

Commission on the
Status of Women

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Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – 7:00pm

North Berkeley Senior Center

1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

AGENDA

Mayor Arreguin:

Tiffaney Boyd

Rashi Kersarwani:

Alyssa Plese

Terry Taplin:

Saanvi Arora

Ben Bartlett:

Kameka Goodwin

Kate Harrison

Shirley Posey

Sophie Hahn

Vice-Chair Radha Seshagiri

Susan Wengraf:

Chair-Carole Marasovic

Rigel Robinson:


Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeno

Mark Humbert

Linda Oliver

All items are for discussion and possible action.

1. Roll Call.
2. Land Acknowledgment.
3. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda.
4. Approval of the Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action.
5. Approval of the April 17, 2024 minutes. Discussion and Possible Action.
6. Presenter, Tech CEO on the Impact of AI on Women and Creating Economic Opportunities in Small Businesses. Discussion and Possible Action.
7. Presenter, Healthy Black Families on Small Businesses. Discussion and Possible Action.
8. Chair Report. Discussion Only.
9. Proposed Recommendation to Provide Resources and Information to Older Homeowners to Prevent Scam, Fraud, and Real Property Crimes.
10. Adjourn

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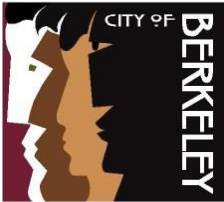
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Land Acknowledgement Statement

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.



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Regular Meeting – April 17, 2024
DRAFT MINUTES**

The meeting convened at 7:00pm with Chairperson Marasovic presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Marasovic, Posey, Ortiz-Cedeno(arrival 7:10), Goodwin(arrival 7:15), Seshagiri, Oliver

Absent: Arora

Leave of Absence: Plese, Boyd

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Comments from the Public

- Public attendance: 4
- Public comments: 1

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Action Items:

Item # 1:

Approval of Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action.

Move agenda item 10 to 9.

M/S/C: Seshagiri, Posey

Ayes: Marasovic, Posey, Seshagiri, Oliver

Absent: Arora

Leave of Absence: Plese, Boyd

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Item # 2:

Approval of the Minutes from March 20, 2024 COSOW Meeting. Discussion and Possible Action.

M/S/C: Posey, Oliver

Ayes: Marasovic, Posey, Seshagiri, Oliver

Absent: Arora

Abstain:

Leave of Absence: Plese, Boyd

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Item # 3:

Proposed Recommendation on City Enforcement of Legally Required Sexual Harassment Training for Employers. Discussion and possible action.

Commissioners voted to move the letter forward and be sent to the City of Berkeley Council.

M/S/C: Marasovic, Ortiz-Cedeno

Ayes: Marasovic, Posey, Ortiz-Cedeno, Goodwin, Seshagiri, Oliver

Absent: Arora

Leave of Absence: Plese, Boyd

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Item # 4:

Proposed Recommendation on Sex Trafficking. Discussion and Possible Action.

Commissioners voted to move the letter forward and be sent to the City of Berkeley Council.

M/S/C: Marasovic, Ortiz-Cedeno

Ayes: Marasovic, Posey, Ortiz-Cedeno, Goodwin, Seshagiri, Oliver

Absent: Arora

Leave of Absence: Plese, Boyd

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary
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