



Open Government Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR
September 14, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Open Government Commission

Submitted by: Brad Smith, Chairperson, Open Government Commission

Subject: Open Government Commission FY2021-2022 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Open Government Commission (OGC) has updated its work plan, which outlines Commission objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. This work plan includes the ongoing review of complaints concerning alleged non-compliance with the Open Government Ordinance, the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, or the Lobbyist Registration Act; proposing legislation or procedures to further ensure the City of Berkeley's compliance with the Open Government Ordinance, the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, and the Lobbyist Registration Act; advising the City Council of any action or policy that would enhance open and effective government in the City of Berkeley; reviewing, approving, and forwarding to City Council the report submitted to the Open Government Commission by the City Manager regarding compliance with the Open Government Ordinance, the Public Records Act, the Brown Act, the Lobbyist Registration Act, and any other information the City Manager deems appropriate for open and effective government in the City of Berkeley; and working collaboratively with the City Council to develop policy related to Council District (D-13) accounts.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At the regular meeting on June 17, 2021, the Open Government Commission unanimously approved the FY2021-2022 Work Plan, which will be used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

M/S/C (Hynes/Ching) to adopt work plan with amendment re making Lobbyist Registration Ordinance more effective and clarification re annual report from City Manager

Ayes: Newman, O'Donnell, Ching, Sheahan, Blome, Hynes, Humbert, Tsang, Smith
Noes: none
Abstain: non
Absent: none



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BACKGROUND

See attached Work Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No environmental impacts or opportunities were identified as a result of this recommendation.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research and public hearings, new initiatives and recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Unknown, but none expected.

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Attachment: 1: Open Government Commission FY2020-2021 Work Plan



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Attachment 1

**Open Government Commission Work Plan
FY2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)
Approved June 17, 2021**

- Ongoing review of complaints concerning alleged non-compliance with the Open Government Ordinance, the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, or the Lobbyist Registration Act.
- Propose legislation or procedures to further ensure the City of Berkeley's compliance with the Open Government Ordinance, the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, and the Lobbyist Registration Act.
- Administer and make more effective the Lobbyist Registration Ordinance.
- Advise the City Council of any action or policy that would enhance open and effective government in the City of Berkeley.
- Review, approve, and forward to the City Council the annual report submitted to the Open Government Commission by the City Manager regarding compliance with the Open Government Ordinance, the Public Records Act, the Brown Act, the Lobbyist Registration Act, and any other information the City Manager deems appropriate for open and effective government in the City of Berkeley.
- Work collaboratively with the City Council to develop policy related to Council District (D-13) accounts.

