

**Supplemental  
Communications (1)**  
(Received before  
12pm May 1)

## Supplemental Communications

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**From:** Nikhil Bhatla <nikhil@superfacts.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:34 AM  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**Subject:** Comment on Keep Innovation in Berkeley

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To the Planning Commission:

My comments on the Keep Innovation in Berkeley initiative:

I am currently a researcher at UC Berkeley. Since 2022 I have been looking for space of approximately 1500 sq ft near the campus to locate my business that conducts research. It is critical to be near the UC campus, the epicenter of research in the East Bay, because of the availability of students, academic presentations, and serendipitous encounters with fellow researchers.

However, I have found it very difficult to find suitable space close to campus, so to date I am still searching.

I have found several obstacles to securing space, outlined below.

First, the lengthy Administrative Use Permit (AUP) process has discouraged several landlords from leasing to me. They balk because they cannot agree to such a long contingency period, locking up their unit for up to 6 months before I can make use of the space and begin paying rent. There is also the risk that the AUP is rejected and their unit will have sat vacant and off-market for up to 6 months without a payoff at the end. An over-the-counter Zoning Certificate (ZC) would streamline this process, and I am a huge supporter of this Recommendation. More leases will be signed as a result of this change to the Code.

Second, there is a zone close to campus, C-NS, which has not been included in the Recommendations for the Keep Innovation in Berkeley initiative. I have looked at space in C-NS that could be renovated to be suitable for research use, but again have not been able to find a location, largely due to the lengthy AUP process (point #1 above). I propose that C-NS be included with C-T, C-U, C-C, C-DMU and C-W such that all require a ZC, rather than an AUP, for R&D Use.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, there is ambiguity in the Code that might be interpreted to restrict the operation of a business that conducts research to a narrow set of Commercial Zones. Specifically, the Use Table describes two Uses that might be interpreted to overlap: Research and Development (R&D) and Laboratory (Commercial Physical or Biological). R&D is currently allowed by AUP in all Commercial Zones (and hopefully soon by ZC in a subset of these zones). Laboratory, on the other hand, is only allowed by AUP in C-C, C-U and C-DMU and explicitly prohibited in the other Commercial Zones. I propose that the Code be clarified to clearly define R&D and Laboratory such that they do not overlap in definition. Specifically, I propose that R&D include all research, including physical or biological, that requires significant equipment not usually found in an office or medical office, and that Laboratory be defined as retail commercial or medical services, such as diagnostic testing (e.g. blood/urine testing, cannabis testing, medical imaging). Such a clarification would open up all commercial zones to businesses that conduct research, subject to AUP or hopefully eventually ZC. In addition, I concur with the Recommendation that descriptions of biosafety levels should be struck from the Code and left to the numerous regulatory agencies that specialize in regulating potentially hazardous materials.

Sincerely,  
Nikhil Bhatla, PhD

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**From:** Shen, Alisa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 12:05 PM  
**Cc:** Sanford, David; James, Ashley; Covello, Zoe; Horner, Justin  
**Subject:** Special Meeting of PC: Wed., June 26th, 6pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center

Good morning Commissioners,

We need to have a special Planning Commission meeting on **June 26, 2024 at 6pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center** for a time sensitive priority project. Please note:

- This would be in addition to the June 5<sup>th</sup> (regularly scheduled) Planning Commission meeting
- It falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month
- The next Commission meeting after 6/26 would be on July 17<sup>th</sup> because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday (already part of the approved 2024 Commission calendar).

The purpose of the special meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> is for the Commission to consider the draft Manufacturing – Research and Development (M-RD) zoning district that was first presented for discussion and feedback in February of 2023 and the Draft EIR for the zoning. This item was ranked by Council as their number 1 referral and identified as priority to be considered by Council by October 2024. June 26<sup>th</sup> is the earliest possible date to bring the proposed M-RD zoning and the Draft EIR to the Commission in order to provide adequate time for public comment during the EIR public comment period.

**Please mark your calendars and confirm your attendance with us. If you are not able to attend, please discuss designating an alternate Commissioner with your Councilmember, as appropriate.**

Thank you,  
Alisa Shen & Justin Horner



Co-Secretaries to the Planning Commission

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## Supplemental Communications

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**From:** Community Agency RFP  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:15 PM  
**To:** Community Agency RFP  
**Subject:** FW: COB May 7th, 2024 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Annual Action Plan (7/01/24-6/30/25) including Community Agency FY25-28 Funding Recommendations  
**Attachments:** Final\_CoB-PHNotice-PY24AnnualActionPlan\_FYLER.pdf  
  
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### Internal

Dear Community Partners,

Please forward this information to your commissioners;

### *Community Agency RFP*

City of Berkeley – Dept. of Health, Housing, and Community Services  
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**From:** Community Agency RFP  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2024 1:47 PM  
**To:** Community Agency RFP <CommunityAgencyRFP@berkeleyca.gov>  
**Subject:** COB May 7th, 2024 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Annual Action Plan (7/01/24-6/30/25) including Community Agency FY25-28 Funding Recommendations

Dear Community Partners,

The City of Berkeley will be hosting a public hearing during a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday May 7th, from 4-6pm. The purpose of the public hearing is to review the proposed **Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2024** (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) which includes recommended allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds. These federal funds need to be considered and approved by City Council in time for the City to submit its Annual Action Plan to Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To review the Proposed Annual Action Plan click [here](#). The Annual Action Plan includes recommendations for federal funds only.

In addition to the Annual Action Plan and public hearing, **this Special Meeting presentation includes City Manager and commission FY25-28 community agency funding recommendations**. The Council Report for this agenda item will be published on the City's website [here](#) on Friday April 26, 2024. The community agency funding recommendations reflect a mix of funds, including local funds. The City Council will be holding two public hearings on the budget in May on the following dates:

5/14/2024	FY 2025 & FY 2026 Proposed Biennial Budget Public Hearing #1
6/4/2024	Council Budget Discussion/Public Hearing #2
6/25/2024	Adoption of FY 2025 & FY 2026 Biennial Budget.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

The Health, Housing & Community Services Department is proposing a Public Hearing addressing the proposed **Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2024** (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) which includes recommended allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds.

The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 P.M.**, in the School District Board Room, 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702.

The proposed **PY 2024 Annual Action Plan** required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, outlines the City's housing and community development program for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The plan also outlines the allocation of \$2,166,000 (estimate) in **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds available for housing related activities, improvement of public facilities, public services, and planning and administration. In addition, the plan outlines the proposed use of approximately \$208,342, the majority of which is used for rapid re-housing financial assistance for people who are homeless in Berkeley under the **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**, and the use of approximately \$547,139 (estimate) in **HOME** funds for affordable housing development and rehabilitation.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City Council agenda webpage at <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/city-council/city-council-agendas> in advance of the meeting. **Once posted, the agenda for this meeting will include a link for public participation using Zoom video technology, as well as any health and safety requirements for in-person attendance.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The public also from April 5, 2024 through May 7, 2024 to submit written comments on the PY2024 Annual Action Plan. **A draft of the Plan will be available for public review** on the web at <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/community-services/hud-planning-performance-reports>.

Physical copies of the public comment draft will be made available at the following locations:

- Berkeley Main Library: Reference Desk, on the 2nd Floor, 2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley; and
- Health, Housing, and Community Services Department, 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley.

**All written comments must be either sent by email to both [RBabka@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:RBabka@berkeleyca.gov) AND [SFCPDMail@hud.gov](mailto:SFCPDMail@hud.gov), or by letter, or other legible written form, to Health, Housing, and Community Services Department, 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, and received no later than May 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

For residents and groups that would like assistance in translating this report into another language, please contact HHCS at (510) 981-5400 or [HHCS@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:HHCS@berkeleyca.gov).

For general information, please contact Rhianna Babka (phone: (510) 981-5410 or email: [RBabka@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:RBabka@berkeleyca.gov)) at HHCS 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, 94704.



**This meeting is being held in a wheelchair accessible location.**

**Accommodations Provided Upon Request.** To request a disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Disability Services specialist at 981-6342 (V) or 981-6345 (TDD) at least three business days before the meeting date. Providing at least three working days' notice will help to ensure availability at the meeting.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL  
&  
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE CITY'S ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

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The proposed **PY 2024 Annual Action Plan** required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), outlines the City's housing and community development program for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The plan also outlines the proposed use of the estimated \$2,903,402 in **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** funds available for housing related activities, improvement of public facilities, public services, and planning and administration. In addition, the plan outlines the proposed use of \$232,452, the majority of which is used for rapid re-housing financial assistance, outreach and/or shelter for people who are homeless in Berkeley under the **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**, and the use of an estimated \$749,633 in **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)** funds for affordable housing development and rehabilitation.

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El Departamento de Servicios de Salud, Vivienda y Servicios Comunitarios llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para tratar el **Plan de Acción Anual para el Año (PY) 2024** (1 de julio de 2024 a 30 de junio de 2025), el cual incluye las asignaciones recomendadas de fondos de la Beca de Desarrollo del Bloque Comunitario (Community Development Block Grant-CDBG), Beca de Soluciones de Emergencia (Emergency Solutions Grant - ESG) y la beca HOME.

La audiencia se llevará a cabo el **martes, 7 de mayo de 2024 a las 4:00 P.M.** en el **Berkeley Unified School District Board Room** localizado en **1231 Calle Addison, Berkeley, CA 94702.**

Una copia de la agenda para esta audiencia estará disponible en la página electrónica <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/city-council/city-council-agendas> antes de la audiencia. **Una vez que la agenda sea publicada, esta incluirá un enlace (link) para la participación pública usando la tecnología de Zoom, y los requisitos de salud y seguridad si desea participar de la audiencia en persona.**

Para solicitar adaptación especial debido a una discapacidad por favor contactarse con el Especialista de Servicios para Discapacitados al 510.981.6342 o al (TDD) 510.981.6345. Por favor contactarse con el especialista por lo menos 3 días antes de la junta para asegurar que su pedido sea atendido.

El **Plan de Acción Anual PY 2024** que cubre el período a partir del 1ro de julio de 2024 hasta el 30 de junio de 2025 es un requisito del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los E.E. U.U. (HUD por sus siglas en inglés) y resume los programas de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario. El plan también enumera la distribución de aproximadamente \$2,903,402 que la Ciudad recibirá por medio de la de la Beca de Desarrollo del Bloque Comunitario (Community Development Block Grant - CDBG) para financiar programas de vivienda, mejoras de infraestructura de edificios públicos, servicios públicos y la administración y planificación de los mismos. Además, el plan también explica el uso propuesto de aproximadamente \$232,452 que en su gran mayoría será usado para la relocalización rápida de vivienda dando ayuda financiera, información y/o refugio a las personas desamparadas de Berkeley, estos fondos son parte de la Beca de Soluciones de Emergencia (Emergency Solutions Grant - ESG). También explica cómo se usarán los fondos de la Beca HOME, aproximadamente \$749,633 que se usarán para el desarrollo y rehabilitación de viviendas.

**PERIODO DE COMENTARIO PÚBLICO:** A partir del 5 de abril de 2024 hasta el 7 de mayo de 2024, el público podrá presentar comentarios por escrito sobre el Plan de Acción Anual PY 2024. Un borrador del **Plan está disponible al público** en el Internet en la página electrónica <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/community-services/hud-planning-performance-reports>.

Copias impresas del borrador estarán disponibles en los siguientes lugares:

- En el escritorio de referencia de la Biblioteca Pública de Berkeley localizada en Calle Kittredge 2090, y
- En el escritorio de recepción del Departamento de Salud, Vivienda y Servicios Comunitarios de la ciudad de Berkeley localizado en la Calle Milvia 2180, 2do Piso,

**Cualquier comentario escrito tiene que ser enviado a [RBabka@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:RBabka@berkeleyca.gov) Y [SFCPDMail@hud.gov](mailto:SFCPDMail@hud.gov) o enviarlos por correo regular al Health, Housing & Community Services Department, 2180 Milvia Street, 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704. Todos los comentarios deben ser recibidos antes o a más tardar el 7 de mayo de 2024 hasta las 5:00 p.m.**

Residentes y grupos que necesiten servicios de interpretación o traducción en otro idioma por favor contactarse con el Departamento de Salud, Vivienda y Servicios Comunitarios al 510.981.5400 o por correo electrónico a [HHCS@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:HHCS@berkeleyca.gov).

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伯克萊市  
公眾視訊聽證會通知  
及  
計劃評論徵求  
關於市政府的年度行動之綜合計劃書

伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部門(HHCS)將提出公開聽證會針對市政府的 **2024 服務行動計劃年度 (PY2024) (07/01/2024-06/30/2025) 行動之綜合計劃書**。伯克萊市政府將邀請公眾人士對伯克萊市政府的年度行動之綜合計劃書加以檢討及評論。該計劃書將提出對於社區發展經費 (CDBG)，緊急解決方案撥款 (ESG) 和房屋投資合作計劃 (HOME) 的資金分配建議。

此次聽證會將在 2024 年 5 月 7 日，星期二，下午 4:00 舉行。此次聽證會將以現場出席的模式進行。對於現場與會者，此次聽證會將在伯克利聯合學區董事會會議室舉行。會議室地址在 - 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702。

本次聽證會的議程材料副本將在會議召開前在市議會議程網頁 <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/city-council/city-council-agendas> 上提供。一旦發布，本次會議的議程將包括一個使用 Zoom 視頻技術的公眾參與鏈接。對於現場與會者本部門也會提供親自出席的任何健康和安全管理要求。

**市政府將根據要求提供視聽支持。**如果您需要有關於殘障人士的技術協助，包括輔助工具或服務，請至少在會議開始前三個工作日致電(510) 981-6342 (V) 或 (510)981-6345 (TDD) 與殘疾服務專員聯繫。如能在會議日期前三個工作日發出技術協助通知，我們將盡力確保您毫無困難地參加會議。

此 PY 2024 服務行動計劃年度之綜合計劃書擬議計劃是根據住房和城市發展部門 (HUD) 財務資助接受者所提出的流程。此計劃書概述了伯克萊市政府的城市住房和社區發展計劃。該計劃書有效運轉期為 2024 年 7 月 1 日至 2025 年 6 月 30 日。該計劃還概述了在**社區發展經費 (CDBG)** 中分配的 \$903,402 美元 (估計)，用於與住房有關的活動，公共設施的改善，公共服務以及規劃和管理。此外，該計劃還概述了大約 \$232,452 美元 (估計) 的擬議用途，其中大部分用於根據**緊急解決方案撥款 (ESG)** 為伯克利無家可歸者提供快速重新安置的財政援助，外展和/或庇護，以及動用約 \$749,633 美元 (估計) 的 **HOME** 資金用於經濟適用房的開發和修復。

**公共評論期：**公眾可以在 2024 年 4 月 5 日至 2024 年 5 月 7 日之間提交書面評論。該計劃的草案可在以下網站上進行公開審查：

<https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/community-services/hud-planning-performance-reports>

公眾意見草案的紙質副本將在以下地址提供：

- 伯克利主圖書館：2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley 諮詢台，二樓
- 伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部門(HHCS)：2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley，二樓

所有書面評論必須通過電子郵件同時發送至 [RBabka@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:RBabka@berkeleyca.gov) 和 [SFCPDMail@hud.gov](mailto:SFCPDMail@hud.gov)，或通過信件或其他清晰的書面形式發送至伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部門 (HHCS)，2180 Milvia Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Berkeley，並於 2024 年 5 月 7 日下午 5:00 之前收到這種類型的書面交流。

對於需要幫助將本報告翻譯成另一種語言的居民和團體，請致電 (510) 981-5400 或發送電子郵件至 [HHCS@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:HHCS@berkeleyca.gov) 聯繫 HHCS 以獲得技術支持。

請僅在需要更多有關此主題信息時，聯繫伯克萊市房屋及社區服務部門的 Rhianna Babka 女士(電郵：[RBabka@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:RBabka@berkeleyca.gov))，地址: 2180 Milvia St., 2nd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704。