

Commission Roster

Alternate Commissioner

Reso No. 71,206-N.S.

Meeting Information

Secretary Information

Mark Numainville

City Clerk

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Email: Commission@berkeleyca.gov

Alternate Commissioners are designated by the Mayor or a Councilmember to serve as a recurring temporary appointee in an approved leave of absence for a Commissioner appointed by the Mayor or a Councilmember, subject to the provisions of B.M.C. Chapter 3.02. The Mayor and each Councilmember may each appoint up to five Alternate Commissioners. Alternate Commissioners may only be appointed to serve on commissions that are designated by Council Resolution No. 71,206-N.S.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Alison Simon	Kesarwani	01/03/2023	--
District 1	Debra R. Sanderson	Kesarwani	10/16/2023	--
District 1	Laurie Capitelli	Kesarwani	06/22/2021	--
District 1	Sarah Bell	Kesarwani	04/24/2023	--
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Alison LaBonte	Taplin	12/07/2023	--
District 2	Christopher Lee-Egan	Taplin	12/05/2023	--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Benjamin "Ben" J. Nash	Bartlett	07/01/2025	--
District 3	Darrell Ben-Lee Owens	Bartlett	01/30/2025	--
District 3	Gian Michael (Gigo) Sarimsakci	Bartlett	02/05/2026	--
District 3	Sean Vaughn Scott	Bartlett	01/30/2025	--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Holly Scheider	Tregub	11/18/2024	--
District 4	Janis Ching	Harrison	12/18/2018	--
District 4	Kitt Saginor	Harrison	01/14/2021	--
District 4	Solomon Alpert	Harrison	04/05/2023	--
District 4	Valeria Chupina	Tregub	07/21/2025	--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 6	Deborah Matthews	Wengraf	09/24/2019	--
District 6	Jamie Ruth	Blackaby	12/16/2024	--
District 6	Laurie Capitelli	Wengraf	12/09/2019	--
District 6	Vacant	Blackaby		--
District 6	Vacant	Blackaby		--
District 7	Alfred Twu	Lunaparra	02/05/2019	--
District 7	Alyssa Plese	Lunaparra	06/06/2023	--
District 7	Elizabeth Greene	Lunaparra	02/13/2025	--
District 7	Vacant	Lunaparra		--
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District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 8	Kathleen Crandall	Humbert	03/11/2024	--
District 8	Kera Binns	Humbert	01/06/2025	--
District 8	Theo Gordon	Humbert	07/10/2024	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Dominique Walker	Arreguin	08/05/2020	--
Mayor	Leah Simon-Weisberg	Arreguin	08/24/2018	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

Commission Roster

Board of Library Trustees

B.M.C. 3.04 (1939)

Meeting Information

South Branch Library
1901 Russell Street
1st Wednesday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

Henry Bankhead
Library
Phone: (510) 981-6109
Email: hbankhead@berkeleyca.gov

Charged with management and control of the Berkeley Public Library under Section 30 of the Charter. Formulates major policies and long-range plans for the Library. Four members are appointed by the Council for a term of four years. The fifth member is a Councilmember, also appointed by the Council, whose term expires on December 1 of the year their Council term expires.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Council Liaison	Shoshana G O'Keefe	Council	01/21/2025	01/31/2026
Library	Amy Roth	Council	01/04/2022	01/03/2026
Library	Beverly Greene*	Council	12/03/2025	12/05/2029
Library	Tanir Ami**	Council	11/07/2023	11/08/2027
Library	Vacant	Council		--

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Civic Arts Commission

B.M.C. 3.12 (1980)

Meeting Information

South Branch Library
1901 Russell Street
4th Wednesday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

Carianna Arredondo
Office of Economic Development
Phone: (510) 981-7007
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Charged with promoting the arts and urban beautification.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Jonathan Bachrach**	Kesarwani	07/18/2024	--
District 2	Cameron Jon Woo	Taplin	12/07/2021	--
District 3	Sean Vaughn Scott	Bartlett	01/29/2025	--
District 4	Lisa Bullwinkel	Harrison	04/23/2018	--
District 5	Eduardo Pineda	Hahn	02/23/2024	--
District 6	Dana Brooke Blecher	Wengraf	05/04/2018	--
District 7	Audrey Kramer	Lunaparra	09/11/2025	--
District 8	Peter Montgomery*	Humbert	08/04/2025	--
Mayor	Devi Dutta-Choudhury	Ishii	07/24/2025	--

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Commission on Aging

B.M.C. 3.16 (1970)

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave.
3rd Wednesday - 1:30-3:30 PM

Secretary Information

Darlene Bronson
Health, Housing & Community Services Department
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To enhance the quality of life for people 55 years and older in the Berkeley Community, and to increase public awareness of their contributions and needs by actively promoting their health, safety, independence and participation in our community.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Sheila Newbery	Kesarwani	03/04/2025	--
District 2	Penelope Collins	Taplin	07/08/2020	--
District 3	Gian Michael (Gigo) Sarimsakci	Bartlett	02/05/2026	--
District 4	Rose Ann Davila	Tregub	06/27/2025	--
District 5	Odile Lavault*	Hahn	04/10/2023	--
District 6	George Porter	Wengraf	06/12/2018	--
District 7	Thomas Yamaguchi**	Lunaparra	05/23/2023	--
District 8	Phyllis Orrick	Humbert	04/26/2023	--
Mayor	Karin Evans	Arreguin	02/02/2024	--

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Commission on Disability

B.M.C. 3.66 (1986)

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center, Aspen Room
1901 Hearst Avenue
2nd Wednesday - 5:00 PM

Secretary Information

Thomas Gregory
Public Works Department
Phone: (510) 981-6418
Email: TGregory@berkeleyca.gov

Charged with actively promoting the total integration and participation of persons with disabilities into all areas of economic, political, and community life. Membership shall be made up primarily of persons who have disabilities.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Rena Fischer*	Kesarwani	04/04/2023	--
District 2	Helen Walsh	Taplin	11/03/2021	--
District 3	Richard De La Paz	Bartlett	12/04/2023	--
District 4	Kathi Pugh**	Harrison	04/05/2023	--
District 5	Fred Nisen	O'Keefe	05/12/2025	--
District 6	Valerie Coleman	Blackaby	09/29/2025	--
District 7	Jae Mann	Lunaparra	11/13/2024	--
District 8	Mina Sun	Humbert	04/20/2023	--
Mayor	Bonnie Lewkowicz	Arreguin	05/05/2023	--

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Commission on Labor

B.M.C. 3.62 (1986)

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
3rd Wednesday (every other month) - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Emily Rose
Health, Housing & Community Services Department
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Email: erose@berkeleyca.gov

Establishes policy in the area of labor by preparing reports, developing information and referral services, observing and reviewing labor disputes, and promoting equal rights. Desirable criteria for appointment: membership in labor organizations, or to reflect affirmative action guidelines.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Karen L. Bowen	Kesarwani	12/23/2022	--
District 2	Dyana Delfin-Polk	Taplin	11/07/2024	--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Jane Scantlebury	Harrison	10/26/2021	--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 6	Jeremy Gailor	Blackaby	03/31/2026	--
District 7	Avery Arbaugh**	Lunaparra	04/20/2023	--
District 8	Margaret Phillips	Humbert	01/21/2025	--
Mayor	Joseph (Joey) Flegel-Mishlove*	Arreguin	01/17/2022	--

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Commission on the Status of Women

B.M.C. 3.48 (1981)

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave.
3rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Okeya Vance-Dozier
City Manager's Office
Phone: (510) 981-7239
Email: OVance-Dozier@berkeleyca.gov

Seeks improvement of all conditions affecting women and advocates women's issues.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Margaret Kate-James "Shantée" Baker	Kesarwani	07/22/2025	--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Kameka Goodwin**	Bartlett	05/04/2023	--
District 4	Lillian Liu	Tregub	03/18/2026	--
District 5	Kera Binns*	Hahn	08/20/2024	--
District 6	Dianna Mullins	Blackaby	01/10/2025	--
District 7	Najuna J Kiggundu	Lunaparra	01/14/2025	--
District 8	Peggy Scott	Humbert	01/29/2025	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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Community Health Commission

B.M.C. 3.76 (1990)

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
4th Thursday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

Kellie Knox
Health, Housing & Community Services Department
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Advises the City Council on matters pertaining to achieving health equity in Berkeley. Appointments shall honor this mission by appointing members who have a deep understanding of the social determinants of health equity, through lived experience and/or through professional expertise.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Council Liaison	Mark Humbert	Council	01/21/2025	01/31/2026
District 1	Victoria Adela Breckwich Vasquez	Kesarwani	02/03/2026	--
District 2	Kassandra Bacon**	Taplin	04/10/2025	--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Harriet Charney	Tregub	09/11/2025	--
District 5	Taj Herzer-Baptiste	O'Keefe	01/23/2026	--
District 6	Vacant	Blackaby		--
District 7	Susan Reese	Lunaparra	08/05/2025	--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Andy Katz*	Ishii	06/24/2025	--

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Design Review Committee

B.M.C. 23.404.060 (2021)

Meeting Information

Basement Multipurpose Room
1947 Center Street
3rd Thursday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

Anne Burns
Planning & Development Department
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A Subcommittee of the Zoning Adjustments Board, charged with the review and approval of design proposals for projects in non-residential districts. Membership shall consist of seven: two members of the Zoning Adjustments Board, one member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, one member of the Civic Arts Commission (each member appointed by that Commission); and three members of the public who are appointed by the Zoning Adjustments Board. The membership shall include a minimum of two licensed architects, one licensed landscape architect, and two laypersons.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Landscape Architect	Mary Muszynski**	ZAB	07/27/2023	--
Layperson	Denise Hall Montgomery	Landmarks	12/11/2024	--
Layperson	Devi Dutta-Choudhury	Civic Arts Comm.	12/03/2025	--
Licensed Architect	Janet Tam	ZAB	03/01/2021	--
Licensed Architect	Lillian Mitchell	ZAB	09/16/2024	--
ZAB Member	Kimberly Gaffney*	ZAB	03/12/2021	--
ZAB Member	Michael J. Thompson	ZAB	02/13/2025	--

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Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

B.M.C. 2.88 (2006)

Meeting Information

Fire Department Training Facility
997 Cedar Street
4th Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Keith May
Fire & Emergency Services
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Advises the City Council on all matters affecting fire safety and/or disaster resilience within Berkeley, and to perform such other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council. Serves as the citizens' oversight committee for expenditure of the proceeds of the Special Tax to Fund Fire Protection and Emergency Response and Preparedness, as set forth in BMC Section 7.81.060.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Michael Wilson	Kesarwani	09/18/2023	--
District 2	Weldon Bradstreet	Taplin	12/08/2020	--
District 3	Todd Darling	Bartlett	01/22/2026	--
District 4	Robert Kinosian	Harrison	09/11/2023	--
District 5	Jacob Dadmun	O'Keefe	02/05/2026	--
District 6	Gregory S. Murphy*	Wengraf	12/05/2022	--
District 7	Taj Herzer-Baptiste	Lunaparra	02/26/2025	--
District 8	Theo Gordon**	Humbert	02/23/2023	--
Mayor	Andy Katz	Arreguin	09/27/2023	--

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Elmwood BID Advisory Board

BMC Chapter 7.84 (2013)

Meeting Information

Contact Secretary

9:00 AM

Secretary Information

Vincent McCoy
Office of Economic Development
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Advises the Council on the expenditure of revenues derived from the levy of assessments, on the classification of businesses and on the method and basis of levying the assessments. All nine members of the Advisory Board shall be owners or designated representatives of businesses that pay assessments in the District as defined in the ordinance.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Michael J. Berne**	Kesarwani	04/07/2023	--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Kara Hammond	Harrison	08/18/2023	--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 6	Vacant	Blackaby		--
District 7	Jesus Chavez	Lunaparra	03/26/2025	--
District 8	Andrew Han*	Droste	09/13/2022	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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Environment and Climate Commission

BMC 3.82

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
4th Wednesday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

Sarah Moore
Planning & Development Department
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Reviews and advises the City Council on matters related to emerging issues, policies, projects, programs, planning efforts, activities, and funding of environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience. Its scope includes advancing green buildings and resource efficiency; decarbonizing buildings and transportation; engaging and educating the community; addressing the impacts and welfare of all species, including animals, insects, and plants; reducing greenhouse gas emissions; reducing toxics and preventing pollution; and supporting environmental justice.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
At-large	Mabel Athanasiou	Council	11/28/2023	--
At-large	Shanza Syed	Council	11/28/2023	--
District 1	Sarah Ranney	Kesarwani	04/12/2022	--
District 2	Alison LaBonte*	Taplin	12/21/2023	--
District 3	Brianna McGuire	Bartlett	07/05/2022	--
District 4	Daniel Tahara	Tregub	01/25/2022	--
District 5	Yasmin Mahmoudian**	O'Keefe	04/10/2025	--
District 6	Vacant	Blackaby		--
District 7	Michael (Misha) Kesselman	Lunaparra	05/21/2024	--
District 8	Kera Binns	Humbert	09/19/2024	--
Mayor	Gwendolyn (Gwendy) Donaker Brown	Ishii	09/22/2025	--

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Fair Campaign Practices Commission

B.M.C. 2.12 (1974); Ordinance No. 4700-N.S. - INIT

Meeting Information

Cypress Room
2180 Milvia St.
3rd Thursday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

Sam Harvey, Stephen Hylas & Lauren Packard
City Attorney's Office
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Ensures that monies received or spent in municipal campaigns are fully disclosed in accordance with the Berkeley Elections Reform Act. Members serve the same term as the councilmember appointing them, may not be reappointed by the same councilmember, and shall serve until successor is appointed when term has expired. No limit to number of terms served. Members shall be registered to vote; and shall not hold or seek public office, be an officer of a political organization, contribute in any way to a Berkeley election campaign; and shall be impartial toward any person who is subject to a commission investigation.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	David Shere	Kesarwani	09/16/2025	--
District 2	Pajouablai Monica Lee	Taplin	04/14/2025	--
District 3	Janis Ching**	Bartlett	05/14/2019	--
District 4	Kitt Saginor*	Harrison	03/16/2023	--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 6	Vacant	Blackaby		--
District 7	Rithwik Sudharsan	Lunaparra	03/17/2025	--
District 8	Andrew Lazarus	Humbert	09/19/2024	--
Mayor	Kyle Edwards Haugh*	Ishii	08/05/2025	--

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Homeless Services Panel of Experts

B.M.C. 7.52.190 (2018)

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
1st Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Joshua Jacobs
City Manager's Office
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Makes recommendations on how and to what extent the City should establish and/or fund programs to end or prevent homelessness in Berkeley and provide humane services and support.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Denah S. Bookstein	Taplin	01/22/2021	--
District 3	Paul Kealoha-Blake	Bartlett	06/01/2021	--
District 4	Jerome Solberg	Tregub	01/13/2026	--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 6	Steven P. Segal	Wengraf	03/21/2024	--
District 7	Vacant	Lunaparra		--
District 8	Alan Levy**	Humbert	05/20/2025	--
Mayor	Carole Marasovic*	Arreguin	02/22/2021	--

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Housing Advisory Commission

B.M.C. 19.44, Section 19.40.020, Ord. Nos. 6312-N.

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
1st Thursday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Snow Zhu
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Advises Council on housing matters; advises Council on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs and funding allocations; hears and determines matters regarding the abatement of substandard and deficient buildings; serves as an appeals board for tenants and property owners regarding relocation and correction of code violations; advises Council on Housing Trust Fund (HTF) allocations.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Sarah Bell*	Kesarwani	10/27/2023	--
District 2	David Shere	Taplin	07/11/2024	--
District 3	Sean Vaughn Scott	Bartlett	02/05/2026	--
District 4	Alfred Twu	Tregub	09/23/2024	--
District 5	Karen Haycox	Hahn	06/28/2024	--
District 6	Deborah Potter	Wengraf	06/02/2021	--
District 7	Syrak Micael**	Lunaparra	04/17/2025	--
District 8	Rebecca Mirvish	Humbert	11/17/2025	--
Mayor	Leah Simon-Weisberg	Arreguin	02/06/2019	--

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Human Welfare & Community Action Commission

Ordinance No. 7,902-N.S., Chapter 3.78

Meeting Information

Cypress Room
2180 Milvia St.
3rd Wednesday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

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Health, Housing & Community Services
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The commission shall consist of nine members. This commission is not subject to BMC Sections 2.04.030--2.04.130, the Fair Representation Ordinance, due to the Community Action Agency membership regulations in state and federal law (three At-Large, three community members, and three Low-income elected representatives). The term of office of each elected member shall be four years from the date of the elections; no person shall serve for more than two full elected terms, or eight years.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Low-Income Rep.	Maria Sol	Elected	03/26/2024	--
Low-Income Rep.	Taj Herzer-Baptiste	Elected	03/18/2026	--
Low-Income Rep.	Vacant	Elected		--
Private Sector Rep.	Catherine Huchting*	Council	07/30/2024	--
Private Sector Rep.	J. George Lippman**	Council	07/30/2024	--
Private Sector Rep.	Vacant	Council		--
Public Sector Rep.	Catherine Gelsinger	Council	03/11/2026	03/10/2030
Public Sector Rep.	Vacant	Council		--
Public Sector Rep.	Vacant	Council		--

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Landmarks Preservation Commission

B.M.C. 23.404.050 (2021)

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
1st Thursday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Sarah Price
Planning & Development Department
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Designates structures and sites having special historical and architectural interest and value. Encourages preservation, maintains list of landmarks or historic sites, and reviews construction, alteration and demolition permit applications.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Michael Montilla	Kesarwani	11/18/2025	--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Kathleen Crandall	Bartlett	11/03/2025	--
District 4	Steven Finacom	Tregub	11/25/2024	--
District 5	Susan Orbuch	Hahn	01/31/2024	--
District 6	Paul Schwartz	Wengraf	12/13/2018	--
District 7	Elizabeth Greene	Lunaparra	12/19/2025	--
District 8	Denise Hall Montgomery*	Humbert	09/03/2019	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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Loan Administration Board

B.M.C. 3.72 (1987)

Meeting Information

Contact Secretary

Secretary Information

Vincent McCoy
Office of Economic Development
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Email: VMcCoy@berkeleyca.gov

Reviews and approves business loan applications submitted by eligible Berkeley business owners and developers. Two members shall operate a business in Berkeley; three members shall possess knowledge and experience with credit analysis or lending practices; one member shall possess reasonable experience with business law. Board members are exempt from city residency requirements, and are subject to additional restrictions.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Leah Wilson	Bartlett	11/05/2025	--
District 4	Vacant	Tregub		--
District 5	Marcelia Nava**	Hahn	06/03/2021	--
District 6	Noah Brod	Blackaby	03/03/2025	--
District 7	Vacant	Lunaparra		--
District 8	Vacant	Humbert		--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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Mental Health Commission

Resolution Nos. 65,945-N.S.(11/27/12); 57,078 resc

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
4th Thursday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Jamie Works-Wright
Health, Housing & Community Services Department
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Email: bamhc@berkeleyca.gov

Reviews and evaluates the community's mental health needs, resources and programs. Thirteen members are appointed by the Council. The Mayor shall be a member or the Council may designate a person of its choice instead of the Mayor. Two members shall be residents of the City of Albany (one of whom shall represent the special public interest.) Seven members shall represent the special public interest and five members shall represent general public interests as stated in the resolution. Terms shall be for three years.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Albany G.P.I (N/A)	Vacant	Council		--
Albany S.P.I. (N/A)	Vacant	Council		--
G.P.I.	Ajay Krishnan*	Council	06/25/2024	06/24/2027
G.P.I.	Edward Opton	Council	03/25/2026	03/24/2029
G.P.I.	Vacant	Council		--
G.P.I.	Vacant	Council		--
G.P.I.	Vacant	Council		--
Mayor's Designee	Igor Tregub	Council	01/21/2025	01/31/2026
S.P.I.	Ashley (Jiahao) Gu**	Council	11/20/2024	11/19/2027
S.P.I.	Glenn Turner	Council	06/25/2025	06/24/2028
S.P.I.	Ian Hunt	Council	07/23/2025	07/22/2028
S.P.I.	Lisa Teague	Council	01/22/2025	01/21/2028
S.P.I.	Maria Sol	Council	11/20/2024	--
S.P.I.	Patricia Fontana-Narell	Council	07/09/2025	07/08/2028

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Open Government Commission

BMC Chapter 2.06 (2011), Ordinance No. 7,166-N.S.

Meeting Information

Cypress Room
2180 Milvia St.
3rd Thursday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

Sam Harvey, Stephen Hylas & Lauren Packard
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The Open Government Commission consists of the members of the Berkeley Fair Campaign Practices Commission who serve as ex officio members of the Open Government Commission. The Commission hears complaints, considers ways to informally resolve those complaints, and makes recommendations to the Council regarding such complaints. The Commission may advise the Council concerning the annual report from staff, propose additional legislation or procedures that ensure the City's compliance with open government laws, and advise the City Council as to any other action or policy to enhance open and effective government in Berkeley. The appointment and tenure of members of the Commission is governed by Chapter 2.12

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	David Shere	Kesarwani	09/16/2025	--
District 2	Pajouablai Monica Lee	Taplin	04/14/2025	--
District 3	Janis Ching**	Bartlett	05/14/2019	--
District 4	Kitt Saginor*	Harrison	03/16/2023	--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 6	Vacant	Blackaby		--
District 7	Rithwik Sudharsan	Lunaparra	03/17/2025	--
District 8	Andrew Lazarus	Humbert	09/19/2024	--
Mayor	Kyle Edwards Haugh*	Ishii	08/05/2025	--

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Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

BMC Chapter 3.26

Meeting Information

Francis Albrier Community Center
2800 Park Street
2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Roger Miller
Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront
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Reviews and advises the City Council on issues related to all City/public parks, open space, greenery, pools, programs, recreation centers, the Waterfront, and resident camps: their physical conditions, policies, projects, programs, planning efforts, activities, and funding; early childhood education programs; and animal care issues in parks. The City Council may appoint one of its members to act as a non-voting, uncompensated liaison representative.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Carrie Rybczynski**	Kesarwani	03/10/2025	--
District 2	Leigh Stewart	Taplin	07/28/2025	--
District 3	Benjamin "Ben" J. Nash	Bartlett	07/01/2025	--
District 4	Mary Muszynski	Tregub	09/25/2025	--
District 5	Allen Samelson	O'Keefe	08/21/2025	--
District 6	Vacant	Blackaby		--
District 7	Ysabela Philip	Lunaparra	10/03/2025	--
District 8	Allan Abshez	Humbert	12/13/2022	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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Peace and Justice Commission

B.M.C. 3.68 (1986)

Meeting Information

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street
1st Monday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Tasha Tervalon
City Manager's Office
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Advises the Council and the School Board on issues of peace and social justice. Creates citizen awareness and develops educational programs. Total membership is fifteen. Each Councilmember and School Director make one appointment.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
BUSD	Babak Sani	Chang	01/16/2026	--
BUSD	Dwayne Phillips*	Babitt	08/30/2024	--
BUSD	Grace Morizawa	Appel	10/25/2018	--
BUSD	J. George Lippman	Vasudeo	02/02/2026	--
BUSD	Jeannette McNeil	Shanoski	04/22/2024	--
BUSD	Judah Press	Student Director	03/09/2026	--
District 1	Selim Yasavul	Kesarwani	02/27/2025	--
District 2	Adam Weisberg	Taplin	02/18/2025	--
District 3	Carole Marasovic	Bartlett	01/29/2025	--
District 4	Deborah Fink	Tregub	08/29/2024	--
District 5	Nimrod Pitsker Elias	Hahn	12/05/2023	--
District 6	Robin Mencher	Wengraf	01/04/2024	--
District 7	Luke Taylor	Lunaparra	06/03/2024	--
District 8	Ilene Lee	Humbert	09/27/2024	--
Mayor	Andrea Cassidy**	Arreguin	08/30/2024	--

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Personnel Board

B.M.C. 4.04 (1940)

Meeting Information

Live Oak Community Center
1301 Shattuck Avenue
1st Monday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Janelle Rodrigues
Human Resources Department
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Advises the City Manager on personnel policy and administration. Conducts hearings to assist in resolving complaints.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Jenny Wenk	Kesarwani	12/07/2021	--
District 2	Maya Karpinski	Taplin	12/23/2020	--
District 3	Nic O'Loughlin*	Bartlett	09/06/2022	--
District 4	Darryl M. Bartlow	Tregub	12/19/2023	--
District 5	Mary Kay Lacey	O'Keefe	06/24/2025	--
District 6	Robert Dixon**	Blackaby	08/25/2022	--
District 7	Vacant	Lunaparra		--
District 8	Aviva Gilbert	Humbert	01/27/2026	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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Planning Commission

B.M.C. 3.28 (1947)

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
1st Wednesday - 5:30 PM

Secretary Information

Justin Horner & Alisa Shen
Planning & Development Department
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Email: PlanningPC@berkeleyca.gov

Oversees and reviews the planning process and planning issues. Specific types of matters which come before the Planning Commission include revisions to the General Plan, Area Plans, Zoning Ordinance amendments, etc., including EIR and subdivision approvals.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Blaine Andrew Merker	Kesarwani	12/22/2022	--
District 2	Jeff Vincent	Taplin	12/07/2020	--
District 3	Darrell Ben-Lee Owens	Bartlett	01/29/2025	--
District 4	Christina Oatfield	Harrison	08/30/2021	--
District 5	Charles F Kahn	O'Keefe	01/15/2025	--
District 6	Emily Marthinsen*	Wengraf	01/30/2023	--
District 7	Alfred Twu	Lunaparra	06/16/2021	--
District 8	Savlan Hauser**	Droste	12/04/2020	--
Mayor	Angela Wang	Ishii	07/25/2025	--

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Police Accountability Board

Charter Article XVIII

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
2nd & 4th Wednesday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

Jose Murillo
Office of the Director of Police Accountability
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Promotes public trust through independent, objective, civilian oversight of the Berkeley Police Department, provides community participation in setting and reviewing Police Department policies, practices, and procedures, and provides a means for prompt, impartial and fair investigation of complaints brought by members of the public against sworn employees of the Berkeley Police Department.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Alternate	Vacant	Council		--
District 1	Joshua Buswell-Charkow	Kesarwani	06/03/2025	--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Vacant	Tregub		--
District 5	Leah Wilson**	O'Keefe	05/23/2023	--
District 6	Vacant	Blackaby		--
District 7	Joshua Cayetano*	Lunaparra	10/03/2023	--
District 8	Randy Wells	Humbert	03/11/2025	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC)

Ordinance 7,960-N.S. BMC Chapter 7.11

Meeting Information

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Secretary Information

Amanda Montez
Public Works
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The City Council shall establish a SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) to review expenditures and progress reports from the City Manager and City Auditor to ensure compliance with the intent of this chapter, evaluate the impacts and outcomes of tax expenditures on this chapter's stated goals, and prepare public reports on the committee's findings. (1) The SSCOC shall consist of seven members: (a) two from the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission; (b) one from the Environment and Climate Commission; (c) four Berkeley residents from the public. (2) Commission members are appointed by their respective bodies; public members are appointed by the City Council and must have expertise in civil or transportation engineering, infrastructure management, municipal bonds or tax measures, or ADA compliance related to accessible infrastructure for seniors and disabled communities.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
Alternate	Zachary Fraser	Council	05/20/2025	--
Berkeley Resident	Ben Gerhardtstein	Council	05/20/2025	--
Berkeley Resident	Douglas Legg*	Council	05/20/2025	--
Berkeley Resident	Rena Fischer	Council	05/20/2025	--
Berkeley Resident	Sybil Hatch	Council	05/20/2025	--
ECC Member	Michael (Misha) Kesselman	ECC	04/23/2025	--
TIC Member	Arsh Singh Hothi**	TIC	03/27/2025	--
TIC Member	Liza Lutzker	TIC	03/27/2025	--

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Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board

Ordinance No. 6787; Resolution No. 62,389

Meeting Information

Solano BID District
Contact Secretary

Secretary Information

Vincent McCoy
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Advises the Council on the expenditure of revenues derived from the levy of assessments, on the classification of businesses and on the method and basis of levying the assessments. All nine members of the Advisory Board shall be owners or designated representatives of businesses that pay assessments in the District as defined in the ordinance.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Vacant	Kesarwani		--
District 2	Vacant	Taplin		--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Vacant	Tregub		--
District 5	Vacant	O'Keefe		--
District 6	Fern Solomon*	Wengraf	04/27/2023	--
District 7	Vacant	Lunaparra		--
District 8	Laura Robin Devany**	Humbert	06/09/2023	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts

B.M.C. Section 7.72.090 (2014) - INIT

Meeting Information

West Berkeley Family Wellness Center
1900 Sixth Street

3rd Thursday - 6:00 PM

Secretary Information

Roberto Terrones
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Department
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Makes recommendations on how and to what extent the City should establish and/or fund programs to reduce the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages in Berkeley and to address the effects of such consumption. Each member of the Panel must: 1) have experience in community-based youth food and nutrition programs; or 2) have experience in school-based food and nutrition programs and be referred by the Berkeley Unified School District; or 3) have experience in early childhood nutrition education; or 4) have experience in researching public health issues or evaluating public health programs related to diabetes, obesity, and sugary drink consumption; or 5) be a licensed medical practitioner.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Xavier Morales	Maio	10/23/2018	--
District 2	Michael A. Rodriguez	Taplin	09/01/2023	--
District 3	Vacant	Bartlett		--
District 4	Janice Kao**	Harrison	03/31/2023	--
District 5	Vivian F. Lopez	Hahn	01/30/2024	--
District 6	Pat Crawford	Wengraf	04/18/2023	--
District 7	Peace Esonwune*	Lunaparra	08/28/2023	--
District 8	Kenneth Hecht	Droste	03/15/2022	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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Transportation and Infrastructure Commission

Resolution No. 70 410-N.S.

Meeting Information

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave
3rd Thursday-7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Mark Helmbrecht
Public Works
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Advises the City Council with respect to Transportation and Public Works infrastructure policies, facilities, and services.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Naveen Gattu	Kesarwani	05/20/2025	--
District 2	Kim Walton	Taplin	08/24/2022	--
District 3	Liza Lutzker	Bartlett	07/05/2022	--
District 4	Marina Budimir	Tregub	04/03/2026	--
District 5	Holly Scheider	O'Keefe	02/18/2025	--
District 6	Arsh Singh Hothi	Blackaby	01/14/2025	--
District 7	Lauren (Ren Zaro) Fitzgerald*	Lunaparra	06/04/2024	--
District 8	Adrian Leung**	Humbert	08/24/2022	--
Mayor	Barry Fike	Ishii	10/06/2025	--

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Youth Commission

B.M.C. 3.42 (1976)

Meeting Information

Francis Albrier Community Center
2800 Park Street
2nd Monday - 6:30 PM

Secretary Information

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Identifies the needs of youth, reviews and recommends youth services and programs. Each Councilmember appoints one member and the School Board appoints nine members for a total of eighteen. Terms are for one year with no member serving more than four consecutive terms. Desirable criteria: members be residents of the city, between the ages of 12-25, and at least half be junior or high school students.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
BUSD	Karim Meleis	Vasudeo	05/06/2025	--
BUSD	Kiara Hughes**	Corn	10/28/2025	--
BUSD	Neela Marchesini	Chang	12/05/2025	--
BUSD	Neshia Geoghegan	BUSD	11/05/2025	--
BUSD	Nuri Lewis-Pichler	Shanoski	02/26/2026	--
BUSD	Vacant	Brown		--
BUSD	Vacant	BUSD		--
BUSD	Vacant	BUSD		--
BUSD	Vacant	BUSD		--
District 1	Monique Hightower-Gaskin	Kesarwani	09/25/2025	--
District 2	Reece Fong	Taplin	03/20/2025	--
District 3	Diya Patel	Bartlett	12/19/2023	--
District 4	Lyla Shapiro	Tregub	03/24/2026	--
District 5	Ida Marshall-Lappé	O'Keefe	06/09/2025	--
District 6	Maia Astera	Blackaby	06/05/2025	--
District 7	Thea Lutzker	Lunaparra	08/05/2025	--
District 8	Yoshi Rohn	Humbert	01/07/2025	--
Mayor	Hannah Slattery-Weisberg*	Arreguin	10/08/2021	--

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Zero Waste Commission

B.M.C. 3.40 (1972)

Meeting Information

Corporation Yard, Willow Room
1326 Allston Way
3rd Thursday - 5:30 PM

Secretary Information

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ZSlack@berkeleyca.gov

The Commission is responsible for making recommendations on City solid waste policy and goals, including commercial and residential garbage and recycling services, budgets, and other decisions relating to solid waste in the City of Berkeley. Council shall appoint one of its members as liaison. In February 2006 the City Council changed the Commission's name from the Solid Waste Management Commission to the Zero Waste Commission.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Steven Sherman*	Kesarwani	05/06/2021	--
District 2	Layla Dargahi	Taplin	06/24/2024	--
District 3	Dennis Uyat	Bartlett	04/22/2024	--
District 4	Philip Monrad	Tregub	10/07/2024	--
District 5	Claire Wilson**	O'Keefe	10/14/2025	--
District 6	Sandra Curtis	Wengraf	04/06/2021	--
District 7	Lucy Longwell	Lunaparra	03/23/2026	--
District 8	Barun Singh	Humbert	01/29/2025	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--

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Zoning Adjustments Board

B.M.C. 23.404.070 (2021)

Meeting Information

BUSD Board Room
1231 Addison Street
2nd & 4th Thursday - 7:00 PM

Secretary Information

Sarah Price & Sharon Gong
Planning & Development Department
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Makes findings and recommendations for granting or denying variance and use permits as provided for in the Zoning Ordinance, Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance and Neighborhood Commercial Preservation Ordinance.

District	Name	Appointed By	Term Start	Term End
District 1	Yes Duffy	Kesarwani	03/02/2021	--
District 2	Kimberly Gaffney*	Taplin	12/11/2020	--
District 3	Michael J. Thompson	Bartlett	04/01/2021	--
District 4	Steven Cramer	Tregub	04/08/2026	--
District 5	Shannon Allen	O'Keefe	12/11/2024	--
District 6	Peter Choi	Blackaby	02/24/2025	--
District 7	Brandon Yung**	Lunaparra	02/01/2023	--
District 8	Debra R. Sanderson	Humbert	04/21/2021	--
Mayor	Vacant	Ishii		--