



Office of the City Manager

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Special Meeting Item

ACTION CALENDAR

February 10, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Subject: 2026 City Council Referral Prioritization Results Using Re-Weighted Range Voting (RRV)

RECOMMENDATION

Review the completed Re-Weighted Range Voting (RRV) rankings for all outstanding City Council referrals and adopt a Resolution approving the list of prioritized referrals to city staff.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There are no direct fiscal impacts related to the review and approval of the referral list.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Through the December 2, 2025 City Council meeting, there were 53 outstanding long-term referrals to staff. The list did not include referrals that the City Manager classified as short-term referrals or budget referrals.

On January 27, 2026, the Council reviewed the raw scores assigned by Council, reviewed the referrals marked for removal, and took action to remove 14 referrals from the list.

After the January 27 meeting, staff applied the RRV formula to the scores for the remaining 39 referrals, resulting in a prioritized list. These results are presented to the Council as Exhibit A to the resolution in Attachment 1. Adopting the resolution will formally set the Council referrals prioritization for 2026.

This year, three referrals tied for the top score. In accordance with the intended function of the RRV system, all three referrals were assigned the #1 priority and the algorithm was engaged starting with the next highest scored referral. This prevents any lower scored referral from jumping over one of the referrals that tied for the top score when the algorithm and weighted votes are applied.

These results will guide the City Manager and the Budget & Finance Committee in development of Strategic Plan projects and funding allocations needed for the referrals. Some flexibility in the order in which the referrals are assigned will need to be exercised by the City Manager to ensure that staff in each department has the available capacity to

start work on the highly rated referrals and that there are adequate funding resources to complete the referrals.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, the City Council adopted a system of Re-weighted Range Voting (RRV) to prioritize City Council referrals to staff. The RRV system enables City Council to provide direction to staff on which referrals are highest priority and should be completed first.

Reweight Range Voting is a proportional voting system designed for a blend of fairness and consensus, meaning that it ensures some representation for minority views as well. It accomplishes this by reducing the influence of Councilmembers in proportion to the points they have awarded to the referrals prioritized thus far.

Under RRV, Each Councilmember rates every referral on a scale of zero to five. There is no limit to repeat scores (i.e. a Councilmember could give every referral a five). When the scores are tallied, the referral with the highest total score becomes the 1st priority. Once the first referral is assigned, the scores for the remaining referrals are reweighted based on how much influence each Councilmember has had up to that point (based on the score they assigned, 0 - 5). If a Councilmember assigns high scores to several referrals, they use up the strength of their weighted vote more quickly and exercise diminishing influence when the scores are reweighted for subsequent referrals. This guarantees equal influence throughout the full list. If a Councilmember did not score a referral, the default score was set to zero.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities, or climate impacts, associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This recommendation carries out the direction of the Council to implement a prioritization process for City Council referrals to staff.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Council may decide to forgo a prioritization process and continue the referral process with no structured tracking or prioritization of referrals.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

Exhibit A: 2026 RRV Prioritized Referral List

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

APPROVING THE 2026 LIST OF PRIORITIZED CITY COUNCIL REFERRALS USING
THE REWEIGHTED RANGE VOTING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2016 the City Council approved the use of Re-weighted Range Voting (RRV) for the prioritization of City Council referrals to staff; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has assigned scores to all the referrals; and

WHEREAS, the Re-Weighted Range Voting formula was applied to the ratings to create a weighted list of prioritization.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the list of prioritized referrals contained in Exhibit A, with the removal of certain referrals by Council direction, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council grants the City Manager the authority to assign referrals to staff in a manner that ensures equitable distribution among departments and does not exceed the capacity of departmental staff to start work on the highly rated referrals even if that results in the referrals being assigned in an order that differs from the approved list.

Exhibits

A: List of Prioritized Referrals

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Tracking number	Meeting Date	Title	Recommendation	Sponsor	Responsible Department	Rank
DMND0004159	5/7/2024	Budget Referral: Vision Zero Rapid Response on Bicycle Boulevards?DMND0004159	1. Refer to the City Manager to incorporate the City of Oakland's Neighborhood Bike Route Implementation Guide for all Bicycle Boulevards designated in the City of Berkeley's Bicycle Plan, pursuant to the City's Vision Zero Action Plan, Complete Streets Policy, and other applicable policies and plans; and to prioritize proactive and retroactive implementation of standards on Bicycle Boulevards in response to recent traffic collisions, with consideration for quick-build interventions that can be removed, modified or made permanent to advance Vision Zero Action Plan goals.	Terry Taplin, Mark Humbert	Public Works	1
DMND0004008	3/8/2022	Referral to Implement State Law AB 43 for Reduced Speed Limits on High-Injury Commercial Corridors?DMND0004008	Refer to the City Manager to implement state law AB 43 on High-injury commercial corridors as identified in our Vision Zero Annual Report, 2020-2021 in order to allow a reduction in speed limits by 5 miles per hour; - Any other corridors covered by AB 43, as appropriate, in order to implement reduced prima facie speed limits and identify those corridors for future traffic studies where prima facie limits are presently unsafe. Upon completion of this referral, we note that a budget allocation would be needed in the amount of \$25,000 to \$50,000 for new speed limit signage. Funding will be requested later (likely for the FY 2023-24 budget) in order to allow time for staff to determine the applicable streets for additional signage.	Rashi Kesarwani, Terry Taplin, Rigel Robinson, Susan Wengraf	Public Works	1
DMND0004191	2/22/2022	Southside Complete Streets - Limiting Cars on Telegraph?DMND0004191	Refer to the City Manager to develop a community process to explore limits on private automobiles on Telegraph Avenue and make recommendations. Staff should engage merchants, property owners, students, visitors and tourists, artists, UC Berkeley, local schools, faith institutions, relevant government agencies including AC Transit, and other stakeholders, as well as relevant city commissions, such as the Transportation Commission and the Commission on Disability. In the evaluation of various approaches, staff should consider strategies to: • Maintain access for public transit, emergency vehicles, refuse collection vehicles, delivery vehicles, and other commercial vehicles that are essential to Telegraph business operations • Preserve access for people with disabilities and reduce conflicts between pedestrians and bicyclists • Improve the pedestrian environment and meet the needs of merchants and the commercial district		Public Works	1

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DMND0004232	11/18/2025	Recommendations for the Formulation of Advanced Fiscal Policies to Institutionalize Strategic Bond Issuance, Optimize Municipal Investment Returns, and Leverage Intergovernmental and Philanthropic Capital Funding?DMND0004232	Policy Committee Recommendation: to send the item to Council with a Qualified Positive Recommendation with the changes as proposed by Councilmember Taplin as follows: 1. Structured Bond Issuance Framework Refer to the City Manager assessment, analysis, and presentation to the Council of a potential comprehensive fiscal policy every two years that institutionalizes, codifies, and makes publicly accessible, a regular, predictive schedule for general obligation bond issuance. This potential policy, in addition to and alongside existing practices, may be informed by actuarial and capital market analysis of the City's bonding capacity and be modeled on established frameworks utilized in fiscally disciplined jurisdictions such as San Francisco, Santa Monica, and others. The goal is to remediate the City's substantial deferred maintenance liabilities and strategically advance the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). 2. Modernize Investment Policy. Refer to the City Manager the enactment of a detailed review and performance benchmarking of the City's current investment policies, ordinances, and resolutions. Based on this review, the City Manager may consider: -Amendments to align Berkeley's portfolio management practices with those of peer jurisdictions in the Bay Area; -Asset strategies that maintain compliance with CA Government Code §53600 et seq. while improving yields through enhanced diversification and duration matching; 3. Comparative Bond Issuance Analysis and Timeline Refer the City Manager to conduct a comprehensive analysis of historical general obligation bond issuance and debt service rates in Berkeley and comparable jurisdictions. The analysis may consider the following: -Examine 30 years of municipal bond trends, showing the consistency of low interest rates during fiscally disciplined cycles; -Compare Berkeley's historical borrowing costs with those of San Francisco, Santa Monica, Palo Alto, and other cities; -Demonstrate the efficacy of maintaining a regular issuance schedule every 6–10 years to preserve low borrowing rates and steady bond ratings; -Present a 30-year fiscal projection showing that with prudent debt layering and consistent retirement of obligations, Berkeley can issue up to \$250–\$300 million in bonds in successive tranches while maintaining fiscal health and AAA-quality debt service	Terry Taplin	Finance	2
DMND0004237	12/2/2025	Adoption of the 2025 California Fire Code with Local Amendments – Second Reading?DMND0004237	Adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 7,990–N.S. Further, refer Sections 503.2.1, 503.2.2, and 503.4.1 and Appendix D, including section D105.2, to the City Manager and the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability (FITES) Policy Committee to develop and recommend revisions for Council consideration by April 2026. The Mayor will submit an agenda item for a meeting in January 2026 with a referral for staff to develop Transportation Design Standards.		CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	3

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DMND0004124	9/19/2023	Referral to Rezone Gilman Street to Maximize Revenue Productivity Per Acre?DMND0004124	Refer to the City Manager and Planning Commission to rezone Gilman Street—a major thoroughfare for entering and exiting the City—from San Pablo Avenue to Interstate 80 to maximize revenue-generating and job-creating uses. Specifically, the rezoning of Gilman Street should consider the following: Potential for applying the Manufacturing, Research and Development (M-RD) zoning district currently planned for the Pacific Steel Casting site to a portion of Gilman Street. The M-RD zoning district seeks to better align with Berkeley's goals and needs by: allowing research and development, office, laboratory, and light manufacturing uses currently not permitted by the existing Manufacturing (M) zoning; and removing protections for existing manufacturing uses and constraints associated with certain development standards; and/or Consider a new zoning designation for a portion of Gilman Street west of San Pablo Avenue to I-80 that maximizes revenue productivity per acre via permitted uses and associated development standards; and Extend West Berkeley Commercial District (C-W) zoning on Gilman Street from Ninth Street further west for a certain number of blocks and enhance the flexibility of C-W development standards to increase the likelihood of redevelopment—in coordination with "Keep Innovation in Berkeley" Council referral (passed on Sept. 13, 2022) that seeks to allow research and development uses in C zones.¹ Refer \$250,000 to the FY 2024-25 budget process for consulting services to assist with the planning process and associated environmental review and economic analyses.	Rashi Kesarwani, Terry Taplin, Susan Wengraf, Rigel Robinson	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	4
DMND0004099	5/2/2023	Adding BMC Chapter 13.107, Helping Achieve Responsible Development with Healthcare and Apprenticeship Training Standards (HARD HATS) Ordinance?DMND0004099	2. Refer the City Manager and Planning Commission if necessary to: d. Consider upzoning the C-DMU Downtown Mixed-Use District zoning to allow for an increased number of taller exceptions (at or above 180 feet in height) and explore other zoning modifications to allow for additional density as a way to offset the cost of these new labor standards.	Jesse Arreguin	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	5

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DMND0004213	6/3/2025	Referral: Oxford for All ?DMND0004213	1. Provide direction to City Manager and staff to implement city-adopted 2017 Bike Plan, the 2021 UC Berkeley Oxford St./Fulton St. Multimodal Mobility and Urban Design Study and the 2025 Bike Plan Update recommendations on Oxford Street and Fulton Street from Bancroft Way to Hearst Avenue alongside upcoming repaving. 2. Beforehand and until such permanent capital improvements are feasible, refer to the City Manager to design and construct a an interim "quick build" project if deemed feasible, prudent, and non-disruptive to permanent improvements. Improvements implemented should, at minimum, include Class IV protected bike lanes and pedestrian safety facilities. Pedestrian facilities may include daylighting, high-visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, and other improvements that increase safety for pedestrians on the corridor, informed by the above-mentioned plans. 3. Refer to the City Manager to seek funding in the amount of \$400,000 from all available sources including, but not limited to the Street and Open Space Improvement Fund (SOSIP), Measure FF (2024), Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and refer to the June budget process (FY26 Mid-Biennial Update) to provide the City of Berkeley Public Works Department with funds to support design, engineering, and construction costs for the quick build and permanent components of the project. 4. Refer to the City Manager and to The City/UC/Student Relations "4x6" Committee to explore opportunities to leverage existing and establish new financial partnerships with UC Berkeley on safety projects along Oxford Street and adjacent areas, including the Oxford and Bancroft volleyball courts project and similar initiatives.	Igor Tregub, Cecilia Lunaparra, Mark Humbert	Public Works	6
DMND0004238	12/2/2025	Adoption of and Amendments to the California Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Code – Second Reading?DMND0004238	Refer to the City Manager the items in the Workgroup's letter (including non-combustible trash & recycling bins, wood shake roofs, wire mesh size for Vector Control, and facilitating permitting of metal privacy screens to replace privacy hedges) to then return to Council with specific proposals for consideration		PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	7

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DMND0004145	1/16/2024	Referral: Neighborhood-Scale Commercial (Robinson)?DMND0004145	Refer to the City Manager and Planning Commission to consider and develop policies to permit neighborhood-scale retail uses in residential zones to increase economic opportunity, vitality, and walkability in Berkeley neighborhoods. Changes may include zoning alterations or modifications to use permit requirements. In order to inform any potential policy changes, staff should conduct analysis and outreach to understand the market demand for neighborhood-scale commercial uses and consider best practices from other municipalities. Staff and the Planning Commission should consider conditions and development of performance standards to avoid detrimental impacts on surrounding residential uses and neighborhoods, including but not limited to limitations on noise, odors, smoke, waste generation, operating hours, signage, loading/unloading activity, setbacks, tenant protections, limitations on selling alcohol for on-site consumption, considerations for ADA compliance, restricting applicants to businesses with fewer than three locations, and establishing different permitting requirements depending on square footage, proposed use, or other factors. Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item as revised to the City Council with a positive recommendation.	Ben Bartlett, Terry Taplin	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	8
DMND0004236	12/2/2025	Notifying Residents of Upcoming Public Works Projects in their Neighborhoods?DMND0004236	Referral to the City Manager to develop a proactive communication system to alert the community of upcoming infrastructure projects from Public Works, EBMUD, PG&E, and other large housing or commercial development projects.	Brent Blackaby, Igor Tregub, Rashi Kesarwani, Terry Taplin	Public Works	9
DMND0004204	3/11/2025	A Referral to the City Manager to make a recommendation for further Council action: Transfer Tax Exemption for 100% Affordable Housing Projects?DMND0004204	Adopt a referral to the City Manager to study the fiscal impacts and feasibility of a transfer tax exemption for 100% affordable housing projects owned and operated by non-profit entities or community land trusts, including but not limited to: the rehabilitation of existing projects; acquisition, rehabilitation, and conversion of market-rate housing complexes into deed-restricted affordable housing; and land donated for the purpose of constructing deed-restricted affordable housing and make a recommendation for further Council action. Policy Committee Recommendation: Forward item to Council with a Qualified Positive Recommendation that the Council: 1) Clarify that the rehabilitation of the restricted properties, would be included as part of the 100% affordable [housing projects]. 2) Bolster the rationale section of the report with greater detail and analysis.	Igor Tregub, Ben Bartlett, Shoshana O'Keefe	HEALTH, HSG & COMMUNITY SVC	10
DMND0004221	9/30/2025	Refer to the City Manager in Collaboration with the City Attorney's Office to Develop Proposed Increases to the Shared Micromobility Program Fees?DMND0004221	Refer to the City Manager in collaboration with the City Attorney's Office to develop proposed increases to the shared micromobility program fees and return to Council within 120 days. The proposed amendments should evaluate adjustments to the following fee categories: Application fee; Operating fee; Fee per vehicle; Fee per ride.	Cecilia Lunaparra, Brent Blackaby, Mark Humbert, Igor Tregub	Public Works	11

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DMND0004184	12/3/2024	Affordable Housing for Artists: AB-812 Implementation and Cultural District Statutory Standardization ?DMND0004184	Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65914.8, refer to the City Manager, City Attorney, and Planning Commission: (1) To study and develop an Ordinance and implementation plan for Assembly Bill 812 (2023) to reserve for artists up to 10 percent of Below Market Rate units under Berkeley Municipal Code 23.328 (Inclusionary Housing) within a half-mile of a state-designated cultural district or within any similar locally designated cultural district, with consideration for consistency with existing Affordable Housing Preference Police, (2) Consider common standards for locally designated cultural districts, including but not limited to Overlay Zones, and implementation of cultural district designation within the boundaries of Area Specific Plans, including but not limited to the Adeline Corridor and San Pablo Corridor Specific Plans, (3) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8758, consider solicitation of state designation for cultural districts in the City of Berkeley. Policy Committee Recommendation: To forward the item to Council with a Qualified Positive Recommendation that the Council: 1. Refer to the City Manager and the Civic Arts Commission to: a) Consider common standards for locally designated cultural districts, including but not limited to Overlay Zones, and implementation of cultural district designation within the boundaries of Area Specific Plans, including but not limited to the Adeline Corridor and San Pablo Corridor Specific Plans, b) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8758, consider solicitation of state designation for cultural districts in the City of Berkeley. 2. Defer referral of the study and development of an ordinance and implementation plan until later in the process when there is more information regarding the applicable standards and definitions.	Terry Taplin, Sophie Hahn, Igor Tregub	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	12
DMND0004047	9/13/2022	Equitable Safe Streets and Climate Justice Resolution?DMND0004047	Adopt a REVISED resolution committing the expenditure of City and state/federal matching/recurring funds on city-maintained roads, sidewalks, and bike lanes to accelerate safety improvements in a manner consistent with City, State, and Federal policy on street safety, equity, accessibility, and climate change; refer to the City Manager fully integrate Complete Streets design as defined by the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide in the default engineering standard for city streets; restrict city use of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to only documented cases that require its use for compliance with Federal/State regulations; in all other cases, restrict use of the MUTCD to "engineering judgment."	Terry Taplin	Public Works	13
DMND0004053	10/11/2022	Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program Expansion for West Berkeley Neighborhoods Within Two Blocks of Commercial Corridors?DMND0004053	Referral to the City Manager to expand the scope of the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) program as originally proposed by staff during the May 14, 2019 City Council Public Hearing as a way to allow more residents to opt-in to this program.	Rashi Kesarwani, Terry Taplin	Public Works	14

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DMND0004154	3/26/2024	Response to Council Referral: Long Term Care Facility Oversight?DMND0004154	Refer to the City Manager and the budget process the (1) establishment of an enhanced Ombudsperson program for oversight of Skilled Nursing Facilities and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, and (2) early implementation of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) proposal for minimum nursing staffing levels ahead of the three-year period proposed by CMS.		HEALTH, HSG & COMMUNITY SVC	15
DMND0004169	7/30/2024	Referral to Develop Curb Management Plan ?DMND0004169	Refer to the City Manager to fund and develop a Curb Management Plan. Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to Council with a positive recommendation, and that the item be taken up when additional funding for streets and infrastructure is approved and/or during the next budget process.		Public Works	16
DMND0004161	5/14/2024	Staff direction and budget referral for Practical Interventions to Clear and Keep Using Parking Spaces (PICKUPS)?DMND0004161	Refer to City Manager the potential creation of evening/nighttime 20 minute parking/loading zones along portions of one or both sides of the roadway for the following blocks: -Shattuck Avenue between Berkeley Way and Addison Streets; -Durant Avenue between Dana and Bowditch Streets; -University Avenue between Milvia Street and Shattuck Avenue; -Telegraph Avenue between Blake Street and Bancroft Way; -Other potential areas as may be recommended by staff. Refer to the FY 2025-2026 budget process the following preliminary allocations for implementation and enforcement: -\$50,000 for revised signage and curb striping. - \$75,000 for targeted nighttime enforcement operations. Refer to the City Manager evaluation of the feasibility of increased fines for double parking/obstructing travel lanes and have staff return to Council with a report on maximum and recommended potential fine amounts.	Mark Humbert, Terry Taplin, Cecilia Lunaparra, Sophie Hahn	Public Works	17

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DMND0004148	2/13/2024	RFP for Development of West Berkeley Service Center?DMND0004148	Refer to the City Manager to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ), once a viable local funding source(s) has been identified, for the development of the city-owned West Berkeley Service Center, (1900 Sixth Street), to permit site acquisition and construction of a 100-percent affordable housing project with the following key features: ? Space on the ground floor of the building for administrative offices, community space and supportive services as currently provided by the City; ? Maximizing the number of units under the existing zoning Mixed Use-Residential (MU-R) in conjunction with state law AB 1763 (2019); ? A mix of unit sizes, including studios, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units; ? Require RFP applicants to include a plan for services provision and integration for the population(s) they propose to serve; ? A preference for serving seniors with cognitive disabilities and adults with mental health conditions while maintaining flexibility to serve other populations based on availability of funding; and ? A board and care facility with a minimum of 20 beds including space for staff and services, unless it is determined that viable funding sources are not available. The City Manager should also consider the feasibility of the following elements in the program design: ? Universally designed housing for older adults; ? Consider available federal, state, regional, local and private funding sources to finance the construction of a housing project, including with the potential target populations. The issuance of an RFP should be timed to happen soon after the City has identified local funding for the development that could potentially be made available via the RFP/RFQ.	Jesse Arreguin, Rashi Kesarwani, Sophie Hahn, Susan Wengraf	HEALTH, HSG & COMMUNITY SVC	18
DMND0004100	5/23/2023	Audit Status Reports: Fleet Replacement Fund Short Millions & Rocky Road: Berkeley Streets At Risk and Significantly Underfunded ?DMND0004100	Refer to the City Manager to establish a policy that the Public Works Department will be responsible for reviewing, submitting, and approving all departmental requests to Council for adding new vehicles to the fleet to facilitate maximum cost recovery through the vehicle replacement fund, consistency with fleet rightsizing studies, oversight, and timely electrification of the fleet.		Public Works	19

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DMND0004105	6/6/2023	Referral to City Manager and City Attorney: Tenant Habitability Plan and Amendments to Relocation Ordinance?DMND0004105	1. Refer to the City Manager and City Attorney to review and develop proposed amendments to the Berkeley Municipal Code to require a Tenant Habitability Plan for major construction or renovation at tenant occupied properties. Proposed language modeled after the City of Los Angeles' Tenant Habitability Plan requirements is attached for consideration. The City Manager should also return with information on the costs and staffing needs for implementation for future budget discussions. The committee further recommends that the City Manager establish an interdepartmental working group, including staff from Planning, HHCS, and the Rent Board. 2. Refer to the City Manager and City Attorney recommendations from the 4x4 City Council/Rent Board Joint Committee on Housing for amendments to the City's Relocation Ordinance, BMC Chapter 13.84 to strengthen and improve enforcement of the ordinance.	Jesse Arreguin	CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	20
DMND0004216	6/26/2025	Refer to the City Manager the development of objective design standards for R-1, R-2, R-2A, and MU-R?DMND0004216	Refer to the City Manager the development of objective design standards for R-1, R-2, R-2A, and MU-R https://berkeleyca.gov/city-council-special-meeting-eagenda-june-26-2025		PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	21
DMND0002584	5/16/2017	Prioritizing Pedestrians at Intersections?DMND0002584	Refer to the City Manager and the Transportation Commission the development of policies to improve the pedestrian crossing experience and reduce pedestrian wait times at intersections with "beg buttons," potentially by activating pedestrian crossing signaling with every cycle (as opposed to the current situation, which only activates crossing signals when a button is pushed). Consider the development of a pedestrian-driven intersection improvement process to address signaling and timing inadequacies.	Lori Droste, Susan Wengraf, Ben Bartlett	Public Works	22
DMND0004163	5/21/2024	Speed Bump Installation on Russell St at King Street (South Berkeley)?DMND0004163	Refer to the City Manager to analyze the potential for the installation of a speed bump on Russell St. at King St. (South Berkeley), to improve the public space to increase safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and people living with disabilities, while also meeting the needs of public transit and emergency vehicles. The analysis should prioritize speed bump installation that reduces injuries and accidents in the street and creates many benefits for our community. It should also consider other items listed by members of the community.	Ben Bartlett, Mark Humbert, Jesse Arreguin	Public Works	23

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DMND0004048	9/13/2022	Efficiency Unit Ordinance ?DMND0004048	Refer to the City Manager and Planning Commission to study and, if recommended, propose standards for Efficiency Units pursuant to California Housing and Safety Code Section 17958.1. Consider appropriate standards for unit size and facilities including bathrooms as well as for shared indoor and outdoor spaces and facilities within buildings with such units. Shared space requirements may include requirements for "full kitchen" facilities, dining and/or meeting rooms, indoor lounge/study areas, outdoor/roof space, bike/scooter and stroller parking, gym/workout/play spaces, storage, and other shared and accessible facilities to support healthy and social lives, and accommodate important activities and uses that are externalized from Efficiency Units. Consider zones where Efficiency Units may be appropriate, affordability requirements, phasing, and any other standards and zoning related to such units. Based on study and consideration of financial feasibility, develop recommendations and/or an ordinance to amend the Berkeley Municipal Code modeled after standards implemented in the City of Davis, the City of Santa Barbara and other cities.	Terry Taplin, Rigel Robinson	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	24
DMND0004218	7/29/2025	Berkeley Green New Deal: Workforce Development?DMND0004218	Refer to the City Manager a feasibility analysis and request for recommendations for possible models to either establish a green workforce development board within the City of Berkeley or strengthen the alignment between City of Berkeley and community partner programs and the Alameda County Workforce development board to create pathways to gainful employment in green industries and accelerate the transition to a fossil-free local economy. Policy Committee Recommendation: Send the item to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation that Council adopt the item and that the item be revised to include a referral to the budget process, clarify and make explicit that the full-time employee ("FTE") is either an in-house City of Berkeley employee or is a privately funded employee not on the City's payroll, and include a privately funded alternative to a full-time City employee when creating the budget referral.	Terry Taplin, Cecilia Lunaparra, Igor Tregub, Ben Bartlett	CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	25
DMND0004239	12/2/2025	Companion Report: Affordable Housing for Artists Report (Rec #2)?DMND0004239	Recommendation #2: Integrate policies to incentivize affordable housing and affordable commercial space for artists in the San Pablo Specific Plan and Corridors Zoning Update. Revised to be a citywide referral to develop an incentive program.		HEALTH, HSG & COMMUNITY SVC	26
DMND0004072	2/14/2023	Referral: Southside Impact Fee Nexus Study?DMND0004072	1. Refer to the City Manager to establish a development impact fee for projects within the Southside Plan boundary for the purpose of funding Southside public realm improvements. Staff should complete all necessary actions, including preparation of a Nexus Study pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act. 2. Refer \$250,000 to the FY 2023 budget process for a consultant to be engaged over a two-year process, starting in 2024, to assist with the vision, capital list, nexus study, fee schedule, and other requirements.	Rigel Robinson, Ben Bartlett, Kate Harrison, Mark Humbert	Public Works	27

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DMND0004057	10/11/2022	Referral to the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission and City Manager to Consider and Make Recommendations Regarding the Policy of Deploying Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons and Other Treatments at Dangerous or High-Collision Pedestrian and Bicycle Intersections?DMND0004057	Referral to the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission and City Manager to consider and make recommendations regarding the policy of deploying Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) and other treatments at dangerous or high-collision pedestrian and bicycle intersections.	Kate Harrison	Public Works	28
DMND0004078	3/21/2023	Referral: On-Street Secure Bike Storage?DMND0004078	Refer to the City Manager to develop and return to Council with a plan to create on-street secure bike parking in multi-family residential and commercial districts across the City in parking spots previously reserved for car storage. Take associated actions, including: 1. Determining recommended locations for installation that take into consideration factors such as equity priority neighborhoods; transit connections; bicycle network connections; areas with high percentages of tenants; access to destinations such as schools, community centers, employment centers, and businesses; and public input. 2. Developing and issuing a Request for Proposal for an operator to install and maintain on-street bike lockers, including lockers that can accommodate bikes of varying shapes and sizes. 3. Pursuing available grant opportunities to fund initial costs and ongoing maintenance.	Rigel Robinson, Sophie Hahn, Kate Harrison, Terry Taplin	Public Works	29
DMND0003909	11/17/2020	Navigable Cities Framework for Ensuring Access and Freedom-of-Movement for People with Disabilities in Berkeley ?DMND0003909	1. Refer to the City Manager to incorporate relevant elements of the Navigable Cities Framework for Ensuring Access and Freedom-of-Movement for People with Disabilities in Berkeley, submitted to the City Council by the Commission on Disability, into the Berkeley Pedestrian Master Plan currently being updated, and any other planning processes for which the report would provide relevant information. 2. Refer to the Public Works and Parks and Waterfront Commissions to return to Council reports on ways that elements of the Navigable Cities Framework can be incorporated into the work, projects, contracts, and policies of the Public Works and the Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Departments.		Public Works	30
DMND0004054	10/11/2022	Regulation of Autonomous Vehicles ?DMND0004054	Refer to the City Attorney the assessment of the legal abilities and opportunities for the City Council to regulate the operation, sale, and testing of autonomous vehicles (AVs) within the City of Berkeley and report to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment and Sustainability Committee (FITES) on all findings. Policy Committee Recommendation: To approve the item with a positive recommendation.	Terry Taplin, Kate Harrison, Rigel Robinson	City Attorney	31
DMND0004203	3/25/2025	Inclusionary Housing Ordinance In-Lieu Fee; Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 23.328?DMND0004203	Conduct an economic feasibility study within three years of Middle Housing zoning amendments and in lieu fees.		HEALTH, HSG & COMMUNITY SVC	32

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DMND0003994	12/14/2021	Consideration of Expansion of Paid Parking to Support the Parking Meter Fund and Improved Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities ?DMND0003994	1. Refer to the City Manager and the Transportation Commission to consider the extension of paid metered parking to include all days of the week, paralleling the calendar for off-street parking garages. 2. Consider a pilot, phasing-in, and/or exempting certain areas, and conduct broad outreach to merchants, faith-based and other institutions and organizations, neighborhood groups, and others potentially supported or impacted by change. 3. Consider allocation of potential additional revenues to help offset losses to the Parking Meter Fund incurred during COVID. Once the Fund has recovered, consider allocations to support pedestrian and bicycle facilities to help achieve Berkeley's Climate Action and Vision Zero goals on an accelerated basis.	Sophie Hahn, Kate Harrison, Terry Taplin, Rigel Robinson	Public Works	33
DMND0004197	9/30/2024	Adopt Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.89: Community/Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act ?DMND0004197	Adopt Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.89: The Community/Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA/TOPA). Refer to the City Manager to study and return to Council with recommendations for a program based on San Francisco's COPA and to study additional concepts including but not limited to: • A potential requirement to offer to "go coop" within a certain number of years of purchase by a qualified non-profit. • To consider an appropriate threshold where COPA would apply, taking into consideration operational and fiscal realities. • Report on administration costs and sources of funds to support Small Sites projects. • Consider potential to provide notice and "right of first refusal" for tenants or groups of tenants to match the best "market" offer. • Study models other jurisdictions have in place to achieve these tenant acquisition goals. • Refer \$100,000 to budget process to support the study.		CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	34
DMND0004222	9/30/2025	Refer the item to the City Attorney with direction to prepare a memorandum to City staff and the City Council addressing the applicable legal doctrines related to due process, pending investigations, and other related matters. (Regarding PAB-ODPA-CAO-CMO)?DMND0004222	Refer the item to the City Attorney with direction to prepare a memorandum to City staff and the City Council addressing the applicable legal doctrines related to due process, pending investigations, and other related matters. (Regarding PAB-ODPA-CAO-CMO)		City Attorney	35

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DMND0004059	11/3/2022	Budget Referral: No Right on Red Signs?DMND0004059	Refer to the City Manager to develop policy recommendations for council consideration that would expand limitations on "right turns on red" for the purposes of pedestrian safety. Staff should consider prohibiting right turns on red in commercial districts, on high-injury corridors, and/or citywide. Staff should engage the Transportation & Infrastructure Commission for feedback and review of possible recommendations. Staff is also requested to coordinate with AC Transit regarding impacts on transit services. Refer the necessary appropriations of \$135,000 to the 2022 November Annual Appropriations Ordinance.	Terry Taplin, Kate Harrison, Sophie Hahn	Public Works	35
DMND0004240	12/2/2025	Companion Report: Affordable Housing for Artists Report (Rec #3)?DMND0004240	Place an affordable housing bond measure on the 2028 ballot.		CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	36