

# YWCA IS ON A MISSION

eliminating racism  
empowering women  
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Dear Planning Commission,

Although I am aware that everybody on the Planning Commission are most likely knowledgeable of the unfeasible prices and anxiety-inducing struggles UC Berkeley students face in the housing crisis, I am here to serve as a reminder of these shocking statistics as a call to action for everyone on this commission to keep working towards affordable housing. I am a first year student who joined the advocacy group at YWCA Berkeley/Oakland because I was inspired by their mission; “dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, developing leaders and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.”

How can one define justice in this housing crisis? I can tell you what is not just. **It is not just** that a two-bedroom apartment in Berkeley is \$2,810, which compared to the national average, \$1,150 is strikingly higher. **It is not just** to expect full time students to pay for an apartment that requires a full time worker, for example, graduate students at Berkeley have to pay 50% of their income per month on rent. **It is not just** that you must apply for the Berkeley Student Cooperatives more than a year in advance just to be placed on a long waiting list. **It is not just** that “students make up approximately half of the renters in Berkeley...and are often unaware of their rights because they are typically first time tenants.” Students should not be taken advantage of, and they should not be made to conform to think that these living conditions and prices are fair because they are not.

UC Berkeley always boasts about being the #1 Public University but never boasts about the fact that they only house 22% of undergraduates and 9% of graduates, compared to the UC average of 38.1% for undergraduates and 19.6% for graduates. I, like everyone at UC Berkeley, studied vigorously and want to continue working hard towards a higher education, housing should not be the obstacle that prevents the desire for education and the willingness to work for it.

Lastly, an article written by DailyCal earlier this year reminds the Planning Commission of the students bombarding their office advocating for the More Student Housing Now resolution, and it hold the Planning Commission accountable for cancelling 50% of their meetings in 2016 and 38% of their meetings in 2017. It is one thing to call yourself a planning commission but is another to actively plan and act on the needs of the students.

I urge you to join the YWCA in continuing to advocate for affordable housing, leaders need housing to develop, and it is not dignified to idly watch a student dig themselves into debt for a small, unlivable space. And ultimately, do not take these facts with a grain of salt, real students are affected by this problem every day and it is our duty to alleviate this issue as human beings.

Thank You,

Adriana

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Animal Care Commission	3rd Wed.	7:00 pm	Shelter	Amelia Funghi	981-6603	afunghi	CM
Board of Library Trustees	1st Wed.	6:30 pm	Libraries	Elliot Warren	981-6195	ewarren	LIBRARY
Cannabis Commission	1st Thur.	2:00 pm	2180 Milvia/Red	Elizabeth Greene	981-7484	egreene	PLD
Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission	4th Monday	7:00 pm	F.A.C.C.	Stephanie Chu	981-5146	schu	PRW
Civic Arts Commission	4th Wed.	6:30 pm	1901 Russell	Jennifer Lovvorn	981-7533	jlovvorn	OED
Commission on Aging	3rd Wed.	1:00 pm	S.B.S.C./Conf	Richard Castrillon	981-7777	rcastrillon	HHCS
Commission on Disability	1st Wed.	6:30 pm	S.B.S.C./Conf	TBD	981-6400	engineeringdivision	PW
Commission on Labor	3rd Wed.	7:00 pm	S.B.S.C./Game	Delfina Geiken	981-7551	dgeiken	HHCS
Commission on the Status of Women	4th Wed.	6:45 pm	2180 Milvia/Cyp	Shallon Allen	981-7071	slallen	CM
Community Environmental Advisory Commission	2nd Thur.	7:00 pm	1901 Russell	Viviana Garcia	981-7467	vigarcia	PLD
Community Health Commission	4th Thur.	6:30 pm	S.B.S.C./Conf	Roberto Terrones	981-5324	rterrones	HHCS
Design Review Committee	3rd Thur.	7:00 pm	1947 Center	Anne Burns	981-7415	aburns	PLD
Disaster and Fire Safety Commission	4th Wed.	7:00 pm	F.D.T.F.	Keith May	981-5508	kmay	FES
Elmwood BID Advisory Board	Contact Secretary	-----	-----	Kieron Slaughter	981-2490	kslaughter	OED
Energy Commission	4th Wed.	6:30 pm	1947 Center	Billi Romain	981-7432	bromain	PLD
Fair Campaign Practices Commission	3rd Thur.	7:00 pm	2180 Milvia/Cyp	TBD	981-6998	fcpc	CA
Homeless Commission	2nd Wed.	7:00 pm	2180 Milvia/Cyp	Peter Radu	981-5435	pradu	HHCS
Housing Advisory Commission	1st Thur.	7:00 pm	S.B.S.C./Conf	Amy Davidson	981-5406	hac	HHCS
Human Welfare & Community Action Commission	3rd Wed.	7:00 pm	S.B.S.C./Conf	Mary-Claire Katz	981-5414	mkatz	HHCS
Joint Subcom. on Implementation of State Housing Laws	Contact Secretary	-----	-----	Alene Pearson	981-7489	apearson	PLD
Landmarks Preservation Commission	1st Thur.	7:00 pm	1947 Center	Fatema Crane	981-7413	fcrane	PLD
Loan Administration Board	Contact Secretary	-----	-----	Kieron Slaughter	981-2490	kslaughter	OED
Mental Health Commission	4th Thur.	7:00 pm	1947 Center	Karen Klatt	981-7644	bamhc	HHCS
Open Government Commission	3rd Thur.	7:30 or 8:00	2180 Milvia/Cyp	TBD	981-6998	fcpc	CA
Parks and Waterfront Commission	2nd Wed.	7:00 pm	F.A.C.C.	Roger Miller	981-6704	rmiller	PRW
Peace and Justice Commission	1st Mon.	7:00 pm	2180 Milvia/Cyp	Shallon Allen	981-7071	slallen	CM
Personnel Board	1st Mon.	7:00 pm	2180 Milvia/Red	La Tanya Bellow	981-6800	lbellow	HR
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Wed.	7:00 pm	1947 Center	Alene Pearson	981-7489	apearson	PLD
Police Review Commission	2nd & 4th Wed.	7:00 pm	S.B.S.C./Conf	Katherine Lee	981-4960	kal1	CM
Public Works Commission	1st Thur.	7:00 pm	Ratcliff	Nisha Patel	981-6406	npatel	PW
Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board	Contact Secretary	-----	-----	Eleanor Hollander	981-7536	ehollander	OED
Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts	3rd Thur.	7:00 pm	S.B.S.C./Conf	Dechen Tsering	981-5394	dtsering	HHCS
Transportation Commission	3rd Thur.	7:00 pm	Ratcliff	Farid Javandel	981-7010	fjavandel	PW
Youth Commission	2nd Mon.	6:30 pm	Youth Center	Ginsi Bryant	981-6671	gbryant	PRW
Zero Waste Commission	4th Mon.	7:00 pm	Ratcliff	Heidi Obermeit	981-6357	hobermeit	PW
Zoning Adjustments Board	2nd & 4th Thur.	7:00 pm	Chambers	Shannon Allen & Greg Powell	981-7430 981-7414	zab	PLD

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## LEGEND

### LOCATION

1901 Russell	South Branch Library
1947 Center	1947 Center, Basement Multi-Purpose Room
2118 Milvia	2118 Milvia Street, 1st floor Conference Room
2180 Milvia/Cyp	2180 Milvia Street, 1st floor Conference Room.
2180 Milvia/Red Chambers	2180 Milvia Street, 6th floor Conference Room BUSD Board Room, 1231 Addison Street
Contact Sec.	Meeting day/time/location varies - Contact secretary
F.A.C.C.	Francis Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park Street
F.D.T.F	Fire Department Training Facility, 997 Cedar Street
Libraries	Various Libraries - Contact secretary
Ratcliff	1326 Allston Way, Corp. Yard, Willow Room
S.B.S.C./Conf	South Berkeley Senior Center, Conference Rm A, 2939 Ellis Street
S.B.S.C./Game Shelter	South Berkeley Senior Center, Game Room, 2939 Ellis Street Berkeley Animal Shelter, 1 Bolivar Drive
Sr. Cntrs.	Various Senior Centers - Contact secretary
Youth Center	Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Center, 1730 Oregon Street

### DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

CA	City Attorney
CM	City Manager
FES	Fire and Emergency Services
HHCS	Health, Housing and Community Services
HR	Human Resources
LIB	Library
OED	Office of Economic Development
PLD	Planning and Development
PRW	Parks, Recreation and Waterfront
PW	Public Works

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**Planning Commission Agenda** December 5, 2018- Charley Pappas comments

**9. Action: Public Hearing: Retail Nursery Microbusiness**

STAFF REPORT DATE: December 5, 2018

TO: Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Elizabeth Greene, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Cannabis Retail Nursery Microbusiness Ordinance

**Considerations and Analysis**

1. Appropriate Location. Currently, Berkeley permits cannabis retail sales in commercial districts and cultivation in the M district. These regulations would allow limited cultivation and retail sales at sites already used for plant cultivation and sales. The existing nurseries identified by staff are located either in manufacturing, commercial and residential districts (see Attachment 5 for map). Conversion of sites either partially or entirely located in residential districts to an RNM use would be considered at a public hearing as part of a Use Permit for a change to a non-conforming use. *Agree, maintains ability for residential cannabis nurseries*

3. Uses on site. Uses at a RNM would be limited to cultivation of seeds and immature plants, distribution of these products to other cannabis businesses, and retail sales of these products. No manufacturing or sales of other cannabis products would be permitted at the site. *Disagree, shared nursery and manufacturing locations provides less competition for limited available permitted zoning sites (between cannabis and non cannabis business'), certainly a WEIBAC friendly consideration*

4. Expansion of a non-conforming use. Based on the Zoning Ordinance, the addition of cannabis production or sales would be considered a change in use to a conventional nursery. If the nursery is non-conforming due to its location in a Residential district, this change would require a Use Permit in order to be approved. *Agree, and recommend- residential use appropriate for following reasons: low neighborhood impact; again, expanded permit area decreases competition for currently limited permitted zones; present qualified nursery candidate owning long time nursery site in residential zone*