



BERKELEY CITY COUNCILMEMBER
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DISTRICT 2

**SUPPLEMENTAL
AGENDA MATERIAL
For Supplemental Packet 2**

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Item Description: Bayer HealthCare LLC Development Agreement Amendment

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- Memo regarding the original DA's establishment of the West Berkeley Community Programs Board and its re-establishment under the Community Resiliency category of the renewed community benefits package.



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Exhibit G-6 of the original development agreement between the City of Berkeley and Bayer details the establishment of the West Berkeley Community Programs Board to “identify and support programs for the health and welfare of community residents” and which comprised “West Berkeley business and community members and City officials”(pg 140). The original Board no longer remains. However, West Berkeley continues to face health disparities, housing precarity, substandard roads and infrastructure, traffic violence, economic blight, homelessness, and environmental injustice.

In addition to the benefits of expanding Berkeley’s competitive and viable life-science innovation ecosystem, the renewal of the agreement affords a powerful opportunity to reinvest in the community that has housed Bayer for the last 30 years. Under the Community Resiliency category, we must re-establish the West Berkeley Community Programs Board to administer a West Berkeley Fund with an emphasis on health equity, economic development and justice, housing stability, small business recovery and relief, arts and cultural programming, youth engagement, recreational equity, and care for our senior community.

A reimagined West Berkeley Community Programs Board could include among its roster the Mayor of Berkeley, City Councilmembers representing Districts 1 and 2, business leaders representing West Berkeley’s commercial districts, faith leaders, nonprofits leaders working with youth, seniors, and families, and leaders in fields of arts and health care, among others. A West Berkeley Fund could also provide seed funding to leverage other philanthropy and grants for innovative solutions for economic, health, and housing equity. Engagement with members of the ad-hoc community adversary group convened by the Mayor’s office and D2 office as well as with community members, business and neighborhood leaders has yielded a strong desire to see dedicated resources remain in the West Berkeley community most impacted by Bayer’s activity and expansion.