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INAUGURAL ISSUE

The City Manager's Office *Council Update* is a weekly summary of news from different departments, including project updates, new staff hires, and other items of interest. Please enjoy this first issue and the many more to come!

PATHWAYS UPDATE

Our considerable efforts to make the Pathways STAIR Center a reality is already making an impact in Berkeley. All beds at the STAIR Center are full! Interest has been high. Word is getting out and many people are coming directly to the STAIR Center asking about a bed. While this level of detail will not be routinely available moving forward—our homeless data system does not presently support this kind of location tracking—here is a breakdown of where the first 45 clients came from:

- 10 people from the Gilman underpass,
- 17 people from the area surrounding STAIR (i.e., those displaced after the 2nd St encampment closures),
- 7 from the University underpass,
- 5 from Ohlone Park,
- 4 people who self-presented at the gates and reported moving around Berkeley, and
- 2 from north side of the UC Berkeley campus.

Also, there have already been two move-outs this week, both to permanent housing in Berkeley. Three more permanent housing move-outs are scheduled for next week. No one has exited back to the streets. Going forward, beds that turn over will be filled via outreach to encampments, as has always been the plan, so please help spread the message that walk-ups cannot be accommodated--folks who are interested should be screened by the Hub first.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Throughout the City, we are committed to continuous improvement. In the Health, Housing and Community Services department, their Healthy Workplace Environment group is hosting its first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion session for their department colleagues. This session is the culmination of over a year's worth of education, dedication, and hard work to understand what makes a healthy workplace and how key diversity and equity is to all that we do.

In the Planning department, staff, starting with the management team, is going through [Whole Brain training](#). This is a City-provided training that helps staff better understand their strengths, communication styles, and personalities as well as how to leverage that understanding to work better in teams and as individuals. One skill the Planning management team learned was how to transform meetings from reporting out on projects and programs to a place where collaborative problem-solving happens on issues affecting the whole department. This training effort is part of a larger customer-service improvement process in the Planning department.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Food culture is part of our identity and heritage in Berkeley. New trends and technologies in food are constantly appearing. Our Environmental Health division has stayed on the leading edge. One thing they do is investigate reports of food-borne illness, identify trends and find solutions. As cannabis infused foods have emerged, our Environmental Health division has been at the forefront of ensuring that what is sold in Berkeley is safe. Their expertise is recognized and well-regarded internationally. Recently, our Registered Environmental Health Supervisor (REHS), Rolando Villareal, was a featured speaker at the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association. At the conference he talked about our investigations and efforts relating to cannabis infused foods. It's not common for a local REHS to be invited to present at this global conference. It's a tribute to good work—well done, Berkeley!

KEY DATES

- July 15 [KidChella!](#) Music in the Park
- July 20 Derby Day West Campus Pool
- July 27 [Mulan](#) Movies in the Park
- July 28 [KidChella!](#) Music in the Park