



Reimagining Public Safety Task Force

## REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2021  
6:00 PM

District 1 - Margaret Fine	Youth Commission - Nayo Polk
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## **AGENDA**

### **Preliminary Matters**

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment (*speakers will be limited to two minutes*)
3. Approval of Minutes  
*Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval*
  - Special Meeting of April 29, 2021

**Discussion/Action Items**

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.*

- Police Department Overview #2 – Jennifer Louis, Interim Police Chief
- Specialized Care Unit Overview – Dr. Lisa Warhuus, Director – Health, Housing & Community Services
- Community Survey Presentation – NICJR
- Community Engagement Discussion – NICJR

**Subcommittee Reports**

*The reports should be limited to 15 minutes.*

- Policing, Budget & Alternatives to Policing – Members Opton, Ghosh, cheema, Dangerfield, Lindheim, Mizell, Harger, Hyde
- Community Engagement – Members Fine, Harger, Malvido, Lutzker, Ejigu, Blake

**Subcommittee Discussion**

**Items for Future Agenda**

**Adjournment**

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## REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE DRAFT Special Meeting Minutes

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**Roll Call: 6:01 p.m.**

**Present:** Hyde, cheema, Dangerfield, Ejigu, Fine, Ghosh, Lindheim, Mizell, Harger, Diaz, Lutzker, Ho, Polk, Opton, Malvido

**Absent:** Walker, Blake

**Commissioner Walker present at 6:08 p.m.**

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters:** 9 speakers

### **Minutes for Approval**

*Draft minutes for the Commission's consideration and approval.*

Action: M/S/C (Opton/Malvido) to approve the minutes of 4/8/21. Vote: Ayes – Fine, cheema, Dangerfield, Hyde, Harger, Ghosh, Ejigu, Opton, Malvido, Mizell, Diaz, Lutzker, Walker, Ho; Noes – None; Absent – Polk, Lindheim, Blake

### **Commission Action Items**

- None

**Public Comment on Agenda/Discussion Matters:** 8 speakers

### **Items for Future Agenda**

- Subcommittee Reports

### **Adjournment**

Action: M/S/C (cheema/Opton) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Walker, Fine, cheema, Dangerfield, Hyde, Harger, Lindheim, Ghosh, Ejigu, Opton, Malvido, Mizell, Diaz, Lutzker; Noes – None; Absent – Ho, Polk, Blake

Adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Next Meeting – May 13, 2021.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force meeting held on April 29, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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David White – Commission Co-Secretary  
Shamika Cole – Commission Co-Secretary

**Communications**

Communications submitted to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force are on file in the City Manager's Office at 2180 Milvia Street, 5th Floor, Berkeley, CA and are available upon request by contacting the City Manager's Office at (510) 981-7000 or [rpsf@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:rpsf@cityofberkeley.info).

# RE-IMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY CHANGES

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- **Renamed to “Re-imagining public safety”**
- **Added Introductory language that includes** confidentiality/anonymity, data protection, and City Contact for question
- **Deleted Zip Code screener question**
- **For all Likert Scales-** Dropped neutral or unsure options
- **Deleted Questions:**
  - Related to whether certain races/ethnicities are more likely to be stopped or experience excessive force from BPD
  - About level of support for reduction in BPD’s budget
- **Added Q2-** If respondent indicates they think Berkeley is any option other than Very Safe, asked “For you what would make Berkeley a safer city?”

# RE-IMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY CHANGES

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- **Q4 – Added:** victim of street harassment, arrested, family member of a crime victim, involved in traffic collision, and changed "incarcerated" to "spent time in jail"
- **Q5 - Changed** time frame for whether they have been a victim of crime in Berkeley from last 12 months to **3 years**
- **Q6 - Changed** time frame for whether they had contact with BPD from last 12 months to **3 years**
- **Q11-12:**
  - **Added** open-ended question "Please share examples of when BPD has not worked well in your community."
  - **Added** an invitation for respondent to describe their community.
- **Q14-15** On alternative services and programs to invest in:
  - **Added** option "employment and youth opportunities"
  - **Added** open ended question



# RE-IMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY CHANGES

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- **Added background information on the Specialized Care Unit pilot**
- **Added Q16-:** How likely are you to call emergency services (9-1-1) in response to a mental health crisis or emergency?
- **Added Q17-:** How likely are you to call emergency services (9-1-1) in response to an emergency not related to mental health or emergency?
- **Q24-Added:** Language to reassure confidentiality when providing email address
- **Updated all Demographic Questions**
  - **Added Q25-** Whether respondent lives, works, or homeless in Berkeley; or none of the above.
  - **Moved Zip Code** question to Demographics section

# City of Berkeley Reimagining Public Safety Survey

## Community Safety

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**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

1. How safe do you think Berkeley is?

- Very safe
- Safe
- Somewhat safe
- Unsafe
- Very unsafe

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #1 Question "How safe do you think Berkeley is?" is one of the following answers ("Safe","Somewhat safe","Unsafe","Very unsafe")

2. For you, what would make Berkeley a safer city?

3. How important are the following issues to community health and safety in Berkeley to you? Please rate each of the issues.

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important
Shooting and homicides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Robberies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Domestic abuse and intimate partner violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual assault	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Burglaries and break-ins	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thefts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic Safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mental health crises	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drug sales	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Substance Use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Human trafficking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Have you personally experienced any of the following in Berkeley? Please check all that apply.

- Homelessness
- Arrested
- Spent time in jail
- Victim of a crime
- Family member of a crime victim
- Victim of street harassment
- Involved in traffic collision or traffic violence
- Mental Health Crisis
- Police harassment
- Police violence
- None of the above

5. Have you been a victim of a crime in the City of Berkeley in the past 3 years?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

6. Have you had contact with the Berkeley Police Department in the past 3 years?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists. Hidden unless: #6 Question "Have you had contact with the Berkeley Police Department in the past 3 years?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

7. How was your experience with the Berkeley Police?

- Very positive
- Positive
- Neither positive nor negative
- Negative
- Very negative

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #7 Question "How was your experience with the Berkeley Police?" is one of the following answers ("Positive", "Neither positive nor negative", "Negative", "Very negative")

8. What recommendations do you have to improve police response?

9. When it comes to public safety, how effective is the Berkeley Police Department?

- Very effective
- Effective
- Somewhat effective
- Not effective at all

10. Please share examples of how the Berkeley Police Department **has worked well** in your community?

If you feel it would be helpful, please describe your community (for example, by race/ethnicity, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, housing status, age, physical or mental disabilities, class, religion, immigration status).

11. Please share examples of how the Berkeley Police Department **has not worked well** in your community?

If you feel it would be helpful, please describe your community (for example, by race/ethnicity, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, housing status, age, physical or mental disabilities, class, religion, immigration status).

12. Do you trust the Berkeley Police Department to treat all people fairly and equitably?

- Always
- Usually
- A little
- Not at all

13. In what ways could the Berkeley Police Department work to build more trust with the community?

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14. How important is it to you for the City of Berkeley to invest in each of these programs and services to ensure a public safety system that works for all?

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important
Employment and youth opportunities programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homeless services program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Substance use services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Violence prevention programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic safety programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. What other programs and services do we need to invest in within our community to ensure a public safety system that works for all?

As part of the City's Reimagining Public Safety Initiative, the City is developing a pilot program to **re-assign non-criminal police service calls to a Specialized Care Unit.**

This Specialized Care Unit (SCU) will consist of trained crisis-response workers who will respond to calls that are determined to be non-criminal and that pose no immediate threat to the safety of community members and/or responding personnel.

**Your answers to the following questions will help the City in the design of the pilot program.**

16. How likely are you to call emergency services (9-1-1) in response to a mental health crisis or emergency?

- Very Likely
- Likely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely



17. How likely are you to call emergency services (9-1-1) in response to an emergency **not related** to mental health or emergency?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

18. Who should respond to calls related to mental health?

- Trained mental health providers with no police involvement at all
- Trained mental health providers with support from police when needed
- Police with support from trained mental health providers
- Police who have received additional training
- No one should respond

19. Who should respond to calls related to homelessness?

- Homeless service providers with no police involvement at all
- Homeless service providers with support of police when needed
- Police with support from homeless services providers
- Police who have received additional training
- No one should respond

20. Please share any experiences you have had with mental health crisis response services in Berkeley.

21. What recommendations do you have to improve mental health crisis response in Berkeley?

22. Are you familiar with the City of Berkeley's efforts to reimagine public safety?

- Yes
- No

[Logic](#) Show/hide trigger exists.

23. Would you like to know more about the City's efforts to reimagine public safety?

- Yes
- No

**LOGIC** Hidden unless: #23 Question "Would you like to know more about the City's efforts to reimagine public safety?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

24. Please provide your email address.

Your survey responses are confidential. We will only share your email address to the City of Berkeley so you can be provided more information. Your email will not be connect to any of your survey responses.

## Demographic Information

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**LOGIC** Show/hide trigger exists.

25. What best describes you?

- Live in Berkeley
- Work in Berkeley
- I am currently experiencing homelessness
- I do not live or work in Berkeley

**Logic** Hidden unless: #25 Question "What best describes you?" is one of the following answers ("Live in Berkeley", "Work in Berkeley")

26. What City of Berkeley zip code do you live or work in?

- 94701
- 94702
- 94703
- 94704
- 94705
- 94707
- 94708
- 94709
- 94710
- 94712
- 94720
- Not sure

27. How old are you?

- Under 14 years
- 14-17
- 18-29
- 30-44
- 45-59
- 60+ years

28. What is your race/ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

- Black or African American
- Latinx
- White
- East Asian
- South Asian
- South East Asian
- Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
- American Indian, Native American, or Alaskan Native
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Prefer not to say
- Other - Please specify

29. Do you identify as transgender?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure/ prefer not to say

### 30. What is your gender?

- Woman
- Man
- Genderqueer
- Non-binary
- Other - Please specify

- Prefer not to say

### 31. How would you describe your sexual orientation?

- Gay or Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Queer
- Questioning or Unsure
- Heterosexual or straight
- Other, please specify

- Prefer not to say

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### Thank You!

Thank you for taking our survey! Your response is very important to us. You can find more information about the City of Berkeley's on going efforts to reimagine public safety at <https://berkeley-rps.org>