REVISED
AGENDA MATERIAL

Meeting Date: May 15, 2018
Item Number: 28
Item Description: Visioning Event to Present and Share Ideas on Creating Housing at the North Berkeley BART Station Parking Lots

Revision Submitted By: Councilmember Maio and Mayor Arreguin

“Good of the City” Analysis:

Removed language referring to BART guidelines, as it makes better sense for the City to use its own event as a starting point in the process.
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Maio and Mayor Arreguin

SUBJECT: Visioning Event to Present and Share Ideas on Creating Housing at the North Berkeley BART Station Parking Lots based solely on BART’s guidelines before any participation by the City.

RECOMMENDATION
Request that the City Manager hold an event where ideas for building housing on the North Berkeley BART parking lots (bordered by Sacramento, Delaware, Acton, and Virginia) could be presented and shared with the public. These designs would be based solely on current BART guidelines, absent the City’s participation.

Requesting the City Manager to assist in holding an event where ideas for building housing on the North Berkeley BART Station parking lots (bordered by Sacramento, Delaware, Acton, and Virginia) could be presented by and shared with the public. Assistance is requested in the form of providing a meeting room and props for showing designs. No staff time needed.

BACKGROUND
On Thursday, March 15, 2018, Councilmember Linda Maio, Mayor Jesse Arreguin and BART Director Rebecca Saltzman hosted a community meeting about the suitability of the North Berkeley BART parking lots as a site for housing. After presentations by Councilmember Maio, Director Saltzman, and BART staff there was open discussion. Written comments from the meeting were collected and are summarized here: [http://goo.gl/GTM12j](http://goo.gl/GTM12j). Berkeley Community Media provided video coverage of the meeting, viewable at [http://goo.gl/n5kJBcw](http://goo.gl/n5kJBcw). There was considerable interest in appropriate development at the site.

What housing on the BART property would look like was not clear that night, especially to the lay public. This item requests that a more clear sense of the Berkeley community take a first step in visioning the

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1 Councilmember Maio presentation: [http://goo.gl/7rFeAS](http://goo.gl/7rFeAS)

2 BART Presentation [PDF](http://www.bart.gov/sites/default/files/docs/North%20Berkeley%20TOD%20Town%20Hall%20-%20BART%202018-03-15.pdf)

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possibilities be offered through a visioning process of development on the parking lot areas bordered by Sacramento, Delaware, Acton, and Virginia.

At this event, perhaps held in one of our senior centers, design professionals and others who wish to participate would show sketches of what appropriate housing on the site could look like under the BART guidelines before the City's entry into the process. Interested persons could submit their sketches, presented on easels or on the walls, for the public to review and ask questions of presenters. The purpose of this item is to create such an event and provide an invitation to interested community members to participate.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
No environmental sustainability impact.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
None.

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