



Councilmember Ben Bartlett
City of Berkeley, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 25, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett
Subject: Referral to the City Manager: Neighborhood Public Toilet Policy

Recommendation

Refer to the City Manager to develop the following “Neighborhood Public Toilet Policy”:

- Develop a process in which residents can obtain a permit for a neighborhood public toilet via an official petition.
- Residents should contact the City via 311 to obtain an official petition form to apply for a permit.
- In order to obtain the permit, the petition should be signed by at least 51% of residential addresses and business owners within the nearest two block radius of the proposed public toilet site.
- The City shall not fund or contribute to the financing of the public toilets or their maintenance.

Background

Berkeley has approximately 30 public restroom locations. The hours of availability vary depending on the day of the week and the location. None are currently open continuously.

The available public restrooms are not equitably distributed. Few are located in South and West Berkeley.

Having accessible public toilets can be critical to the health and wellbeing of community members, especially those that are unsheltered. It is imperative that we provide equitable public toilet access throughout the City of Berkeley.

Financial Implications

Staff time.

Contact Person

Councilmember Ben Bartlett, (510) 981-7130

Attachment:

- 1: Letter from the Lorin Business Association
- 2: Map of Public Bathrooms in the City of Berkeley
- 3: List of Public Bathrooms in the City of Berkeley

Attachment 1: Letter from the Lorin Business Association

Heather Haxo Phillips

President , Lorin Business Association

Christine Daniel
City Manager
2180 Milvia St
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Ms. Daniel,

The homeless encampment in South Berkeley under the BART tracks by the "Here and There" sculpture has been growing since January 2017. During this seven month period the encampment has grown without any kind of sanitation facilities. The burden of sanitation for the camp has been borne by the businesses along Adeline Street. This situation is untenable and needs to be addressed immediately.

I write to ask you to temporarily permit porta potties near the premises for the encampment. The Lorin Business Association (LBA) recognizes that homelessness is both an acute and chronic crisis facing the City. As members of this larger community, the LBA believes that a temporary permit needs to be made until a more permanent housing solution can be found for the encampment residents.

The installation of porta potties will help to avert a public health crisis. They will offer a temporary relief to a permanent problem. The encampment residents have funding for the installation and lease of porta potties. The residents of the encampment will be accountable for said facilities. We trust that details and accountability issues can be worked out between City professionals and the encampment. The LBA's primary interest is to mitigate the impact of the encampment on our membership. The City can chose to undertake other actions to mitigate the sanitation impact of the encampment on our membership - up to and including the removal of the encampment - but **inaction is not an option at this point.**

The impact of the encampment is not only that the increased use of bathrooms requires an increase in cleaning and maintenance, but it is creating chaos in our businesses and customers are not able to have their own needs met.

We also request that any auxiliary camps be removed immediately from the neighborhood so that we are not faced with the same problem again.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this growing problem. I would appreciate hearing the City plan for resolving this issue within 30 days.

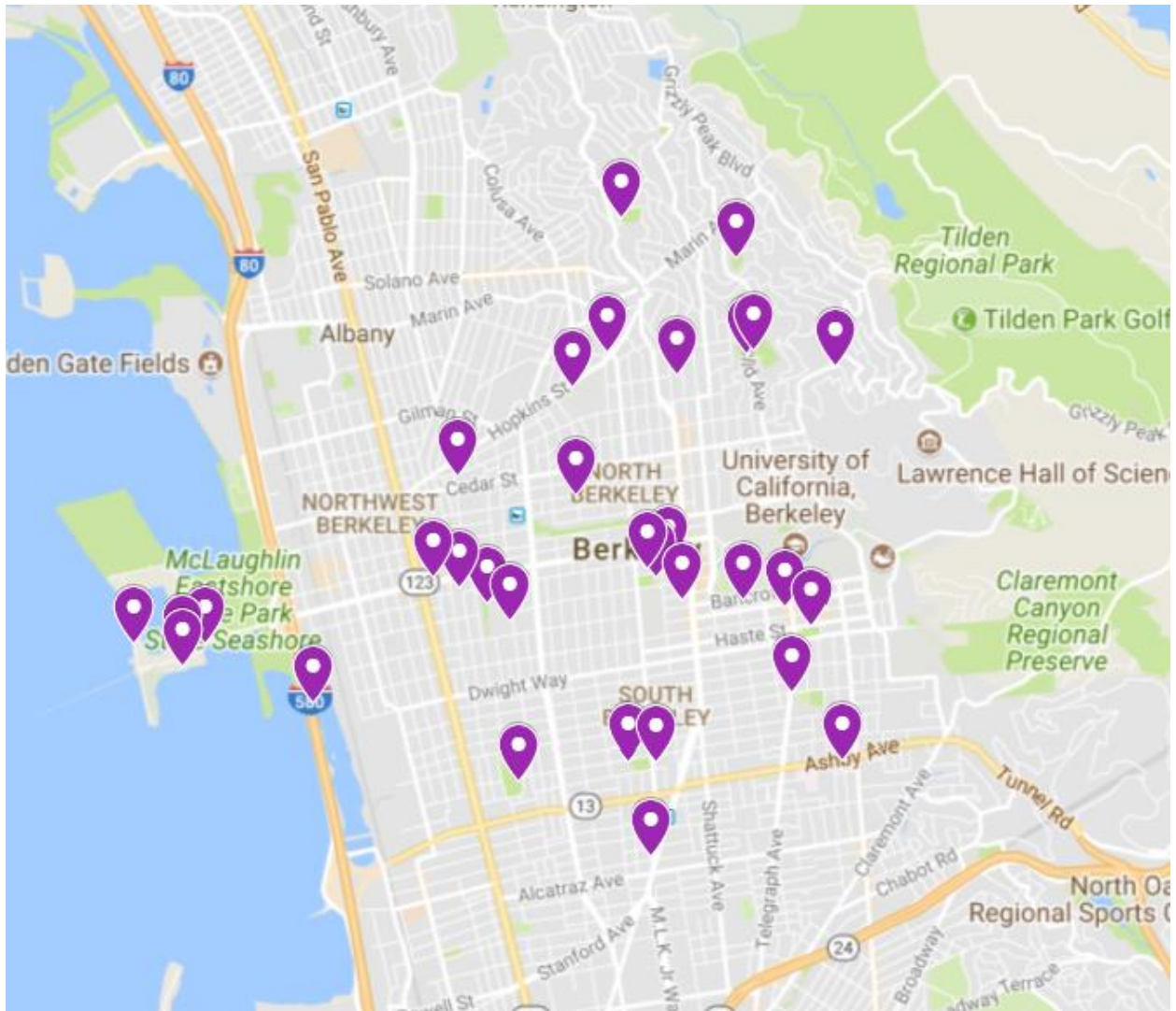
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HHP', written in a cursive style.

Heather Haxo Phillips

Cc Ben Bartlett, Friends of Adeline

Attachment 2: Map of Public Bathrooms in the City of Berkeley



Attachment 3: List of Public Bathrooms in the City of Berkeley

#	Name	Address	Hours / Status
1	Center Street Garage	2025 Center Street	Mondays - Fridays: 5:15 a.m.- Midnight Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. - Midnight Sundays: Noon – Midnight
2	Telegraph/ Channing Garage	2450 Durant Avenue	Mondays - Thursdays: 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. Fridays - Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. Sundays: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
3	Civic Center	2180 Milvia St.	Mondays - Fridays: 7:30 a.m. – Midnight Saturdays - Sundays: 8:00 a.m. – Midnight
4	People's Park	2556 Haste St	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
5	Adventure Playground	162 University Avenue	Park restroom hours vary by season and are usually open during daylight hours.
6	Aquatic Park	80 Bolivar Drive	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Currently under construction)
7	Berkeley Rose Garden	1200 Euclid Avenue	Park restroom hours vary by season and are usually open during daylight hours.
8	Cedar-Rose Park	1300 Rose Street	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
9	Codornices Park	1201 Euclid Avenue	Park restroom hours vary by season and are usually open during daylight hours.
10	Cragmont Rock Park	960 Regal Rd	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
11	Glendale-La Loma Park	1310 LaLoma	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
12	Grove Park	1730 Oregon St	(Currently under construction)
13	Horseshoe Park	101 Seawall Drive	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
14	John Hinkel Park	41 Somerset Place	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
15	King School Park	Hopkins Street	Park restroom hours vary by season and are usually open during daylight hours.
16	Live Oak Park	1301 Shattuck Ave	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
17	Marina Mall	201 University Ave	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
18	San Pablo Park	2800 Park St	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
19	Shorebird Park	160 University Ave	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
20	Strawberry Creek Park	1260 Allston Way	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
21	Virginia-McGee Totland	1644 Virginia St	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
22	West Campus Swim Center	2100 Browning St	Mondays - Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays
23	Willard Park and Willard Pool	2701 Telegraph Ave	Mondays - Sundays: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
24	Berkeley Drop-In Center	3234 Adeline St	Mondays - Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

25	BOSS Multi-Agency Service Center (MASC)	1931 Center St	Mondays - Fridays: 8:00 a.m. - Noon
26	Suitcase Clinic/ASUC	2300 Bancroft Way	Monday nights: 6:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.
27	Women's Daytime Drop-In Center	2218 Acton St.	Mondays - Fridays: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (closed 1st Friday of the month)
28	Berkeley Public Library - Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch	1901 Russell St	Monday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Tuesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Wednesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Thursday: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Sunday: Closed
29	Berkeley Public Library - Central Branch	2090 Kittredge St	Monday: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Tuesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Wednesday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Thursday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Sunday: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
30	Berkeley Public Library - West Branch	1125 University Ave	Monday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Tuesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Wednesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Thursday: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Sunday: Closed
31	Berkeley Public Library - North Branch	1170 The Alameda	Monday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Tuesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Wednesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Thursday: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Sunday: Closed
30	Berkeley Public Library - Claremont Branch	2940 Benvenue Ave.	Monday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Tuesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Wednesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Thursday: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Sunday: Closed