



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley

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<https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/boards-commissions/planning-commission>

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Jeff Vincent, District 2

Darrell Owens, District 3

Christina Oatfield, District 4

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District 8

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Contact:

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1. **ROLL CALL:** Please put all cellular phones and ringers on silent during the meeting.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:** The Commission recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this uncaded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda and Information Items** (Three minutes per person; five minutes per organization, or at the discretion of the Chairperson)
4. **ORDER OF AGENDA**
5. **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**
6. **AD HOC Subcommittees and Liaison Comments**
Receive opportunity reports on status of projects for which the Planning Commission has established a subcommittee or liaison.
7. **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**
8. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**
9. [**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 16, 2025**](#)
10. **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. **Discussion:** **Presentation from Planning and Development Director**
Recommendation: Receive and accept a presentation on the Planning and Development Department from the Director, Jordan Klein.
Written Materials: None.
Presentation: N/A
 - B. **Discussion:** [**Corridors Zoning Update – Alternatives Report**](#)
Recommendation: Review this staff report, receive a staff presentation, consider public comments, provide feedback on the Berkeley Corridors Zoning Update Alternatives Report (**Attachment 1**), and identify a preferred zoning alternative for City Council consideration at their work session in November 2025.
Written Materials: Attached.
Presentation: N/A

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| C. | Discussion: | <u>Planning Commission 2025-2026 Policy Workplan</u> |
| | Recommendation: | Review and accept the informational report on the Land Use Planning Division Policy Work Plan for 2025 and 2026. |
| | Written Materials: | Attached. |
| | Presentation: | N/A |

11. **INFORMATION REPORTS:** None.

12. [CORRESPONDENCE](#)

13. **NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025 6:00 PM.

14. **ADJOURN**

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