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2x2 Committee Agenda  
Berkeley City Council Special Meeting

February 16, 2023  
2020 Bonar Street, Room 126  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
Hybrid Option:  
[Zoom Link](#)  
Webinar ID: 810 8908 7898  
Password: 442295  
2:30 - 4:00 PM

*Committee Members:*

Berkeley Unified School District	Berkeley City Council
Laura Babitt, BUSD Board President	Councilmember Sophie Hahn
Ana Vasudeo, BUSD Board Vice-President	Councilmember Terry Taplin

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54653. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager, at 981-7000.

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda for February 16, 2023
3. Approval of Minutes for November 4, 2022 (Attachment 1)
4. Public Comment (5 min)
5. Action Item

5.1	Identify 2023 2x2 Committee's Foci and Standing Items (10 min)
5.2	Approval of 2x2 Meeting Calendar for 2023 (10 min)

6. Discussion Item

6.1	Discussion of the Milvia Street Project (BHS Tennis and Parking Structure) per City Council Referral (60 min)
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7. Adjournment

This is a meeting of the 2x2 Committee of the Berkeley City Council and the Berkeley Unified School District. Since a quorum of the Berkeley City Council may actually be present to discuss matters with the 2x2 Committee, this meeting is being noticed as a special meeting of the Berkeley City Council as well as the 2x2 Committee meeting.

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 Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator  
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## 2x2 Committee Meeting Notes

November 4, 2022

11 -12:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

**Quorum:** 11:02 am

### **Roll Call:**

All members are present

### **Approval of Meeting Notes for April 22, 2022**

Councilmember Droste moves to approve meeting notes from April 22, 2022, the motion is seconded by Vice-President Babitt

### Vote:

Yes: 3

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Director Sinai abstains from the vote as she was not present at the April 22, 2022 meeting.

*Motion passes*

### **Public Comment:**

No members of the public were present to make public comment

### **2020 Vision Status Update**

Dr. Lisa Warhuss shares that the City made the strategic decision to move the 2020 Vision initiative to the Health Housing and Community Services (HHCS) department because there are many youth services that the HHCS provides and is also well-aligned with the 2020 Vision initiative, this has created an opportunity to align youth programs and services to expand their collective efforts.

Nina Goldman provides a presentation to the 2x2 Committee on the 2020 Vision, the update includes a brief historical background of the program, as well as data on Berkeley's youth, and discusses the future of the 2020 Vision.

The committee and presenters engage in a robust discussion about the presentation of the 2020 Vision.

### Update on the Miyawaki Forest

Steve Collins and Sofia Peltz provide the committee with an update on the District's planting of the Miyawaki Forests at three school sites, Cragmont elementary, Malcolm X elementary, as well as Martin Luther King, Jr. middle school, making them the first three Miyawaki Forests in the United States. Some benefits, which include, carbon sequestration, air pollution diversity, greater water absorption, and cooling of surrounding areas.

Their presentation followed a short committee discussion.

### Joint COB and BUSD Public Health Campaign for Vaccine-Hesitant Students

Trish McDermott, Senior Communications Officer for BUSD provides the committee with an update on the collaborative efforts to help get more BUSD vaccine hesitant students vaccinated. The BUSD and CoB have run very successful vaccination clinics over the past couple of school years. The effort to make sure to meet students where they are, that means, running clinics at specific school sites. Once vaccines became available to younger kids, BUSD and CoB began hosting vaccine clinics at elementary schools. Berkeley became one of the first to offer vaccine clinics locally, which meant that a vaccine clinic was held within four days of the vaccine becoming available to young kids. The focus of the outreach has been to reach out to members of the community with lesser access to the vaccine, that includes doing outreach to the black community, the Spanish-speaking Latinx community, translating content into Arabic and Spanish, as well as working with the Family Engagement staff to get the information out to those families and help them with access to the technology needed to register for these vaccines.

The presentation followed a discussion with questions from the committee to the presenter.

### Vision Zero Update

Farid Javandel provides a quick update on Vision Zero. CoB staff focused on maintenance activities over the summer of 2022 to refresh signage around schools in Berkeley that is needed. The Vision Zero coordinating committee will be launching their first meeting on November 30, and will review adopted priorities at that meeting. The committee will include

CoB staff, community members as well as representatives from BUSD, who at the moment are BUSD Director Ana Vasudeo and Steve Collins.

There were no questions or comments from the committee.

### Student Mental Health

Dr. Lisa Warhuss provides the committee with a brief update regarding mental health for Berkeley Youth. For several years the CoB has been providing funding to support mental health services in schools. In the last year, Dr. Warhuss advocated for the CoB to increase their funding of mental health services to elementary schools from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year for support on this work. The CoB is also supporting the African American Success Project which is a three-prong project that includes case management, mentorship, community building and family engagement, and the MEET project has just also been re-funded for peer to peer mental health curriculum at the high school. Going forward the CoB and BUSD's joint collaboration will include a comprehensive assessment that will have a lasting impact and support for Berkeley's youth.

Director Sinai extends her sincere appreciation to the CoB and Dr. Warhuss for elevating the partnership since Dr. Warhuss joined the Cob. She is confident that the incoming School Board of Education will continue to champion mental health services for Berkeley students.

There was no committee discussion.

### Willard Pool

*Committee agreed unanimously to move to a future meeting.*

Over the next couple of months, City Manager Williams-Ridley and Superintendent Ford Morthel will take up conversation about future meetings once new members are seated on the committee.

**Adjourn:** 12:37