



Adena Ishii
Office of the Mayor

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 2

Meeting Date: January 21, 2025

Item Number: 22

Item Description: Seating Arrangement for the Council, Vice Mayor Term Revision, Mayoral Appointment to City/UC/Student Relations Committee, and 2025 Council Appointments

Submitted by: Mayor Ishii

Added AC Transit-City of Berkeley Inter-Agency Liaison Committee appointment, recommending Councilmember Kesarwani and Councilmember O'Keefe as alternate.

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Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 21, 2025

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Adena Ishii

Subject: Seating Arrangement for the Council, Vice Mayor Term Revision, Mayoral Appointment to City/UC/Student Relations Committee, and 2025 Council Appointments

RECOMMENDATION

Rescind Resolution No. 71,393-N.S. and adopt a resolution that establishes the seating arrangement for the City Council.

Rescind Resolution 70,631-N.S. and adopt a Resolution establishing a schedule of appointments for the office of Vice-President of the Council at the discretion of the Mayor and for these appointments to be established at the first Council meeting in December every year or the proceeding month's council meeting after a new Mayor is sworn in.

Adopt a Resolution appointing Mayor Ishii as the alternate on the 4x6 City/UC/Student Relations Committee.

Adopt a Resolution approving the appointment of Council representatives to City Council Standing Policy Committees, Partnership Committees, Regional Bodies, and Liaisons to the City Boards and Commissions for a term ending on January 31, 2026 or until new appointments are made.

BACKGROUND

City Council Seating Arrangement

With a new Mayor and set of councilmembers recently elected, this new composition of electeds can invite new perspectives and de facto relationship building opportunities while presiding over council meetings. At the discretion of the Council, a new seating arrangement can refresh how this body presents itself to the public.

Vice President Appointments

The Vice-President of the Council, as defined in the City Charter, presides over the Council meetings when the Mayor is absent. During the temporary absence or disability of the Mayor, the Vice-President of the Council shall act as Mayor pro tempore. Over the years, the City Council has selected the Vice-President of the Council in a number of ways. From 2008 to 2016, the Council appointed one of its members as Vice-President of the Council for a term of one-year.

On December 8, 2016, by adoption of Resolution No. 67,768-N.S., the Council changed the term of Vice-President to a 3-month rotation cycle, allowing each member of the Council to serve as Vice Mayor for a period of three months. On December 18, 2028, pursuant to Resolution No. 70,631-N.S., the Council voted to change the term of the Vice-President of the Council from a quarterly term to a one-year term, and included a provision that allows the Council to appoint an individual for two consecutive years or appoint two different Councilmembers as Vice-President of the Council over a two-year period. Prior to 2018, pursuant to Resolution 62,734-N.S., the policy of the Council was to maintain a rotation schedule where each member of the Council serve as “Vice Mayor” for three months every two years.

Mayoral Appointment to City/UC/Student Relations Committee

On November 28, 2017, the Council adopted Resolution No. 68,233-N.S., establishing a precedent of appointing former Mayor Jesse Arreguin as an alternate to the committee, citing the Mayor as an elected city-wide official representing the campus area.

Council Representative Appointments

There are a number of City Council appointments to various Partnership Committees, Regional Bodies, and Liaisons to City Boards and Commissions. Following the latest General Municipal Election, the Mayor may make recommendations on new Council representatives to these committees.

The Berkeley City Council Rules of Procedure and Order require the Mayor to recommend, and the full Council approve, appointments to Standing Council Policy Committees by January 31st of each year.

Following the most recent General Municipal Election, new and existing councilmembers have an opportunity to be newly placed or continue their service on any number of these representative bodies.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

City Council Seating Arrangements

Mayor Ishii is recommending a change in seating arrangements to invite more collaboration across councilmember districts. An exploration of new placements will bring about a refreshing new look to the makeup of council's presence to the public and demonstrate our changing council representation across identities.

Vice President Appointments

Mayor Ishii is recommending a schedule of appointments for the position of Vice-President of the Council with a quarterly term to allow for greater chances for newly appointed and continuing councilmembers to exercise their leadership and assistance should the Mayor be unavailable to engage in their responsibilities and duties. Mayor Ishii is also recommending a schedule of three-month terms to incentive collaboration while demonstrating a dedication to a distributed leadership model of governance at Council.

Mayoral Appointment to City/UC/Student Relations Committee

Mayor Ishii is recommending the appointment of the Mayor as an alternate on the 4x6 City/UC/Student Relations committee to help maintain quorum and City representation on this body should a voting member of a Councilmember be unable to attend a committee meeting. Given Mayor Ishii's preestablished and ongoing relationship with the UC Berkeley campus, as an alumna of the university and its Public Service Center, her involvement as an alternate on this committee can benefit the cap and gown relationship we seek to foster.

Council Representative Appointments

With a new Mayoral administrative underway, Mayor Ishii recommends a new body of council be considered when factoring in the distribution of representatives on appointed bodies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No identifiable environmental effects from taking this action.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution - 2025 CITY COUNCIL SEATING ARRANGEMENT ON THE DIAS
2. Resolution - RESCINDING RESOLUTION 70,631-N.S. AND APPOINTING A VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL
3. Resolution - APPOINTING MAYOR ADENA ISHII AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE CITY/UC/STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
4. Resolution - APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEES, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEES, LIASONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REGIONAL BODIES

2025 Council Appointments

ACTION CALENDAR
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5. 2018 Vice President Council Item
6. 2022 Vice President Council Item



Office of the Mayor

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

2025 CITY COUNCIL SEATING ARRANGEMENT ON THE DIAS

WHEREAS, the Mayor makes recommendations on the searing arrangement of the Berkeley City Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 71,393-N.S., which changed the seating arrangement to accommodate the newly appointed Councilmembers from Districts 4 and 7; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ishii is recommending a change to the current seating arrangement to accommodate the newly-elected Councilmembers from District 5 and 6.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 71,393-N.S. is hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council does hereby set the seating order on the dais for City Council Meetings as follows (from left to right, facing the dais): District 6 (Blackaby), District 7 (Lunaparra), District 2 (Taplin), District 1 (Kesarwani), Mayor Ishii, District 3 (Bartlett), District 8 (Humbert), District 4 (Tregub), District 5 (O'Keefe); and

BE IT THEREFORE AND FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution will be in place until December 31, 2025 or when a new Resolution supersedes this.

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

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 70,631-N.S. AND APPOINTING A VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 39 of the City Charter states that the Council shall elect one of its members to be the Vice-President of the Council (AKA Vice Mayor); and

WHEREAS, the City Charter and City Council Rules of Procedure and Order state that when the Mayor is absent, the Vice-President of the Council shall preside over all meetings; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 22 of the City Charter states that “during the temporary absence or disability of the Mayor, the Vice-President of the Council shall act as Mayor pro tempore”, and

WHEREAS, to ensure proper continuity of government the Council must appoint one of its members to serve as Vice-President of the Council; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2018, pursuant to Resolution No.70,631-N.S., the Council voted to change the term of the Vice-President of the Council from a quarterly term to a one-year term, and included a provision that allows the Council to appoint an individual for two consecutive years or appoint two different Councilmembers as Vice-President of the Council over a two-year period; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2018, pursuant to Resolution 62,734-N.S., the policy of the Council was to maintain a rotation schedule where each member of the Council serves as “Vice Mayor” for three months every two years; and

WHEREAS, the Council acknowledges a return of the Vice-President appointment to a quarterly term over these next two years to allow for greater chances for newly appointed councilmembers to exercise their leadership and assistance should the Mayor be unavailable to engage in their responsibilities and duties; and

WHEREAS the Council acknowledges this schedule incentives collaboration and a dedication to a distributed leadership model of governance at Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that No.70,631-N.S. is hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby establishes the schedule of appointment for Vice President of the council to be at the discretion of the Mayor and that for years 2025 and 2026 the appoints for Vice President will be as follows:

- Q1 2025 – Councilmember Bartlett
- Q2 2025 – Councilmember Lunaparra
- Q3 2025 – Councilmember Humbert

2025 Council Appointments

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- Q4 2025 – Councilmember Blackaby
- Q1 2026 – Councilmember Taplin
- Q2 2026 – Councilmember Tregub
- Q3 2026 – Councilmember Kesarwani
- Q4 2026 – Councilmember O’Keefe

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

APPOINTING MAYOR ADENA ISHII AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE
CITY/UC/STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2016, the Council adopted Resolution No. 67,720-N.S. establishing a 4x6 City/UC/Student Relations Committee to bring the city, UC administration, and students together to discuss issues of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2017, the Council adopted Resolution No. 68,233-N.S., establishing a precedent of appointing former Mayor Jesse Arreguin as an alternate to the committee, citing the Mayor as an elected city-wide official representing the campus area; and

WHEREAS, appointment of the Mayor as an alternate on this body can help maintain quorum and City representation on this body should a voting member of a Councilmember be unable to attend a committee meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby appoints Mayor Adena Ishii as an alternate to the City/UC/Student Relations Committee until January 31, 2026, or until another appointment or new appointments are approved.

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

APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY
COMMITTEES, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEES, LIASONS TO BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS AND REGIONAL BODIES

WHEREAS, the City Council has numerous appointments to various Partnership Committees, Regional Bodies, and Liaisons to City Boards and Commissions, and makes new appointments every two years following the General Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council Rules of Procedure and Order also require the Mayor to recommend and the full Council approve appointments to Standing Council Policy Committees by January 31st of each year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it officially makes the following appointments for the period ending January 31, 2026, or until new appointments are approved:

City Council Standing Policy Committees:

Agenda & Rules Committee

Appoint Mayor Ishii, Councilmember ~~Bartlett~~, Taplin and Councilmember Lunaparra
Appoint Councilmember ~~Taplin~~ Bartlett as Alternate

Budget & Finance Committee

Appoint Mayor Ishii, Councilmember ~~Taplin~~ Blackaby, and Councilmember Kesarwani
Appoint Councilmember Tregub as Alternate

Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee

Appoint Councilmember Taplin, Councilmember Lunaparra, and Councilmember Humbert
Appoint Mayor Ishii as Alternate

Public Safety Committee

Appoint ~~Mayor Ishii~~ Councilmember O'Keefe, Councilmember Kesarwani, and
Councilmember ~~Taplin~~ Bartlett Blackaby
Appoint ~~Councilmember Tregub~~ Mayor Ishii as Alternate

Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee

Appoint Councilmember ~~O'Keefe~~ Tregub, Councilmember Blackaby, and Councilmember Humbert
Appoint Councilmember ~~Taplin~~ O'Keefe as Alternate

Health, Life, Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee

Appoint Councilmember Bartlett, Councilmember Tregub, and Councilmember O'Keefe
Appoint Councilmember Taplin as Alternate

Partnership Committees:

4x4 Joint Task Force Committees

Appoint Councilmember Bartlett, Councilmember Tregub, Councilmember Blackaby, and Councilmember Lunaparra

3x3 Committee of the Berkeley City Council and the Berkeley Housing Authority

Appoint Councilmember Kesarwani, Councilmember Bartlett, and Councilmember Humbert

2x2 Committee of the City Council and the Board of Education

Appoint Councilmember Taplin, and Councilmember O'Keefe

4x6 City/UC/Student Relations Committee

Appoint Councilmember Tregub, Councilmember Blackaby, Councilmember Lunaparra, and Councilmember Humbert

Appoint Mayor Ishii as Alternate

Regional Committees:

[Alameda County Transit-City of Berkeley Inter-Agency Liaison Committee](#)

[Appoint Councilmember Kesarwani](#)

[Appoint O'Keefe](#)

Alameda County Transportation Commission

Appoint Councilmember Taplin

Appoint Mayor Ishii as Alternate

Alameda County Waste Management Authority

Appoint Councilmember Humbert

Appoint Councilmember Bartlett as Alternate

Association of Bay Area Governments, Delegate to General Assembly

Appoint Mayor Ishii

Appoint Councilmember Bartlett as Alternate

East Bay Public Bank

Appoint Councilmember Blackaby

East Bay Wildfire Coalition

Appoint Councilmember O'Keefe

Appoint Councilmember Blackaby as Alternate

Joint Powers Authority – East Bay Community Energy Authority

Appoint Councilmember Tregub

Appoint Councilmember Lunaparra as Alternate

Joint Powers Agreement – East Bay Regional Sports Fields

Appoint Councilmember Kesarwani

Joint Powers Authority – Lead Abatement

Appoint Councilmember Kesarwani

Appoint Councilmember Tregub as Alternate

League of California Cities – East Bay Division

Appoint Councilmember Lunaparra

Appoint Councilmember Humbert as Alternate

Oakland Airport Noise Forum

Appoint Councilmember ~~Humbert~~ [Bartlett](#)

Council Liaisons to City Boards and Commissions:

Board of Library Trustees

Appoint Councilmember O’Keefe

Community Health Commission

Appoint Councilmember ~~Taplin~~ [Humbert](#)

Mental Health Commission

Appoint Councilmember ~~O’Keefe~~ [Tregub](#)