



Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 9, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
 Submitted by: Weldon Bradstreet, Chairperson, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
 Subject: Approval of Additional Disaster and Fire Safety Commission Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the request from the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (the “Commission”) to hold one additional meeting in calendar year 2023.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Minimal staff time and resources.

BACKGROUND

On December 12, 2014, Berkeley City Council adopted Resolution No. 66,861-N.S. that established a Commission Meeting Frequency Schedule for 2015. The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission was allocated a maximum of ten meetings a year. Additional meetings require Council approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

None.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

On January 25, 2023, the Berkeley Fire Department offered the Commission an opportunity to receive presentations on the final draft report on the Standards of Coverage Analysis and Community Risk Assessment, and the Fire Facilities Master Plan at a future Commission meeting.

Measure FF funded both the studies and since the Commission is charged with oversight of Measure FF expenditures by the Berkeley Fire Department, it is appropriate that the Commission receive presentations on the above referenced studies as part of the Commission’s regular oversight activities. The Commission will require an extra meeting during 2023 to receive these presentations, as neither presentation will fit within the Commission’s current meeting schedule. An extra meeting would also provide further opportunity for public comment on the Standards of Coverage Analysis and the Fire Facilities Master Plan.

On March 22, 2023, the Commission passed a motion to request approval for an additional meeting.

Motion to request from City Council one additional meetings for 2022: Bedolla, Second: Gordon, Vote: (5 Ayes: Bradstreet, Gordon, Bedolla, Dean, Murphy;; 0 Noes;; 2 Absent: Stein, Raine;; 0 Abstain;)

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

CONTACT PERSON

Keith May, Interim Deputy Fire Chief, Berkeley Fire Department, 510-981-5508

Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

APPROVAL FOR ONE ADDITIONAL DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2014, the Berkeley City Council adopted Resolution No. 66,861-N.S. that established a Commission Meeting Frequency Schedule which limited the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to a frequency of 10 meetings during calendar year 2023; and

WHEREAS, at the January 25, 2023, meeting of the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission, the Berkeley Fire Department offered the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission an opportunity to receive presentations on the final draft report on the Standards of Coverage Analysis and Community Risk Assessment, and the Fire Facilities Master Plan, at a future Commission meeting, and

WHEREAS, Measure FF funded the studies and the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission provides oversight of Measure FF expenditures by the Berkeley Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission passed a motion on March 22, 2023, to request from City Council one additional meeting for 2023: Bedolla, Second: Gordon, Vote: (5 Ayes: Bradstreet, Gordon, Bedolla, Dean, Murphy;; 0 Noes;; 2 Absent: Stein, Raine;; 0 Abstain;)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council authorized the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to convene for one additional meeting in calendar year 2023.

