

Candidate for MEMBER, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 7

I, **JAMES CHANG**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is James Chang
2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council District 7
3. That my residence is (*Contact City Clerk Department*)
4. The place of my birth is Simi Valley, California
5. My present occupation is Legislative Aide/Chief of Staff, Graduate Student Reader, and Union President
6. I have held the following public offices: Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner; Budget and Personnel Committee Chair; Outreach Committee Chair; Resilience & Sustainability Chair; Eviction/ Section 8 / Foreclosure Committee. Housing Advisory Commissioner- City of Berkeley. Civic Arts Commissioner- City of Berkeley. Zero Waste Commissioner - City of Berkeley. East Bay Regional Parks Advisory Committee Member.
7. Record of community service: UC Berkeley: Delegate & Legislative Director - Graduate Assembly, GSR. Vice President - Berkeley Student Cooperative. Student Trustee- Ventura College District. Member: Sierra Club, YIMBY Action
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. District 7 needs a Council representative who can actually deliver the affordable housing, safety, and services the District's 14,000 hard-working students and residents deserve. Passionate about housing affordability, I served eight years as an elected member of Berkeley's Rent Stabilization Board and was President of UC Berkeley's student Co-ops for Rochdale Apartments, making sure low-income students, many of whom experience homelessness during their time in Berkeley, have a safe and reliable place to call home. For seven years, I've been Chief of Staff to former District 7 Councilmember Kriss Worthington and now to Councilmember Ben Bartlett. In these roles, I've problem-solved for hundreds of students and participated in writing and passing progressive legislation to expand affordable housing, end homelessness, meet the climate crisis, and improve public safety. I'm a proven progressive leader who will always be true to these values, but I know that serving on the Council isn't about political ideology; it's about governance and service. I believe that through my experience as a student leader, co-oper, elected official, and council collaborator, I will champion Berkeley forward. Check out the campaign website: www.vote4chang.com instagram: @vote4chang
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:

Jesse Arreguín, Mayor, City of Berkeley
Susan Wengraf, Vice Mayor
Sophie Hahn, Berkeley City Councilmember

Terry Taplin, Berkeley City Councilmember
Ben Bartlett, Berkeley City Councilmember, District 3
Tyler Mahomes, Founder of End Overdose at UC Berkeley and Former ASUC Senator
Ariel Mizrahi, ASUC Senator
Rubén Hernández Story, President, East Bay Young Democrats
Vicente Gonzalez, Berkeley Student Cooperative (BSC) & Rochdale Village
Apartments Board Representative
Dyana Polk, Trustee, Peralta Community College District
Stefan Elgstrand, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner
Maddon Hoh-Choi, Unit 3 Hall Association President
Michael A. Smith, Pastor McGee Baptist Church; Director Voices Against Violence
Rong An, UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly Delegate, EECS
Ka'Dijah Brown, Berkeley School Board Vice-President
Vanessa Danielle Marrero, Berkeley Rent Board Commissioner
Laura Babitt, Berkeley Unified School Board Director
Elizabeth Echols, President, East Bay Regional Park District Board
Michael Chang, Berkeley Unified School District Director
Carole Marasovic, Chair, Commission on the Status of Women; Vice-Chair, Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

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I, **CECILIA LUNAPARRA**, hereby declare that I am a candidate for an elective office in the City of Berkeley, and make the following statement:



1. That my name is Cecilia Lunaparra
2. The office for which I am a candidate is Berkeley City Council District 7
3. That my residence is (*Contact City Clerk Department*)
4. The place of my birth is Chicago, Illinois
5. My present occupation is Undergraduate Student
6. I have held the following public offices: Environment and Climate Commission Chair, Zoning Adjustments Board Commissioner
7. Record of community service: California Democratic Party Delegate AD-14, Former Cal Berkeley Democrats President, Former Telegraph for People President, Cal YDSA member, Student Political Activist, Community Organizer, Labor Supporter
8. I am a taxpayer in the City of Berkeley.
9. I am running for City Council because students make up approximately one-third of Berkeley and 95% of District 7 and we deserve to have a say in how our city is run. I'm a community organizer and a UC Berkeley senior studying Urban Studies and History, and I'm strongly committed to representing our community while centering the needs of young people and our most marginalized community members. I'll advocate for building affordable housing for students and non-students. I'll improve public safety by investing in improved lighting, safe streets for pedestrians and people on bikes, more frequent public transit, and programs like Berkeley's Specialized Care Unit and BerkDOT to address the root causes of violence. I'll bridge the gap between students and other residents and ensure that our community is involved in every step of our decision-making processes. I am fighting for each and every one of my neighbors, classmates, current and future peers, and community members, especially those who have been left behind by the system. I'm proudly endorsed by Telegraph for People, Cal Young Democratic Socialists of America, and many others. Join our movement at ceciliaforberkeley.com, [@ceciliaforberkeley](https://www.instagram.com/ceciliaforberkeley) (Instagram), and [@ceciliaforberk](https://twitter.com/ceciliaforberk) (Twitter/X).
10. I refer to the following residents of the City of Berkeley:

Sydney Roberts, ASUC President
Kate Harrison, Berkeley City Councilmember
Ana Vasudeo, Berkeley School Board President
Gordon Wozniak, former City Councilmember
Leah Simon-Weisberg, Chair, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board
Soli Alpert, Vice Chair, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board
Nathan Mizell, Rent Board Commissioner
Vanessa Danielle Marrero, Rent Stabilization Board Commissioner
Ida Martinac, Berkeley Rent Stabilization Commissioner

Shrinidhi Gopal, ASUC Executive Vice President
Alex Edgar, ASUC External Affairs Vice President
Kenneth Ng, ASUC Academic Affairs Vice President
Megan Bui, Co-Chair of Cal Young Democratic Socialists of America
Avery Arbaugh, President of the Cal Berkeley Democrats, Labor Commissioner for the
City of Berkeley
Linsy Damashek, President, Telegraph for People
Alfred Twu, Berkeley Planning Commissioner
Daniel Macias-Gomez, Community Organizer & Co-op Member
Nicole Sears, People's Park Harm Reduction Advocate
Gerard Lynn Markham Jr., Community Organizer, Chess Club Member
Zoé Hamstead, Assistant Professor, UC-Berkeley