

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE,
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, November 23, 2020
2:00 PM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Cheryl Davila, Kate Harrison, and Rigel Robinson
Alternate: Councilmember Sophie Hahn

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Committee Action Items

2. **Initiate a Citywide, Regional and International Just Transition to a Regenerative Economy to Address the Climate Emergency**

From: Councilmember Davila (Author)

Referred: July 13, 2020

Due: December 27, 2020

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to initiate a citywide, regional and international Just Transition to a Regenerative Economy to address the Climate Emergency, and taking the following actions: 1. The City of Berkeley recognizes sustainability is not enough to protect residents from cumulative impacts of centuries of environmental and social degradation and instead will reorient its city planning, policy, and resource allocation to be socially and environmentally positive and will invest in a regenerative whole city infrastructure, policy, development and design process. 2. The City of Berkeley following the lead of Amsterdam and other cities will join in an attempt to embrace Doughnut Economics, which, by definition, recognizes the necessity of meeting the needs of residents within the carrying capacity of our planet Earth and the greater Bay Area bioregion. 3. The City of Berkeley will accelerate the transition to a zero-waste cradle to cradle, circular economy by a developing a series of ordinances ensuring only earth friendly products are sold within city limits by 2025. 4. All City of Berkeley commissions shall propose city policies, procedures and programs to enact a just transition that is socially, economically and ecologically regenerative by securing racial justice, bioregional restoration and sustainability, maximally reduces greenhouse gas emissions, increases public health, increases disaster preparedness and community resilience and reverses inequality and wealth extraction from Berkeley and Bay Area residents. 5. The City of Berkeley will create a city commission responsible for planning and implementing a Just Transition to a Regenerative Economy that is anti-racist, provides reparations and transformative support for those who are black, Indigenous, people of color, low income, and those struggling with mental health challenges, is community-driven and democratically-funded, environmentally-regenerative, and prioritizes local and independent businesses. 6. The City of Berkeley commits to suspend any and all projects and policies that are incompatible with protecting the Earth and people from further environmental degradation, social inequality, public health risks, and global warming and urges all neighboring agencies, statewide, national, and international, to do the same. 7. The City of Berkeley will create a regional and statewide collaborative to ensure the maximal climate mitigation and adaptation scenarios to begin as soon as possible and formally requests all regional agencies, cities, and counties to a shared table to devise and execute a Just Transition plan to the Regenerative Economy here in the greater Bay Area through a regional Green New Deal. 8. The City of Berkeley calls on governments who have declared a climate emergency and who broadly recognize the immense challenge facing humanity to form a transnational task force to be sustained until 2050 to co-execute a shared transitional peace effort in moving their immediate societies and economies toward ethical and regenerative trajectories. 9. The City of Berkeley within the first 90 days will invite all the cities, counties, and institutions such as the UC system to form a regional and statewide task force to oversee a justice- oriented evidence- based transition to a regenerative economy to be sustained until 2050;

Unscheduled Items

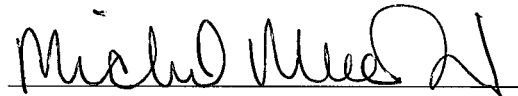
- 4. Prohibition on the Sale of Gasoline, Diesel, and Other Carbon-Based Transportation Fuels by 2045**
From: Community Environmental Advisory Commission
Referred: March 30, 2020
Due: December 19, 2020
Recommendation: Review and refer to the City Attorney for finalization the attached ordinance prohibiting the sale of gasoline, diesel, and other carbon-based transportation fuels effective January 1st, 2045.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Viviana Garcia, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7460
Action: The item was continued to the next meeting.
- 5. Prohibition on the Use of City Streets for Operating, Parking, or Idling Combustion Vehicles by 2045**
From: Community Environmental Advisory Commission
Referred: March 30, 2020
Due: December 19, 2020
Recommendation: Review and refer to the City Attorney for finalization the attached ordinance prohibiting the use of City-owned streets for the operation, parking, or idling of combustion vehicles beginning in 2045, and establishing an offset-driven fee-based enforcement mechanism.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Viviana Garcia, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7460
Action: The item was continued to the next meeting.
- 6. Referral Response: Ordinance Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 7.52, Reducing Tax Imposed for Qualifying Electrification, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Retrofits**
From: City Manager
Referred: July 21, 2020
Due: January 4, 2021
Recommendation: 1. Delay adoption of the first reading of an ordinance amending the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 7.52 to expand the Seismic Transfer Tax Rebate Program to include qualifying sustainability and resilience measures, and any associated budget requests, until FYE 2022 when more information on budget due to COVID-19 response and recovery is available; and
2. Refer to the City Manager the design of a companion Resilient Homes Equity Pilot Program that would provide funding for home retrofit improvements to low-income residents.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: The item was continued to the next meeting.

Adjournment: 3:34 pm.

Action: M/S/C (Davila/Robinson) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on November 23, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael MacDonald", written over a horizontal line.

Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk