



**LINDA MAIO**  
COUNCILMEMBER

**INFORMATION CALENDAR**

July 24, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Council Members Maio and Mayor Arreguin

SUBJECT: Suggested Process for North Berkeley BART Parking Lot

**BACKGROUND & RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Given Assembly Bill 2923, Berkeley must take hold of the reins to determine an appropriate housing scenario for the North Berkeley BART parking lot. Toward that end we need a process that involves the broad community to help inform the Council as it shapes an appropriate vision for the site. We would do this in collaboration with BART. To initiate such a process, we propose a citywide "idea" gathering where a variety of treatments would be showcased by interested community members. This would happen at the North Berkeley Senior Center sometime this fall.

We would share BART's guidelines and physical description materials and collaborate with BART on materials, including announcements. This would be an invitation to propose development standards around height, density, affordability, parking, etc. We would link to a map of the site that indicates the buildable area. We could also ask for volunteer professionals to assist laypersons as part of inviting participation.

A possible way to proceed is to invite scenarios of no more than three visuals of X size submitted by a specific date to the Mayor's office. These would be made available online.

At the event, walls and poster easels will be made available by the Planning Department. The convener will outline the day's process. Attendees will circulate the room to discuss ideas with presenter and offer comments.

All presentations and comments will then be distilled and presented, by staff, into several basic proposals for Council consideration at a work session. Council would then determine a preferred scenario and meet with BART to determine next steps as the City proceeds with the zoning. Clearly there has to be a funding plan and a joint working relationship with BART as we move ahead.

BART Board Member Rebecca Saltzman, who represents North Berkeley BART, is in general agreement with this approach. A more detailed process description with specifics would appear on the Council agenda in the fall.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

No environmental sustainability impact.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Staff time.

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