

Open Government Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR

July 9, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Open Government Commission

Submitted by: Dean Metzger, Chairperson, Open Government Commission

Subject: Open Government Commission 2019 - 2020 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Open Government Commission has updated its work plan, which outlines Commission objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. This work plan includes researching and gathering information; reviewing council procedures, looking into the budgeting of an Ombudsman, reviewing Open Government legislation, studying creation of an Ethics Commission that would combine the Open Government Commission and the Fair Campaign Practices Commission and reviewing the procedures for communicating with the City Manager's Office.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At the regular meeting on April 18, 2019, the Open Government Commission unanimously approved the work plan, which will be used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

M/S/C (Harper/Blome) to accept work plan as submitted and to prepare and submit an Information Report to City Council.

Ayes: O'Donnell, Saver, Napoli, Smith, Blome, Tsui, Harper, Metzger

Noes: None

Absent: Mclean

BACKGROUND

See attached Work Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No environmental impacts or opportunities were identified as a result of this recommendation.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research and public hearings, new initiatives and recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Rental of meeting rooms for subcommittee meetings - \$2000

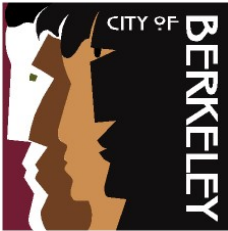
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Attachment: 1: Open Government Commission Work Plan



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Attachment 1

Work Plan
Approved April 18, 2019

Research and gather information to report to City Council and support Commission's recommendations to City Council:

- a. Invite speakers to present relevant and current information regarding open government issues.
- b. Develop policies for recommendation to City Council to create additional ways to have a transparent and open government for all.
- c. Examine City's policies and practices regarding open government issues.

Citizens participation in government:

Review and update the procedures that allow more participation.

Education:

Reach out to the community to encourage more participation in city government.

Subcommittees:

- a. Create subcommittees to examine ideas for creating a more open government.
- b. Create a robust forum for public participation in determining what the open government policy should be.
- c. Submit recommendations to Council based on information gathered from the public.