

DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

June 25, 2025

7:00 PM

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Mayor's Appointee- Andy Katz

District 1 – Michael Wilson
District 2 – Weldon Bradstreet
District 3 – Todd Darling
District 4 – Robert Kinosian

District 5 – Shirley Dean
District 6 – Greg Murphy*
District 7 – Taj Herzer-Baptiste
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AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order:

Public Present

Approval of the Agenda

Discussion –

Agenda approved as amended by Acclamation or Vote?

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Public speakers:

1. Chairperson's Report
2. Fire Department Staff Report

REGULAR AGENDA MATTERS *All Regular agenda Matters are for discussion and possible action.*

- 3. Action/Discussion:** Minutes of May 28, 2025 (Murphy)
Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the May 28, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Public speakers:

Motion:

Motion to approve:

Second:

Vote: Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Written Material: DFSC 5/28/25 Regular Meeting Minutes

- 4. Action/Discussion:** FY26 Work Plan
Recommendation: Amendment and Approval of individual activities proposed in a 2025 – 2026 DFSC Work Plan that will then be finalized and submitted to City Council for Approval

Public speakers:

Motion:

Motion to approve:

Second:

Vote: Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Written Material: FY26 Work Plan

5. Work Group Reports

Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:

- Plan& Budget Oversight
- Home Hardening
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Safe Passages
- Community Outreach
- Vision Zero

Written Materials:

Presentation:

6. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

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Adjournment

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Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at Berkeley Fire Department located at 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Berkeley, CA.

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I hereby certify that the agenda for this regular/special meeting of the Berkeley City's Disaster and Fire Safety Commission was posted at the front of the Division of Training, 997 Cedar Street, as well as on the City's website, three days prior to the scheduled Commission meeting.

### SECRETARY SIGNATURE

*Keith May*      6/17/2025

## DFSC Staff Report

June 25, 2025

1. Measure FF Monthly Report
  - a. Budget Overview –
  - b. Quarter 1 (July, August, September) report due in November  
Quarter 2 (October, November, December) report due in February  
Quarter 3 (January, February, March) report due in **May**  
Quarter 4 (April, May, June) End of Year Report due in October
    - i. Program Review
      - **WUI Interns** – The Interns provide Berkeley Fire Department with a trained, mobile and mission-specific workforce that is principally assigned to monitor vegetative hazardous fuel on or near structures, collect data, and identify reduction activities
        - **Updates:** No New Updates
      - **Wildfire Prevention / Mitigation – Vegetation Management Inspections –**
        - **Updates:** No New Updates
        - **Safe Passage - The Fire Department has contracted with a vendor to help the City of Berkeley meet requirements outlined in SB 99, AB 747, and AB 1409, provide City with professional services in the areas of traffic and evacuation modeling and planning, given various evacuation and/or emergency response scenarios as determined by the City.**
          - **Update:** No New Updates.
2. Measure GG Monthly Report
  - a. Budget Overview – No new update
  - b. Quarter 1 (July, August, September) report due in November  
Quarter 2 (October, November, December) report due in February  
Quarter 3 (January, February, March) report due in **May**  
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3. Fire Facilities Master Plan (FMP): Berkeley Fire Department stations are undersized, in poor condition and in need of remodels or replacement. The Department initiated a long-term replacement planning process to better understand infrastructure needs. This process will provide the City leaders of today and tomorrow with actionable information ahead of future infrastructure bond measures. *(Measure FF has funded the study only)*

- a. Update: **No new update**

4. Department Activities

- a. **114<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Academy:** Entry level interviews were held from April 14<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Interviews and EMS Skills Exam started on the 19<sup>th</sup> and will conclude the first week of June.
- b. **EMS-06 Paramedic Academy:** The interviews and EMS skills exam is complete. Candidates are now in the background process.
- c. **First-In Camp:** This year thirty people spent two days at our Drill Tower getting a taste of what it’s like to be a firefighter. This is a well-orchestrated and positive event for all of the participants and for our own staff who participate. Mayor Ishi, City Manager Buddenhagen, along with the Chief Sprague attended part of the event and saw first-hand the high energy that was on display.

5. Call Volume Report

| <b>Fire Department Report by California Incident Type</b>                                                                                                                                                   |     |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--|
| <b>May</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |  |
| <b>Fires – including Encampment Fires</b><br>(structures, mobile properties, vegetation, rubbish, equipment, cooking, chimney,                                                                              | 38  |  |
| <b>Explosion - no fire</b><br>(overpressure ruptures, explosions)                                                                                                                                           | 0   |  |
| <b>Rescue &amp; EMS</b> (medical assist, vehicle accident                                                                                                                                                   | 936 |  |
| <b>Hazardous Condition - no fire</b><br>(combustible spills/leaks, chemical release, radioactive condition, electrical wiring problem, biological hazard, potential accident w/ building/aircraft/vehicles) | 66  |  |

|                                                                                                                                   |              |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Service Calls</b> (person in distress, water issue, smoke/odor problem, animal issue, public assist, cover assignment/standby) | 111          |  |
| <b>Good Intent</b> (canceled en-route, wrong location, nothing found, steam mistaken for smoke)                                   | 108          |  |
| <b>False Alarm Calls</b> (malicious, malfunction, unintentional, biohazard scare)                                                 | 164          |  |
| <b>Severe WX</b> (lightening, wind storms)                                                                                        | 0            |  |
| <b>Special Incidents</b> (citizen complaints)                                                                                     | 1108         |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>1,424</b> |  |
| <b>Apparatus Count</b>                                                                                                            |              |  |
|                                                                                                                                   | <b>3,198</b> |  |

### **DFSC Action Tracker**

| Date of DFSC Action | Description                                                                                                                                                        | Status                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>3/26/2025</b>    | Remove the 1-year pre-transfer eligibility restriction of the transfer tax rebate for wildfire hardening from BMC 7.52.060, to encourage early mitigation efforts. | Referred to the Budget & Finance Committee and heard on 5/22/25. Committee has postponed item to a future date. |

Public

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# WILDLAND FIRE MITIGATION MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 2025

Prepared by the SPP Division



## Program Data - Cumulative 2024-2025 (+/- current month)



### Grizzly Peak Clean-up

#### Phase 1 Updates:

- Completed Wildcat Canyon Rd (1.8 miles total)
- Completed Grizzly Peak Blvd (2.28 miles total)
- 319.2 tons of vegetation removed to date
- \$235,010 (52%) spent to date



### FireWise Application Status



17 FireWise Communities 4 Pending / In-Progress



### Home Hardening Mesh Program

Pick-ups and deliveries provided bi-weekly



231 (+25) Applications



128 (+7) Pickups



64 (+8) Deliveries



### Eucalyptus Understory Program



51 (+2) Applications



31 (+7) Properties Completed



142,106 Total Spent



### Chipping Program

The Chipper Program restarted the week of March 17, to coincide with the start of the 2025 defensible space inspection season.



4103 (+569) Cubic yards removed



1334 (+121) Pickups



35 (+3) Weeks Completed

## Defensible Space Inspections YTD (+/- current month)

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 679 (+43) | Inspections         |
| 38 (+21)  | Re-Inspections      |
| 162 (+28) | Violations          |
| 345 (+89) | Discoveries         |
| 478 (+35) | Resolved Violations |
| 11 (+0)   | Total Citations     |
| 105 (+58) | Resolved Items      |
| 2 (-1)    | Inspectors          |

### Right of Entry Agreement Program

50% + of our total inspections were full access.  
15% of total inspections had a signed RoE.

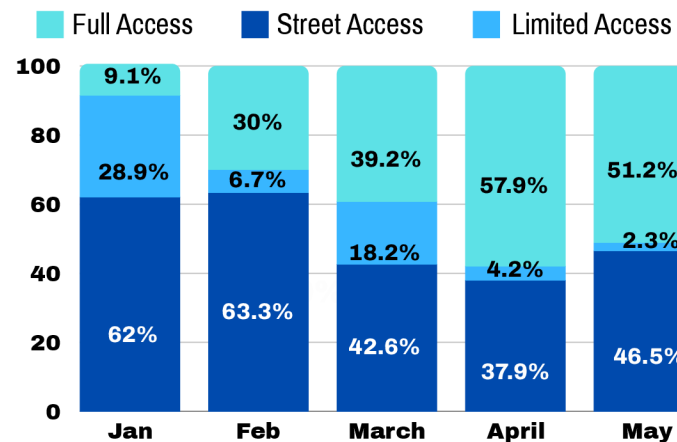


5,627 Invitations Sent



431 RoE's Signed

### Inspection Access %



## Announcements

### Resident Assistance Program

Resident Assistance Program applications open June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### EMBER Initiative

Public Hearing on June 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm

## EMBER Initiative Timeline

### Effective Mitigations for Berkeley's Ember Resilience (EMBER)

- Introduced EMBER- January 2025
- First Reading of the Ordinance- March 2025
- Council Meeting to Adopt the Resolution- April 15, 2025
- Public Hearing to Adopt the Code- June 17, 2025
- Education Campaign May – December 2025
- Increased Services and Support May 2025
- Enforcement by Inspection January 1, 2026
- Reduced Risk of Loss Zone 4 2026

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### AGENDA

#### Preliminary Matters

**Call to Order:** 7:06 pm  
**Present:** Murphy, Gordon, Bradstreet, Herzer-Baptiste, Wilson, Kinosian, Katz  
**Late:** Dean 7:12 pm, Darling 7:35 pm  
**Absent:**  
**LOA:**

**Public Present - 2**

#### Approval of the Agenda

*Discussion – Agenda item #9 has been pulled from the Agenda as AB 612 died in the State Appropriations Committee on May 23, 2025.*

*Agenda approved as amended by Acclamation*

#### Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

*Public speakers: 0*

1. Chairperson's Report
2. Fire Department Staff Report

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- 3. Action/Discussion:** Minutes of April 23, 2025 (Murphy)

**Recommendation:** Approve the draft minutes of the April 23, 2025 regular meeting

**Written Material:** DFSC 4/23/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Motion:**

**Motion to approve:** Bradstreet

**Second:** Gordon

**Vote: Ayes:** Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Kinosian, , Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** Kinosian, Dean
- 4. Discussion:** Measure GG/FF Budget Presentation Part 2 (Staff)

**Recommendation:** None

**Written Material:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Reports

**Public Comment:** 2
- 5. Action/Discussion:** Recommendation to City Council on the Measure GG/FF Tax Rate Adjustments (Murphy)

**Recommendation:** Approve the increase to use the 2026 PIG Tax Rate Adjustments.

**Written Material:** Memo to Berkeley Budget Office

**Motion:** *Recommend the PIG Tax Rate*

**Motion to approve:** Kinosian

**Second:** Wilson

**Vote: Ayes:** Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinosian, Dean, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon

**Nays:** 0

**Abstain:** 0
- 6. Discussion/Action:** EMBER Ordinance & Building Codes (Murphy)

**Recommendation:** Support of proposed EMBER Ordinance and Change to Building Codes Improving Fire Resilience

**Written Material:** Draft Memo To Council

**Motion:** Motion to send Memo as Amended to City Council

**Motion to approve:** Gordon

**Second:** Katz

**Vote: Ayes:** Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinoshian, Dean, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon

**Nays:** 0

**Public Comment:** 2

**7. Discussion/Action:** 25/26 DFSC Work Plan

**Recommendation:** Amendment and Approval of Individual Activities Proposed in a 2025-2026 DFSC Work Plan That Will Be Finalized and Submitted To City Council for Approval

***After discussion of the item, it has been pulled to clean up the draft work plan and bring the item back for a vote at the next DFSC meeting***

**Written Material:** Draft 25/26 DFSC Work Plan

**8. Discussion/Action:** Reschedule August 6, 2025 Regular DFSC Meeting

**Recommendation:** Reschedule 8/6/2025 Regular Meeting to 8/20/2025

**Motion:** *Change August 6, 2025 Regular meeting to August 20, 2025*

**Motion to approve:** Wilson

**Second:** Herzer-Baptiste

**Vote: Ayes:** Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinoshian, Dean, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon

**Nays:** 0

**9. Discussion/Action:** Letter To Assemblymember Wicks Re: AB612 (Wilson) **Item Pulled from Agenda**

**Recommendation:** Request Berkeley City Council to send the attached recommendation to Assemblyman Wicks adding section 14033.5 to the Government Code, as follows: *"On or before July 1, 2026, the department shall*

*update the Highway Design Manual to direct local governments to consult with local fire departments when making road improvements to ensure the improvements do not negatively impact emergency response times.”*

**Written Material:** Draft Report to Berkeley City Council and AB 601 Analysis May 2025

**10. Work Group Reports**

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**11. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps**

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**Adjournment: 20:45 By Acclamation**

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DRAFT

Action: Amendment and Approval of individual activities proposed in a 2025 – 2026 DFSC Work Plan that will then be finalized and submitted to City Council for Approval

Recommendation: The DFSC reviews, amends if necessary and approves the proposed workplan, with the activities and outcomes as detailed below. To the extent possible, commissioners will be selected for each work plan assignment with a designated leader of each work group. The final approved plan will be effective commencing on the date of approval of the new Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 by the City Council.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The City Council requires Commissions submit an annual Work Plan. The current Commissioner’s Manual, dated 2019* states:

DEVELOPMENT OF A WORK PLAN

In 2016, the City Council took formal action directing all commissions, except Board of Library Trustees (BOLT), Design Review, and Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB), to submit an annual work plan at the start of each fiscal year to the Council in the form of an Information Report. A commission work plan should contain the commission’s mission statement, goals, resources, activities, outputs, and desired outcomes. This planning document specifies how and when the commission plans to accomplish its objectives (by specifying outcomes) during the fiscal year. Goal statements explain the nature and scope of the work to be performed, and the time needed to accomplish the goal. Designing yearly work plans or goal statements may be done in conjunction with the development of the relevant departmental work plan so that the work of the department and the commission will complement each other throughout the year. When developing a work plan, commissions should take special care to ensure that they remain within the subject area purview of their enabling legislation.

Written Material:

**Berkeley Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
Proposed WORK PLAN – FY 2025-2026**

Mission Statement The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission serves as the public oversight body for Berkeley’s Measure GG and Measure FF funds, charged with reviewing the budget on a regular basis to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the intent of the voter approved measures, recommending the appropriate annual increase to the tax rate, and recommending new programs and policy positions requiring Measure GG and Measure FF funding. The ultimate goal of the Commission is to increase community safety, resilience, and education for community disaster preparedness. The Commission also reviews and makes recommendations on items referred by the City Council or other Commissions.

Summary of 2025 - 2026 Work Plan Activities

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>EXPECTED OUTCOMES</u>	<u>COMMISSIONER</u> <u>S</u>
<p>1. Plan & Budget Oversight</p> <p>BFD Staff Contact: D. Sprague / K. May</p>	<p>a) Review BFD budget materials on a quarterly basis</p> <p>b) Review current presentation materials / dashboards and make possible recommendations for changes or modifications</p> <p>c) Review the percentage of funds earmarked for Fire Zones 3 and 4</p> <p>d) Collaborate with Staff on providing recommendations to obtain additional funding for Vegetation Management and Home Hardening</p>	<p>a) Provide input for quarterly and annual budget; Provide Annual budget recommendation to City Council on FF & GG; Provide City Council on annual GG increases</p> <p>b) Review and Support concentration of FF mitigation funds to Fire Zones 3 & 4 without sacrificing important programs and efforts in remaining fire zones</p> <p>c) Research possible funding resources for Home Hardening and Vegetation Management</p> <p>d) Research possible funding for the Facilities Master Plan</p>	<p><u>Murphy</u> Gordon TBD</p>
<p>2. Neighborhood Fire Resiliency</p>	<p>a) Initiate process to monitor EMBER and new Building Code compliance with Staff-</p>	<p>a) Review metrics and presentation materials/dashboards</p>	<p><u>Murphy</u> TBD TBD</p>

2025-2026 DFSC WORK PLAN

Internal

<p>BFD Staff Contact: C. Arnold</p>	<p>including the Fire Marshall and Building Department</p> <p>b) Obtain updates on HH mesh program</p> <p>c) Monitor progress by Berkeley Firesafe Council on Tree removal and clean-up project</p>	<p>provided by Staff on EMBER and HH compliance</p> <p>b) Provide input and recommendations to BFD on expanding and improving the HH program</p> <p>c) Reports to full Commission from the Workgroup on a regular basis and requests an annual presentation from BFC</p>	
<p>3. Safe Passages</p> <p>BFD Staff Contact: C. Arnold / S. Lana</p>	<p>a) Review Safe Passage Components to EMBER ordinance, discuss implementation priorities with Staff</p> <p>b) Review Evacuation Study Results with Staff and draft recommendations for implementation</p> <p>c) Coordinate efforts with Vision Zero Workgroup</p>	<p>a) Recommendations for Safe Passages implementation in very high and high Fire Zones</p> <p>b) Provide input to Staff on recommendations and implementation</p> <p>c) Provide a joint report with Street Trauma Prevention Program workgroup to the full commission</p>	<p><u>Gordon</u> Wilson Herzer-Baptiste</p>
<p>4. Street Trauma Prevention Program</p> <p>BFD Staff Contact: S. Gallagher</p>	<p>a. Meet regularly with the STP program manager on priorities, decision-making, internal processes, challenges and other matters.</p> <p>b. Develop policy briefs and recommendations related to street trauma prevention and response.</p> <p>c. Develop a compilation of research findings and best-practices related to street trauma prevention and response and provide, or arrange for, presentations to the DFSC, and, if warranted, to members of Council.</p> <p>d. Collaborate and communicate with other entities, including other City commissions, on the role of the fire service in preventing, and responding to, street trauma incidents.</p>	<p>a. Assist in the development of written STPP goals, methods, and measurement tools.</p> <p>b. Provide ongoing feedback and recommendations to improve the STPP.</p> <p>c. Memoranda and / or referrals for approval from the DFSC for the City Council.</p> <p>d. Presentations and approved recommendations from DFSC to the City Council.</p> <p>e. Presentations for other entities on the STP program and the role of the fire service in both preventing, and responding to, street trauma incidents.</p>	<p><u>Wilson</u> Gordon Herzer-Baptiste</p>

2025-2026 DFSC WORK PLAN

Internal

		f. Written communications and possible special sessions with relevant City Commissions such as Transportation and Infrastructure, Planning, Aging and others.	
<p>5. Community Outreach</p> <p>BFD Staff Contact: S. Lana / J. Albrecht</p>	<p>a) Regular meeting with staff to monitor and assist in ongoing outreach activities</p> <p>b) Confer with Staff regarding current Communications Plan</p> <p>c) Assist in finding resources to implement unfulfilled activities of the Communications plan or other outreach activities</p>	<p>a) Present reports to DFSC on results of meetings</p> <p>b) Provide recommendations to improve or modify the Communications Plan</p> <p>c) Provide recommendations to implement unfulfilled activities or other outreach activities</p>	<p><u>Bradstreet</u> Herzer- Baptiste TBD</p>

* COMMISSIONERS' MANUAL 2019 edition; Amended and officially adopted by Resolution No. 69,063-N.S. (2019)

Alternative Action Considered:

None

Internal

FROM: Greg Murphy, Vice Chair, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

TO: Keith May, Deputy Chief, BFD

RE: Communication to DFSC Commission

DATE: June 16, 2025

Please forward this communication to the full DFSC:

Commissioners, I plan to attend the special City Council meeting this Tuesday, June 17 in order to voice my support for final approval of the changes to the building code and approval of the EMBER ordinance.

While I cannot speak for the Commission at that meeting, I hope that I will be allowed time to speak as a private citizen of Berkeley. I hope you can attend and provide support for these efforts as well.

If not, I urge you to email the Mayor and City Council today to voice your support:

council@berkeleyca.gov

To avoid any conflicts with the Brown Act, please do not reply to me, or to other commissioners to this communication.

Thank you.

Greg Murphy

From: [Shen, Alisa](#)
To: [May, Keith](#); [Milliken, Rebecca](#)
Cc: [Lana, Sarah](#); [Albrecht, Jamie](#); [Messner, Faye](#); [Moore, Sarah M.](#); [Van Dyke, Katie](#); [Pearson, Alene](#); [Covello, Zoe](#)
Subject: RE: Survey for City of Berkeley General Plan Disaster Preparedness and Environmental Justice Elements
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:22:17 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Environmental Justice Element Safety Element Update Equitable Climate Resilience Metrics Prepared Safe Healthy Berkeley for All flyer for survey simple.pdf](#)
[image003.png](#)

Internal

Resending because the subject heading was cut off in the previous email for some reason.

From: Shen, Alisa
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 6:14 PM
To: May, Keith <KMay@berkeleyca.gov>; Milliken, Rebecca <RMilliken@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Lana, Sarah <slana@berkeleyca.gov>; Albrecht, Jamie <JAlbrecht@berkeleyca.gov>; Messner, Faye <FMessner@berkeleyca.gov>; Moore, Sarah M. <SMoore@berkeleyca.gov>; Van Dyke, Katie <kvandyke@berkeleyca.gov>; Pearson, Alene <apearson@berkeleyca.gov>; Covello, Zoe <ZCovello@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Survey City of Berkeley General Plan Dis

Internal

Hello,

As part of the effort to update the City's General Plan Disaster Preparedness and Safety Element, create a new General Plan Environmental Justice Element and Equitable Climate Resilience Metrics, the City is seeking input from the community about priorities and challenges via an [online survey](#) that will be open through June 22nd. Please see the attached flyer and email below for details about the survey.

Please share with your respective Commissions.

Thank you,
Alisa

*Additional general information about the project overall is available at: [Prepared, Safe, and Healthy Berkeley for All | City of Berkeley](#)

Alisa Shen, Principal Planner (she/her/hers)
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Help guide policies to improve health, prepare for disasters

Jun 02, 2025 03:06 pm | The City of Berkeley

Use a survey to help define ways to improve the health and well-being of all people in Berkeley, and in the process, you'll lay the groundwork for long-term City plans to achieve those goals.

The survey will ask you to prioritize the importance of issues related to several categories – including disaster preparedness, pollution reduction, affordable housing, and civic engagement as well as access to public facilities, healthy food, and physical activity. It will also ask you to identify barriers to progress in those areas.

We'll use this feedback as part of a year-long process to develop sections of the City's key long-term planning document, the General Plan. The goal is to build a safer, healthier place for everyone to live and work.

Please take [the survey](#) by the end of the day on June 22. Please share it with others so we can get as broad a set of responses as possible.



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Please share this with your Commissions.

Thanks so much!

Karen

Greetings!

Your input and comments are invited on the **City of Berkeley Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) FY26 Annual Update** which has been posted on the website for a 30-day Public Review and comment period. The 30-Day Public Review period is being held from Wednesday, May 28th through Thursday, June 26th to provide the opportunity for input on MHSA funding and programming.

To access and review the proposed Annual Update, click on the following link: [Draft MHSA FY26 Annual Update](#)

Individuals interested in providing input on this Annual Update can also attend one of the Community Input Meetings that will be held in June during the 30-Day Public Review. The meeting and access information is outlined below and on the attached flier:

Thursday, June 12th: 6:00pm-7:30pm

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Or call into the Zoom Meetings:

1 (669) 444-9171

Password: 081337

Immediately following the end of the 30 Day Public Review period, a Public Hearing will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday June 26th, during the Mental Health Commission meeting which will be held in the Juniper Room of the North Berkeley Senior Center, at 1901 Hearst Avenue.

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In order to provide input on the MHSA FY26 Annual Update, please respond by **5:00pm on Thursday, June 26th, 2025** by directing your feedback via email, phone or mail to:

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KKlatt@berkeleyca.gov

Please share widely with anyone who you feel would be interested in providing input into this process.

Thanks,

Karen

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Meetings are being held to share information and elicit input on the written Draft MHSA FY26 Annual Update that is currently out for a 30-Day Public Review, and on Proposition 1.

Two Zoom meetings will be held.

For more information contact:

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*If you are calling into the meeting and would like a copy of the presentation, please contact Karen Klatt.