



Planning Commission

# AGENDA

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

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Wednesday, April 7, 2021

7:00 PM

**PUBLIC ADVISORY:** THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting of the Planning Commission (PC) will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order and the Shelter-in-Place Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID19 virus, there will not be a physical meeting location available.

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**To join by phone:** Dial **1 669 900 6833** and enter Meeting ID: **959 8436 3204**. If you wish to comment during the public comment portion of the agenda, Press \*9 and wait to be recognized by the Chair.

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See **"MEETING PROCEDURES"** below.

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### PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- 1. Roll Call:** **Wiblin, Brad**, appointed by Councilmember Kesarwani, District 1  
**Vincent, Jeff**, appointed by Councilmember Taplin, District 2  
**Schildt, Christine**, appointed by Councilmember Bartlett, District 3  
**Lacey, Mary Kay**, appointed by Councilmember Harrison, District 4  
**Beach, Benjamin**, appointed by Councilmember Hahn, District 5

**Kapla, Robb, Chair**, appointed by Councilmember Wengraf, District 6  
**Krpata, Shane, Vice Chair**, appointed by Councilmember Robinson, District 7  
**Hauser, Savlan**, appointed by Councilmember Droste, District 8  
**Ghosh, Barnali**, appointed by Mayor Arreguin

2. **Order of Agenda:** The Commission may rearrange the agenda or place items on the Consent Calendar.
3. **Public Comment:** Comments on subjects not included on the agenda. Speakers may comment on agenda items when the Commission hears those items. (See “*Public Testimony Guidelines*” below):
4. **Planning Staff Report:** In addition to the items below, additional matters may be reported at the meeting.
5. **Chairperson’s Report:** Report by Planning Commission Chair.
6. **Committee Reports:** Reports by Commission committees or liaisons. In addition to the items below, additional matters may be reported at the meeting.
7. **Approval of Minutes:** [Approval of Draft Minutes from the meeting on March 17, 2021.](#)
8. **Future Agenda Items and Other Planning-Related Events:**

**AGENDA ITEMS:** All agenda items are for discussion and possible action. Public Hearing items require hearing prior to Commission action.

9. **Action:** **Response to Short Term Referral for Amendments to the ADU Ordinance and Related Definitions to Address Public Safety Concerns**  
**Recommendation:** Hold a public hearing, review and comment on the proposed amendments to ADU Ordinance, and make a recommendation for the consideration of City Council.  
**Written Materials:** [Attached](#)  
**Presentation:** [Attached](#)
10. **Action:** **Response to Support Small Businesses Referral: Amendments to the Sign Ordinance to Establish a Master Sign Program**  
**Recommendation:** Hold a public hearing and consider amendments to Berkeley’s Sign Ordinance and corresponding references in the Zoning Ordinance to make a recommendation for the consideration of City Council.  
**Written Materials:** [Attached](#)  
**Presentation:** [Attached](#)

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:** In compliance with Brown Act regulations, no action may be taken on these items. However, discussion may occur at this meeting upon Commissioner request.

**Information Items:**

- [City Council Item – March 23](#)  
*Objective Standards Recommendations for Density, Design and Shadows From: Joint Subcommittee for the Implementation of State Housing Laws*
- [City Council Item – March 25](#)  
*Initiation of Public Process and Zoning Concepts for 2023-2031 Housing Element Update*

**Communications:**

- [March 30 - CA Department of Food and Agriculture – Cannabis Appellations Program](#)
- [March 31 – Business Owner – Berkeley Marina Kosher Supermarket](#)

**Late Communications:** (Received after the packet deadline):

- Supplemental Packet One – received by noon two days before the meeting
- [Supplemental Packet Two](#)
- Supplemental Packet Three

**ADJOURNMENT**

\*\*\*\* **MEETING PROCEDURES** \*\*\*\*

**Public Testimony Guidelines:**

All persons are welcome to attend the virtual meeting and will be given an opportunity to address the Commission. Speakers are customarily allotted up to three minutes each. The Commission Chair may limit the number of speakers and the length of time allowed to each speaker to ensure adequate time for all items on the Agenda. Customarily, speakers are asked to address agenda items when the items are before the Commission rather than during the general public comment period. Speakers are encouraged to submit comments in writing. See “Procedures for Correspondence to the Commissioners” below.

**Procedures for Correspondence to the Commissioners:**

All persons are welcome to attend the virtual hearing and will be given an opportunity to address the Commission. Comments may be made verbally at the public hearing and/or in writing before the hearing. The Commission may limit the time granted to each speaker.

Written comments must be directed to the Planning Commission Secretary at the Land Use Planning Division (Attn: Planning Commission Secretary), 1947 Center Street, Second Floor, Berkeley CA 94704, or via e-mail to: [apearson@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:apearson@cityofberkeley.info). All materials will be made available via the Planning Commission agenda page online at this address: <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/PC/>.

Correspondence received by **12 noon, nine days** before this public meeting, will be included as a Communication in the agenda packet. Correspondence received after this deadline will be conveyed to the Commission and the public in the following manner:

- Correspondence received by **12 noon two days** before this public meeting, will be included in a Supplemental Packet, which will be posted to the online agenda as a Late Communication and emailed to Commissioners one day before the public meeting.
- Correspondence received after the above deadline and before the meeting will be included in a second and/or third Supplemental Packet, as needed, which will be posted to the online agenda as a Late Communication and emailed to the Commissioners by 5pm on the day of the public meeting.

**Note: It will not be possible to submit written comments at the meeting.**

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I hereby certify that the agenda for this regular meeting of the Planning Commission was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on **April 1, 2021**.

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Alene Pearson  
Planning Commission Secretary