

ORDINANCE NO. 7,808-N.S.

AMENDING BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE (BMC) SECTION 3.76.010 AND SECTION 3.73.040 ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. That Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.76.010 is hereby rescinded and replaced in its entirety as follows:

3.76.010 Establishment of Community Health Commission.

There is hereby established a Community Health Commission. The commission shall consist of members selected by the City Council in accordance with the Fair Representation Ordinance, Berkeley Municipal Code Sections 2.04.030 through 2.04.130. Appointments to the commission shall honor the mission of achieving health equity by appointing members who have a deep understanding of the social determinants of health equity, through lived experience and/or through professional expertise.

A. Commissioners should include representatives of as many of the following as possible:

1. Communities most affected by health inequities;
2. Community organizers;
3. Community agency representatives;
4. Health care providers;
 - a) Licensed clinicians such as nurses, physicians, etc.;
 - b) Non-licensed providers (community health workers, health navigators, etc.);
5. Behavioral health care providers;
6. Educators;
7. College Students;
8. Youth serving organizations.

B. Diversity: Commissioners should include people of varying race/ethnicity, gender, age, income, class and ability. (Ord. 7520-NS § 1 (part), 2016: Ord. 6236-NS § 1, 1994: Ord. 6147-NS § 1, 1992: Ord. 6010-NS § 1, 1990)

Section 2. That Berkeley Municipal Code section 3.76.040 is amended to read as follows:

3.76.040 Functions of the commission.

A. The function of the commission shall be as follows:

1. Advising, reviewing, analyzing, and reporting back to City Council on matters pertaining to achieving health equity in Berkeley, including policies or proposals under consideration by Council;
2. Advise Council of potential health equity impacts of policies or proposals under consideration by Council;
3. Contribute to priority-setting and strategic planning efforts in the City as they relate to health equity;

4. Hear presentations, at regularly scheduled commission meetings, by appropriate experts, including community residents and community groups, to provide pertinent information on matters affecting the health and safety of Berkeley residents, including from community groups concerned with health equity;

5. Perform such other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council or prescribed or authorized by any ordinance of the City, and such other functions and duties not prohibited by City Council which the commission should decide are consistent with its overall function of promoting health equity.

B. In prescribing the above duties and functions of the commission, it is not the intent of the council to duplicate or overlap the functions, duties, or responsibilities heretofore or hereafter assigned to any other City board or commission or to a City department. As to such functions or responsibilities above set forth which are partially or wholly the responsibilities of another board or commission or of a department of the City, the commission will render such assistance and advice to such board, commission or department as may be requested. (Ord. 7520-NS § 1 (part), 2016; Ord. 6010-NS § 4, 1990)

Section 3. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on April 26, 2022, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Taplin, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.