



Community Health Commission (CHC)

## COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 6:30 pm–9 pm  
South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis St, Berkeley, CA 94703

### Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Announcements & Introductions of any new members
3. Approval of Minutes from the October 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Attachment 1)
4. Confirm note taker
5. Public Comment (*Speakers will have up to 5 minutes each*)

### Presentation Items

1. **City of Berkeley, Public Health Division—Dr. Lisa Hernandez:** Health Officer Updates
2. **Decriminalize Nature Oakland (DNO):** Entheogenic Plants Presentation

### Discussion and Action Items:

1. City Council Referral on Decriminalizing Entheogenic Plants [Simpson]
2. Establish 2020 Commission meeting schedule (Attachment 7) [Simpson]
3. Communication to City Council regarding vacancies. [Simpson]
4. Appoint commissioners to speak on behalf of CHC at upcoming City Council meetings [Simpson].
5. Add/remove subcommittees/members (Attachment 4) [Simpson].
  - a. Climate Policy (e.g., benefits of trees in city settings)
  - b. Health Resources

### Subcommittee Break-Out Session

### Subcommittee Reports

1. Acute Services Subcommittee
2. Basic Needs Security Subcommittee
3. Cannabis Subcommittee
4. Disease Prevention Subcommittee
5. Health Equity Subcommittee
6. Policy Tracking Subcommittee
7. Strategic Planning Subcommittee

### Communication

1. None

### Adjournment

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**Attachments:**

1. Draft minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup> CHC regular meeting
2. Approved minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 CHC regular meeting
3. Community Health Commission Work Plan
4. Community Health Commission Subcommittee Roster 2019
5. Community Health Commission Meeting Calendar 2019
6. City Council and Community Health Commission Timeline 2019
7. 2020 Commission Meeting Dates
8. Memo from City Clerk—Entheogenic Plants Referral

The next meeting of the Community Health Commission is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, with a deadline of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for the public's submission of agenda items and materials for the agenda packet. Dates are subject to change; please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

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**Secretary:**

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Community Health Commission

## Community Health Commission

South Berkeley Senior Center,  
2939 Ellis St, Berkeley, CA 94703

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **Regular Meeting, Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The meeting convened at 6:44 p.m. with Commission Chair Simpson presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Engelman, Speich, Carter, Smart (7:16), Gilman, Spigner, Simpson, Imai, Le, Katz (7:17)

**Absent:** Commissioners Futoran, Rojas-Cheatham

**Excused:** Commissioners Webber, Rosales

**Staff present:** Roberto Terrones

**Community Members:** None

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

#### **ACTION ITEM**

1. M/S/C (Speich/Spigner): Motion to approve minutes from the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting with recommended edits.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Engelman, Speich, Carter, Gilman, Spigner, Simpson, Imai, Le

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent from vote:** Commissioners Futoran, Rojas-Cheatham, Smart, Katz

**Excused:** Commissioners Webber, Rosales

**Motion Passed.**

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Berkeley Senior Center.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roberto A. Terrones, Secretary.

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### MINUTES

#### Regular Meeting, Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The meeting convened at 6:44 p.m. with Commission Chair Simpson presiding.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart (7:08), Gilman, Spigner, Rojas-Cheatham (6:53), Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz (7:06), Narahari

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Staff present:** Dr. Lisa Hernandez, Roberto Terrones, Elizabeth Greene

**Community Members:** Jess Grotensen, Dan Duncan

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Jess Grotensen, Dan Duncan

**PRESENTATIONS:** City of Berkeley, Public Health Division—Dr. Lisa Hernandez: Updates

#### ACTION ITEM

1. M/S/C (Gilman/Webber): Motion to approve minutes from the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Gilman, Spigner, Rojas-Cheatham, Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent from vote:** Commissioners Rojas-Cheatham, Smart, Katz

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

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2. M/S/C (Katz/Smart): Motion to extend Community Health Commission (CHC) meeting to 9:15PM.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Spigner, Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioner Rojas-Cheatham

**Absent from vote:** None

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

3. M/S/C (Rojas-Cheatham/Webber): Motion to prohibit cannabis products that are attractive to youth. A cannabis product that are, or are manufactured or packaged and designed to be, attractive to individuals under the age of 21, including but not limited to: 1. Cartoon likeness; 2. Any likeness to images, characters, or phrases that are popularly used to advertise to children; 3. Any imitation of candy packaging or labeling; 4. The terms “candy” or “candies”. 5. Any cannabis product or packaging the City determines, on a case-by-case basis, is attractive to children.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Spigner, Rojas-Cheatham, Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent from vote:** None

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Rojas-Cheatham, Imai, Rosales

**Motion Passed.**

4. M/S/C (Smart/Rosales): Motion to recommend that City Council have a quota of 2 candidates for the delivery-only retailer quote, both equity candidates.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Rojas-Cheatham, Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** Commissioner Webber

**Abstain:** Commissioner Spigner

**Absent from vote:** None

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

5. M/S/C (Speich/Webber): Motion to recommend the prohibition of signage that includes depiction of cannabis or cannabis products or logos.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Spigner, Rojas-Cheatham, Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent from vote:** None

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

6. M/S/C (Webber/Speich): Motion recommending that retail store fronts may not be located within 1000 feet of a school, junior college, university, daycare center, park, youth center, or library.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Spigner, Rojas-Cheatham, Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent from vote:** None

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

7. M/S/C (Speich/Katz): Motion extending meeting to 9:30PM.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Spigner, Simpson, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioners Rojas-Cheatham, Imai

**Absent from vote:** None

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

8. M/S/C (Speich/Rosales): Motion extending meeting to 9:45PM.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Spigner, Rojas-Cheatham, Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioner Rojas-Cheatham

**Absent from vote:** None

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

9. M/S/C (Katz/Gilman): Motion to approve the flyer and warning sign requirement which will incorporate the proposed language and authorize the chair to forward to staff and city council the additional comments from Professor Constantine as an appendix. Including the three warning signs: 1) Are you an immigrant? Are you on probation or parole? 3) Are you a medical cannabis customer?

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioner Spigner

**Absent from vote:** Commissioner Rojas-Cheatham



**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

10. M/S/C (Simpson/Katz): Motion to extend meeting to 9:50PM.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Spigner, Simpson, Imai, Rosales, Le, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent from vote:** Commissioner Rojas-Cheatham

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

11. M/S/C (Katz/Webber): Motion to recommend City Council to fund public health campaigns to do cannabis education.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Webber, Speich, Carter, Smart, Gilman, Spigner, Simpson, Rosales, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent from vote:** Commissioner Rojas-Cheatham, Imai, Le

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

12. M/S/C (Katz/Gilman): Motion to approve recommendations as corrected—to substitute or update the word smoking to be replaced with consumption—and to approve recommendations (communication) to the city council regarding cannabis ordinance 2.0.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Carter, Gilman, Spigner, Simpson, Rosales, Katz, Narahari

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioners Speich, Webber, Smart

**Absent from vote:** Commissioner Rojas-Cheatham, Imai, Le

**Excused:** Commissioners Engelman, Futoran

**Motion Passed.**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Berkeley Senior Center.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roberto A. Terrones, Secretary.

*Meeting minutes were approved during the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Community Health Commission meeting.*

## **Community Health Commission Work Plan FY2019-2020**

Guiding Philosophy: To look at health through the lens of equity, and to address, ameliorate, and abolish health inequities in Berkeley through our work while advancing other public health efforts.

### **Mission/Purpose:**

1. Collaborate with the community and the Berkeley Public Health Division, and City of Berkeley to eliminate health inequity by:
  - a. Advocating for good policy to council that has the potential to improve the health of Berkeley residents that can be implemented, monitored, and evaluated.
  - b. Representing the community through the diversity of this commission
  - c. Increasing the public education/social marketing efforts, understanding, and awareness of issues
  - d. Advocating together with the residents of Berkeley most affected by institutional, social, organizational inequities/disparities
  - e. Providing a public forum for all community members to share concerns, ideas
2. Achieve general public health progress by being responsive to community needs and facilitating general health and safety.

### **Overall goals, issues & priorities: All issues can be addressed through a health equity lens.**

- Increase healthy food security
- Advocate for the expansion of affordable housing
- Continue to urge that Alta Bates Berkeley Medical Campus remain open while also helping to suggest actions to address consequences of planned closure
- Be responsive in potential recommendations to help Berkeley residents, and care providers and clinics cope with potential federal disruption in healthcare policy and federal spending cuts
- Further address more social determinants of health
- Continue to be a community advocate to City Council to address structural, institutional, and health inequities impacting all underserved populations
- Work to have community health data measures documented in a timely manner and to promptly evaluate and act on novel data such as the Health Status Report
- Work to support policies and initiatives that advance UHC such as Medicare for all
- Advise the City Council as the Public Health Department develop their strategic plan

### **General steps and actions needed to meet priorities:**

1. Better follow up with council implementations
2. Collaborate with other commissions to share resources and support recommendations
3. Focused/specialized ad-hoc subcommittees
4. Keep track of local, state, and federal policy and data flow

Specific steps and actions needed to meet priorities:

❖ Subcommittees

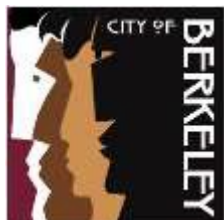
- **Strategic Planning subcommittee**
  - Serve as point of contact with Public Health Division for city's strategic plan and facilitate deliberation between full commission and division
  - Recommend structure of portion of agenda to educate commission on strategic plan development
- **Acute Services for Berkeley**
  - Continue to recommend actions to keep Alta Bates open
  - Consider ways to increase emergency care access in Berkeley
- **Basic Needs Security**

Focus on healthy food security and affordable/accessible housing

  - In terms of healthy food security:
    - Identify food recovery donation systems
    - Connect communities with healthy food resources (awareness)
    - Advocate for policies to mitigate unhealthy food consumption
    - Advocate for affordability and accessibility of healthy foods
      - In supporting programs like the Berkeley Food Institute, etc.,
  - In terms of accessible/affordable housing:
    - Identify areas of stark homelessness
    - Connect homeless communities with resources (awareness)
    - Advocate for affordable housing
    - Advocate for increased rent control
- **Policy tracking**
  - Track City Council minutes, state, and national legislative actions
  - Priority areas:
    - School lunch programs
    - Affordable housing in the Adeline area
- **Health Equity Subcommittee**
  - Engage Stakeholders on LGBT health equity issues to help complement findings of the Health Status Report
  - Follow up on status of the African American Holistic Resource Center
  - Work on cultural competency for health care providers--contact county health care providers and Kaiser
  - Review the Health Status Report- dialogues with staff and community to investigate the data and inequities, and recommend program interventions for the City Public Health Division
  - Implement efforts to improve immigrant access to health care
  - Investigate how health care providers are using technology to improve health
  - Meet with the public health officer to be informed
- **Chronic Disease Prevention**
  - Recommend presenters that can educate the commission on innovative approaches to chronic disease prevention
  - Consider the use of high profile figures in media campaigns to educate the community about chronic disease prevention.

- **Cannabis**
  - Decriminalizing and destigmatizing cannabis use throughout the Berkeley area
  - Advocating for holistic education of cannabis use throughout the community
  - Assessing holistically the risks and benefits of cannabis use in terms of community health
  - Assessing holistically how cannabis should be integrated within the local economy while maintaining the health of the community
    - .i.e. nurseries, dispensaries, etc.
  - Prioritizing community health following the legalization of cannabis with emphasis on holistically understanding the risk and benefits of cannabis
- Ad-hoc subcommittees as needed to quickly address City Council referrals
- Liaisons to other commissions
  - Housing Advisory Commission
  - Homeless Commission
  - Zero Waste Commission
  - Mental Health Commission
  - Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
  - Community Environmental Advisory Commission
  - Sugar Sweetened Beverage Panel

District	Last	First	Community Health Commission Subcommittees 2019						
			Acute Services for Berkeley	Health Equity	Policy Education	Basic Needs Security	Disease Prevention	Strategic Planning	Cannabis
1	Engelman	Alina	X						
1	Webber	Sara			X	X			
2	Vacant	Vacant							
2	Speich	Pamela			X		X		X
3	Futoran	Charles					X		
3	Carter	Donna	X		X				
4	Smart	Karma		X		X			
4	Gilman	John	X						x
5	Spigner	Tora		X	X				
5	Vacant	Vacant							
6	Rojas-Cheatham	Ann						X	X
6	Vacant	Vacant							
7	Simpson	May			X		X		X
7	Imai	Derek				X			
8	Rosales	Ces		X				X	
8	Le	Carolyn						X	
M	Vacant	Vacant							
M	Katz	Andy	X	X				X	
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## Community Health Commission 2019 Meeting Dates

### Community Health Commission (CHC)

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
January 2019	Thursday 1/24/19	6:30-9PM
February 2019	Thursday 2/28/19	6:30-9PM
March 2019	Thursday 3/28/19	6:30-9PM
April 2019	Thursday 4/25/19	6:30-9PM
May 2019	Thursday 5/23/19	6:30-9PM
June 2019	Thursday 6/27/19	6:30-9PM
July 2019	Thursday 7/25/19	6:30-9PM
<b>August 2019</b> <b>THE CHC DOES NOT MEET IN AUGUST</b>		
September 2019	Thursday 9/26/19	6:30-9PM
October 2019	Thursday 10/24/19	6:30-9PM
November 2019	Thursday 11/21/19*	6:30-9PM
*Meeting in November is scheduled on the 3rd Thursday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday		
<b>December 2019</b> <b>THE CHC DOES NOT MEET IN DECEMBER</b>		

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**COUNCIL MEETING TIMELINE - COMMISSIONS**  
**HEALTH, HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**Updated October 19, 2018**

<b>2019</b>				<b>Thursday 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Thursday 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Monday 2:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Thursday 5:00 PM</b>
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</b>	<b>Commission needs to take action by</b>	<b>Reports Due to Dept. Director</b>	<b>Reports Due to CAO</b>	<b>Dept. Reports Due to Clerk Day 33</b>	<b>Agenda Committee Packet to Print Day 19</b>	<b>Agenda Committee Meeting Day 15</b>	<b>Final Agenda Meeting - (Print Agenda on wed.) Day 13</b>	<b>Council Agenda Delivery Day 12</b>
<b>Winter Recess [December 12, 2018 – January 21, 2019]</b>								
22-Jan	11/22	11/29	12/6	12/20	1/3	1/7	1/9	1/10
29-Jan	11/29	12/6	12/13	12/27	1/10	1/14	1/16	1/17
19-Feb	12/20	12/27	1/3	1/17	1/31	2/4	2/6	2/7
26-Feb	12/27	1/3	1/10	1/24	2/7	2/11	2/13	2/14
12-Mar	1/10	1/17	1/24	2/7	2/21	2/25	2/27	2/28
26-Mar	1/24	1/31	2/7	2/21	3/7	3/11	3/13	3/14
2-Apr	2/2	2/9	2/16	2/28	3/14	3/18	3/20	3/21
<b>Spring Recess [April 3 through April 22]</b>								
23-Apr	2/21	2/28	3/7	3/21	4/4	4/8	4/10	4/11
30-Apr	2/28	3/7	3/14	3/28	4/11	4/15	4/17	4/18
14-May	3/14	3/21	3/28	4/11	4/25	4/29	5/1	5/2
28-May	3/28	4/4	4/11	4/25	5/9	5/13	5/15	5/16
11-Jun	4/11	4/18	4/25	5/9	5/23	5/28 - Tue	5/29	5/30
25-Jun	4/25	5/2	5/9	5/23	6/6	6/10	6/12	6/13
9-Jul	5/9	5/16	5/23	6/6	6/20	6/24	6/26	6/27
16-Jul	5/16	5/23	5/30	6/13	6/27	7/1	7/3	7/3 - Wed
23-Jul	5/23	5/30	6/6	6/20	7/3 - Wed	7/8	7/10	7/11
<b>Summer Recess [July 24 through September 9]</b>								
10-Sep	7/11	7/18	7/25	8/8	8/22	8/26	8/28	8/29
24-Sep	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/22	9/5	9/9	9/11	9/12
15-Oct	8/15	8/22	8/29	9/12	9/26	9/30	10/2	10/3
29-Oct	8/29	9/5	9/12	9/26	10/10	10/15 - Tue	10/16	10/17
12-Nov	9/12	9/19	9/26	10/10	10/24	10/28	10/30	10/31
19-Nov	9/19	9/26	10/3	10/17	10/31	11/4	11/6	11/7
3-Dec	10/3	10/10	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/18	11/20	11/21
10-Dec	10/10	10/17	10/24	11/7	11/21	11/25	11/27	11/27 - Wed
<b>Winter Recess [December 11, 2019 – January 21, 2020]</b>								



## 2020 Commission Meeting Dates

Please complete this form and email it to the  
[Commission Inbox](#) by: **Friday, January 3, 2020**

Name of Commission: Community Health Commission

Commission Secretary: Roberto Terrones

### Please Note the Commission Meeting Dates for 2020 Below

If no meeting is scheduled for a month, please note as "No Meeting."

*Example:*

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
February 2020	Thursday 2/6/20	7:00 pm

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
July 2020	No Meeting	

## 2020 Meeting Dates

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December 2020	No Meeting	

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**Terrones, Roberto**

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**From:** Commission  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 24, 2019 12:10 PM  
**To:** Terrones, Roberto  
**Cc:** Commission  
**Subject:** Council referral to Community Health Commission - Update

Hi Roberto,

Councilmember Robinson's office has requested an update on a Council referral to the Community Health Commission. On September 10, 2019, the Council referred an item Decriminalizing Ethnogenic Plants. Please see below from the annotated agenda regarding the referral.

They were inquiring as to when the item would be placed on the agenda.

**Decriminalizing Entheogenic Plants** *(Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)*

**From: Councilmembers Robinson and Davila**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the Community Health Commission for feedback regarding the adoption of a Resolution decriminalizing Entheogenic Plants and Fungi such as mushrooms, cacti, iboga containing plants, and/or extracted combinations of plants similar to Ayahuasca; and limited to those containing the following types of compounds: indole amines, tryptamines, phenethylamines, by restricting any city funds or resources to assist in the enforcement of laws imposing criminal penalties for the use and possession of Entheogenic Plants by adults age 21 and over.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Rigel Robinson, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

**Action:** Approved recommendation as revised below.

*Refer to the Community Health Commission to consider the possibility of de-prioritizing enforcement of laws relating to entheogenic plants and fungi by persons over 21 years of age. Consider potential health and community benefits and concerns, as well as possible policy variations with regard to possession, use, growing/production, and sales; quantities involved; use while driving; use during pregnancy and other possible "special circumstances considerations."*

Best,

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