



**PROCLAMATION
CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

In accordance with the authority in me vested, I do hereby call the Berkeley City Council in special session as follows:

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

6:00 P.M.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702

JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – CHERYL DAVILA
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – KATE HARRISON

DISTRICT 5 – SOPHIE HAHN
DISTRICT 6 – SUSAN WENGRAF
DISTRICT 7 – RIGEL ROBINSON
DISTRICT 8 – LORI DROSTE

Preliminary Matters

Roll Call:

Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only

Action Calendar

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The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak line up at the podium to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Presiding Officer may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes. The Presiding Officer may, with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue, allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue.

Action items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair with the consent of Council.

Action Calendar

1. Ratification of Recommendations Issued by the Director of Emergency Services and the Public Health Officer Regarding Meetings of Legislative Bodies

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the recommendations issued by the Director of Emergency Services and the Public Health Officer regarding meetings of Berkeley legislative bodies in response to the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager, (510) 981-7000

2. Urgency Ordinance Adopting BMC Chapter 13.110, the COVID-19 Emergency Response Ordinance

From: Mayor Arreguin (Author); Councilmember Robinson (Author); Councilmember Harrison (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt an Urgency Ordinance adding Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.110, the COVID-19 Emergency Response Ordinance, to provide protections to residential tenants against evictions during the declared state of emergency, to preserve the health and safety of the Berkeley community.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

3. Berkeley COVID-19 Relief Fund and Expanding Flexible Housing Pool

From: Mayor Arreguin (Author)

Recommendation:

1. Refer to the City Manager to consider the creation of a tax-exempt special fund at up to \$ 3 million dollars, to provide gap resources which to be matched with grants or philanthropic donations to provide gap assistance to renters, small businesses and arts organizations significantly impacted (demonstrated decrease in gross receipts or patronage) by the COVID-19 state of emergency. The City Manager is requested to consider all federal, state and not-for-profit funding available to provide economic relief to businesses and arts organizations which can be leveraged with the City's additional funding.

2. Direct the City Manager to identify additional funding and increase the allocation to the Flexible Housing Pool, administered by BACS, and amend the contract and program guidelines if necessary, to provide emergency rental assistance and flexible funding for housing, and to report back to Council on the funding allocated and outcomes after the declared state of emergency.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Action Calendar

4. Strategies for Special Populations During COVID-19 Crisis

From: Councilmember Hahn (Author)

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to develop and implement strategies to address the needs of populations in Berkeley who face unique challenges during the COVID-19 crisis. Coordinate with public and community agencies and consult appropriate experts as needed, to ensure the special needs of these populations, and of those who work with them, are identified and addressed. Populations for whom special strategies shall be considered include, but are not limited to:

1. People experiencing homelessness
2. Individuals with disabilities
3. Senior citizens (especially low-income Seniors)
4. Single parent households with children
5. People experiencing food insecurity
6. Undocumented residents
7. Stranded visitors

Consider allocating additional resources to City of Berkeley departments and partner agencies to meet identified challenges during the COVID-19 emergency.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Sophie Hahn, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150

Adjournment

I hereby request that the City Clerk of the City of Berkeley cause personal notice to be given to each member of the Berkeley City Council on the time and place of said meeting, forthwith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Berkeley to be affixed on March 16, 2020.



Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Date: March 16, 2020

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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Communications

Item #1: Ratification of Recommendations Issued by the Director of Emergency Services and the Public Health Officer Regarding Meetings of Legislative Bodies

1. James McFadden (5)
2. David Lerman
3. John Caner, on behalf of Downtown Berkeley Association (2)
4. Eva Chrysanthe
5. JJ Noire
6. Cynthia Sue Larson
7. Topher Brennan
8. Margy Wilkinson
9. Phoebe Anne Sorgen
10. Forest Mozer
11. Lori Fagerholm

12. James Brook
13. Michael Frank
14. Pamela Michaud
15. Carole Marasovic, Chair of the Homeless Commission (2)

**Item #2: Urgency Ordinance Adopting BMC Chapter 13.110, the COVID-19
Emergency Response Ordinance**

16. Kevin Walters
17. Margy Wilkinson (2)
18. East Bay Housing Organizations