believe that we must do more to promote a user-friendly experience. This should include ensuring that information from any vaccine provider be offered in threshold languages as determined by each county. To that end, we support efforts to create multiple access points—from pharmacies and doctor's offices to mass vaccination sites—across our state and to provide multiple avenues for our diverse populations to make an appointment or learn where they can go to get vaccinated.

4) Promote Equity in vaccine prioritization and distribution

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As the state continues the roll out of vaccination, it should center equity in its decision making and prioritization, and prioritize populations that have been most impacted and suffer from the highest mortality rates due to COVID-19.

We share your firm belief that our state's well-being and economic vitality hinges on reaching herd immunity from COVID-19 through efficient and equitable distribution of vaccines to our state's 40 million residents. We are eager to do our part at the local level to vaccinate members of our community, and we appreciate your consideration of the issues we raise.

23. Introduce an Ordinance terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2025 *(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee)*
From: Councilmember Davila (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution with the following actions:

1. Refer to the City Manager to prepare any draft ordinances that, to the extent legally permissible, achieve an 80% phase out of the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2027. This shall include termination of purchasing these vehicles to support City fleets and, for the general public, a staged phase out of such cars valued at over \$28K by 2025, over \$23K by 2026, and all others by 2027, in order to actively create a used electric vehicle market for lower income customers that allows them to acquire electric vehicles at a cost equal to or below that of comparable gasoline, diesel, or natural gas vehicles.
2. Refer to the City Manager and/or designee(s) to report to the City Council, in consultation with other City Departments the following information: (A) Feasibility of terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles; (B) ways to promote and facilitate the use and sale of all-electric vehicles in the City, particularly among low income communities, including the provision of local tax incentives and rebates, as large as is necessary to cover any cost difference between an electric car and a comparable gas car; ways to promote and facilitate the purchase and use of electric micro mobility alternatives (e-bikes, scooters) in the City, particularly among low income communities and families, including loaner programs, subsidized long term rentals, purchase subsidies, and expanded secure parking for e-bikes, including larger cargo bikes; and the establishment of public charging station and related infrastructure to support all-electric vehicles; (C) any "just transition" elements related to the above action, including the impact upon and opportunities for auto mechanics.

(On November 18, 2020 the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee made a positive recommendation to send the item as amended by the committee with the following recommendation: Adopt a resolution with the following actions: 1. Refer to the City Manager to prepare any draft ordinances that, to the extent legally permissible, achieve an 80% phase out of the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2027. This shall include termination of purchasing these vehicles to support City fleets and, for the general public, a staged phase out of such cars valued at over \$28K by 2025, over \$23K by 2026, and all others by 2027, in order to

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actively create a used electric vehicle market for lower income customers that allows them to acquire electric vehicles at a cost equal to or below that of comparable gasoline, diesel, or natural gas vehicles. 2. Refer to the City Manager and/or designee(s) to report to the City Council, in consultation with other City Departments the following information: (A) Feasibility of terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles; (B) ways to promote and facilitate the use and sale of all-electric vehicles in the City, particularly among low income communities, including the provision of local tax incentives and rebates, as large as is necessary to cover any cost difference between an electric car and a comparable gas car; ways to promote and facilitate the purchase and use of electric micro mobility alternatives (e-bikes, scooters) in the City, particularly among low income communities and families, including loaner programs, subsidized long term rentals, purchase subsidies, and expanded secure parking for e-bikes, including larger cargo bikes; and the establishment of public charging station and related infrastructure to support all-electric vehicles; (C) any “just transition” elements related to the above action, including the impact upon and opportunities for auto mechanics.)

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Moved to Consent Calendar. Adopted Resolution No. 69,699–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Harrison, and the recommendation revised to request that the City Manager return to the City Council with an analysis of the impact to the sales tax revenue to the City if a local ordinance is adopted prior to State requirements going into effect.

- 24. Support calling upon food companies within Berkeley to implement the requirements of Proposition 12 as soon as possible by only selling eggs and meat from cage-free facilities** *(Continued from December 15, 2020. Item contains revised material.)*

From: Councilmember Davila (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution calling upon supermarkets, restaurant companies, and other food corporations with locations in Berkeley, CA to implement the requirements of Proposition 12 as soon as possible by only selling eggs and meat from cage-free facilities.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Moved to Consent Calendar. Adopted Resolution No. 69,700–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Harrison and the recommendation revised to add that the Mayor’s Office will send copies of the resolution to all businesses that are subject to the provisions of the resolution.

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

- 25. Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis, a Threat and Safety Issue in the City of Berkeley** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity and Community Committee)*

From: Councilmember Davila (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)

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Recommendation: Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis, a Threat and Safety Issue in the City of Berkeley, and commit to eliminate all socioeconomic barriers to health equity. In addition:

1. Declare the resolution an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, or safety, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.
2. Budget Referral to convene a series of town hall sessions for all community members, City workers, and small business owners to discuss the concerns of people of color and marginalized community members, and develop strategies and programs (especially Mental Health Programs for the unhoused stay housed) for greater inclusivity, understanding, empathy, compassion, and unity. The purpose of these meetings should be to strengthen anti-racist capacity building and commitments within the city. This can be done by discussing the current quantitative and qualitative reality of racial justice and injustice, racism and non-racism in all areas of city life toward developing measures to ensure the achievement racial equity in Berkeley. These town halls, strategies and programs could include: the definition and lived experience of racism in systemic and institutional forms the effects and trauma caused by them, and provide resources to combat implicit bias on all levels. Community partners to consider to facilitate such workshops include Beyond Diversity: Courageous Conversations About Race and Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ).
3. City Council will establish a working group to promote racial equity as well as the development of programs to address racial equity in this City.
4. Direct the City Manager or his/her designee to record COVID-19 data by race/ethnicity and to explore greater health disparities that have emerged as a result of this crisis.
5. Direct the City Manager or his/her designee to hold several fundraisers at town hall sessions for black-owned small businesses, research of state and federal RFPs for the purpose of grants acquisitions for program development in the City of Berkeley that have been affected by Covid-19 and/or recent protests.
6. Direct the City Manager or his/her designee to prepare a Health in All Policies Ordinance (see attached City of Richmond Ordinance) for Council review and adoption, critically evaluating the public health impact of all legislative and budgetary proposals, especially upon people of color and marginalized community members.
7. Direct the City Manager or his/her designee to adopt a mandatory requirement of 16 hours of ongoing annual online and in-person training on implicit bias, cultural sensitivity, and cultural humility for City Employees, commissioners, and community members; and
8. Direct the City Manager or his/her designee in partnership with the Berkeley Public Health Division and the Mental Health Division to develop a Strategic Plan for Health Equity, with the inclusion of a diverse group of staff with expertise in this subject matter and begin immediate implementation of recommendations.
9. Direct the City Manager or his/her designee to have an antiracism dashboard that delineates and tracks progress towards specific antiracist goals. This would involve:
 - 1) tracking and measuring specific data that shows the extent to which racism has become a public health crisis; which would in turn enable 2) the City and the

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Community to dramatically reduce instances of racism, if not totally eliminate some of them; and 3) demonstrate to constituents that the other recommendations have made, and must continue to make, a tangible difference. The dashboard shall include: analyzing hospital infant mortality by race; tracking food insecurity among Berkeley residents, and correlation to racial demographics; analyzing the effects of biological weathering and resultant mental health challenges on immune strength for black individuals, and studying mental health resource availability and outreach targeting at-risk black communities; analyzing the administration of medications and health therapies by race, in an attempt to understand Berkeley health providers position vis a vis the systemic under-prescription and under-treatment of Black patients pain; tracking violent incidents targeting queer Black residents, and studying the availability of mental health resources and culturally competent healthcare for queer Black patients; identifying the largest sources of corporate environmental or carcinogenic pollution in Berkeley, and the racial demographics of people with prolonged exposure to those regions (i.e. workers and residents within range of toxic substances); identifying the locations of city waste storage/processing and the racial demographics of those most closely exposed; examining property taxes by neighborhood, and correlation to school resources and student racial demographics; examining the availability of stable and affordable Internet access, as necessary for all possible student activities offered and required by Berkeley public schools;

10. Collaborate with the Berkeley Unified School District and the Vision 2020 to see how this is correlated to household racial demographics; analyzing students' realistic access to extracurricular activities such as arts and athletics; race-based differential access means that some students have less access to educational opportunities that help with physical and mental health; identifying the levels of lead and other toxins in public school buildings, and correlation to resource allocation and racial demographics among schools.

11. Submit copies of this resolution to State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, State Senator Nancy Skinner, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, as well as various organizations such as the Berkeley NAACP, the African American Holistic Resource Center Steering Committee, and Healthy Black Families.

(On November 23, 2020, the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee made a qualified positive recommendation for the City Council to take the following action:

1. Make the following statement:

Declare Racism as a public health crisis and a threat and safety issue for the City of Berkeley, and commit the City of Berkeley to eliminating all racial and socioeconomic barriers to health equity.

2. Recommend that City Councilmembers consider working together or independently to convene a public session or sessions in their districts on racism as a public health crisis and threat and safety issue, to further public knowledge and input on these important matters and help create a movement to address racial disparities in Berkeley.

3. Refer to the Mayor and City Manager to discuss how to incorporate programs and policies to address racial equity in the work of the City of Berkeley.

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4. Refer to the City Manager and Office of Economic Development to consider how the City of Berkeley can support women and minority owned businesses through the COVID crisis and recovery period.
5. Refer to the City Manager to adapt the Richmond Health in All Policies Ordinance and return to Council a version for the City Council to consider adopting, or any other recommendation related to the proposed Ordinance.
6. Refer to the City Manager to consider requiring and providing antiracism, implicit bias, cultural sensitivity and cultural humility training for all City of Berkeley employees, and the City Council, and to consider ways to make such training accessible to the public via online or other training opportunities.
7. Refer to the City Manager to include an Anti-Racism dashboard on the City of Berkeley's new website, to consolidate information about racial disparities across all City of Berkeley services and initiatives.
8. Recommit to continuing the City of Berkeley's work with Berkeley Unified School District through the 2020 Vision process, and recommend adding a focus on extracurricular activities and access to enrichment and support outside of the classroom.)

Financial Implications: \$50,000

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

Action: Moved to Consent Calendar. Approved the recommendation of the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee, and added to the recommendation to strike from the report all references to the definitions of racism. The supplemental material in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Taplin was withdrawn by the Councilmember.

- 26. Guaranteeing COVID-19 Hazard Pay for Grocery Store Workers**
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Arreguin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer the City Manager and City Attorney to draft an emergency ordinance to guarantee hazard pay of an additional five dollars an hour for grocery store workers, effective upon adoption and until the City returns to the Yellow-Tier 4 rate of positivity for COVID-19.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Moved to Consent Calendar. Approved the recommendation as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Taplin and that the City Manager should take into consideration similar hazard pay programs in Long Beach and Los Angeles as part of this referral.

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27. **Extending Time for Temporary Parklets and Sidewalk Seating Post-COVID-19**
From: Councilmember Hahn (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance revising BMC Chapter 16.18 Right-of-Way Encroachments and Encroachment Permits and BMC Section 14.48.150 Sidewalk Seating, Benches, and Planters to extend the period of time that Parklets and Sidewalk Seating established under the COVID-19 declared City emergency can remain in place to 365 days after the termination of the declared City emergency rather than the current 90 days.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Sophie Hahn, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Moved to Consent Calendar. Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,750–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Hahn. Second reading scheduled for February 9, 2021.

Information Reports

28. **Condominium Conversion Program – Annual Report**
From: City Manager
Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Received and filed.
29. **Referral Response: Housing and Homeless Uses for City-Owned, Former Redevelopment Agency Property at 1631 Fifth Street**
From: City Manager
Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda – None.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Hahn/Wengraf) to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Communications

Item #18: Revisions to Enabling Legislation for Reimagining Public Safety Task Force

1. Steve Martinot

North Berkeley BART

2. 69 form letters (I am a resident)

3. Andrea Altschuler
4. Mary Lai
5. Janice Schroeder
6. Patricia Maud Engel
7. Vicki Sommer
8. Joel Resnikoff
9. Toni Casal
10. Miranda Ewell
11. Jeannette MacMillan
12. Jodi Ravel
13. Kathleen Jo
14. Claudia Valas
15. Jack Kurzweil
16. Libby Lee-Egan
17. Eileen Hughes
18. Reynaldo Santa Cruz
19. Whitney Moss
20. Lee Bishop
21. Julieta Pisani McCarthy
22. Cece Littlepage (2)
23. Linda Gallaher-Brown
24. Caroline & Stephen Shiboski
25. Sheila Himmel
26. Alan Finkelstein
27. Peggy Scott
28. Meryl Siegal
29. Laura Garcia Moreno
30. Joel Resnikoff
31. Eleni Sotos
32. Marianne Schulman
33. Kenneth Gross
34. Andrea Altschuler
35. Becca Schonberg
36. Leslie Valas
37. Michael Katz
38. Jacqueline Wilson and Family
39. Aime Baldwin (2)
40. Barbara Fisher
41. Claudia Valas
42. Teresa Clarke
43. Sue Martin
44. Mary Behm-Steinberg
45. Mariko Nobori
46. Cathryn Hrudicka
47. Judy Peck
48. Irene Rice

49. Deborah Gouailhardou
50. Larry Orman
51. Leah Levy
52. Daniel Borgstrom
53. Danny and Adrienne Snyder
54. Rebecca Burke and Jay Koslofsky
55. Raymond Barglow
56. Eileen Hughes
57. Virginia Browning
58. Todd Jailer
59. Gary Dahl
60. David Brandon

Pickleball

61. Jeanne Schuman
62. Brian MacDougall
63. Laurie Mac Dougall
64. Susanne Mitchell

African-American Holistic Resource Center

65. Sivan Orr
66. Eric Friedman
67. Barbara Ann White

Keep Playgrounds Open

68. Tia Pelz
69. Pat Reilly
70. Megha Charalambides
71. Sarah Burt
72. Hillary Kilimnik
73. Katya Stoakes
74. Rainbow Rubin
75. Elif Lostuvali
76. Dan Bristol
77. Elena Montoya

Vision 2025

78. Nilang
79. Jill Eckart

Covid-19 Related

80. Jennifer Pearson
81. Nathan Francis
82. Tyler Walsh
83. Nova Blazej
84. Michai Freeman
85. Moni Law (2)

- 86. M. Mendonca
- 87. Elena Montoya
- 88. Clark Socie
- 89. Linda Cranmer
- 90. Vivian Warkentin
- 91. David Lerman (3)
- 92. Lisa Hernandez, City of Berkeley Health Officer

5G & Wired

- 93. Greg Jan
- 94. Lloyd Morgan
- 95. Protect Berkeley
- 96. Max Ventura

Solar Speed Limit Sign

- 97. Victoria Hritonenko
- 98. Maya Trilling
- 99. Joe Lurie
- 100. Bruce Perens
- 101. Donna Rosenthal
- 102. Fred Bamber
- 103. Lola Vollen

Homelessness

- 104. Russbumper (4)
- 105. Willow Katz
- 106. Teal Major

Needle Disposal

- 107. Zoe Keeler
- 108. Ziad Shafi

Bayer Corporation

- 109. Max Ventura
- 110. Councilmember Harrison

Cannabis

- 111. JJ
- 112. Getting It Right From the Start

PG&E

- 113. Michael Nystrom

Golden Gate Field Horses

- 114. Scott Chaney, on behalf of the California Horse Racing Board
- 115. Heather

ADU's

116. Gradiva Couzin, Chair, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

Ceremonial Matters – Cheryl Davila

117. Andrea Mullarkey

118. Cheryl Davila

119. Elisa Mikiten

Downtown Streets Team's Safety Protocol

120. Carol Denney

121. Julia Lang

Environmental Concerns

122. Russbumper

123. Vivian Warkentin

124. Thomas Lord

125. Meryl Siegal

Rent Control

126. Krista Glickman

Posting Policy Commission Minutes

127. Kelly Hammargren

Berkeley's City Budget

128. David Lerman

Neighborhood Rat Infestation

129. Sheila Goldmacher

Slavery

130. Russbumper

Adeline Corridor

131. Lynn Cooper

Residential Parking Permits

132. Jeff Stein

Happy New Year and Thanks

133. Bob Flasher

URL's Only

134. Barbara Gilbert

135. Russbumper (5)

136. Vivian Warkentin (11)

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Item #16: Amendments to the Berkeley Lobbyist Registration Act

137. Revised material, submitted by Councilmember Harrison

Item #20: Relief for Child Care Providers

138. Kym Johnson

Item #23: Introduce an Ordinance terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2025

139. Supplemental material, submitted by Councilmember Harrison

Item #24: Support calling upon food companies within Berkeley to Implement the Requirements of Proposition 12 as soon as possible by only selling eggs and meat from cage-free facilities

140. Amber Canavan, on behalf of PETA

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141. Revised material, submitted by Councilmember Harrison

Item #17: Renaming of Four City Paths for Founders of the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association

142. Alina Constantinescu, BPWA President

143. Karen Ebadi

144. Janet Byron

145. Susan Schwartz

Item #19: Urging the National Parks Service to Establish a National Parks Unit in the San Francisco Bay Area to Honor the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

146. Supplemental material, submitted by Councilmember Taplin

147. Ron Sundergill, on behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association

148. Kieron Slaughter

Item #20: Relief for Child Care Providers

149. Prima Offril, on behalf of the Cedar Creek Montessori School

150. Ashok Kumar

151. Patty Camacho

152. Kristin Spanos, on behalf of First 5 Alameda County

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155. Supplemental material, submitted by Councilmember Taplin

Item #26: Guaranteeing COVID-19 Hazard Pay for Grocery Store Workers

- 156. Supplemental material, submitted by Councilmember Taplin
- 157. Connor Jackson
- 158. Julianne Pelaez
- 159. Jordan Burns
- 160. Abigail Lawlor
- 161. Sophia Stremel
- 162. Tallulah
- 163. Raquel Moral
- 164. Six similarly worded letters

Item #27: Extending Time for Temporary Parklets and Sidewalk Seating Post-COVID-19

- 165. Supplemental material, submitted by Councilmember Hahn

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- 166. Austene Hall

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- 167. Igor Tregub, Chair of Peace and Justice Commission

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- 168. Alex Knox, on behalf of the Telegraph Business Improvement District
- 169. Fredrika Newton
- 170. Jennifer Lynn-Whaley
- 171. Terance Barkus
- 172. Mike Uberti
- 173. Olivia Anglade
- 174. Nathalio Gray

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- 176. Kathy Dervin
- 177. Betsy Biegelo-Teller
- 137. Eric Strid

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- 179. Diana Bohn
- 180. Elliot Halpern

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181. Timothy James, on behalf of the California Grocers Association