



Sugar-Sweetened
Beverage Product
Panel of Experts
Commission

**Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product
Panel of Experts Commission**
Monday, October 6, 2025, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Meeting Location:
South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA 94703
P: 510-981-5350

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Introduction of new Commission members
3. Approval of Draft Minutes from 07/17/2025 regular meeting – **Attachment 1**

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Discussion and Action Items

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1. **Subcommittee Reports**
2. **Discussion 1:** Commissioner Meetings with Council Members (Crawford)
3. **Discussion 2:** Fall Healthy Berkeley Grantee Meeting Date (Crawford)
4. **Discussion 3:** Annual SSBPPE Commission Report to City Council (Crawford)
5. **Discussion 4:** Grantee Site Visits (Crawford)
6. **Discussion 5:** October 2025 Commission Meeting with the Public Health Division (Crawford)
7. **Discussion 6:** Work Plan as a living document (Esonwune)
8. **Action 1:** Approve Commission Recommendation on Implementation and Oversight of Resolution 70,413-N.S. on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages to City Council (Crawford)
9. **Action 2:** Add/Remove Subcommittees/ Members (Crawford)

Information Items

1. Commission Work Plan – **Attachment 2**
2. Approved Meeting Minutes 06/26/2025 – **Attachment 3**
3. Commission Meeting Dates 2025 – **Attachment 4**
4. Subcommittee Roster– **Attachment 5**
5. City Council Timeline 2025 – **Attachment 6**
6. Soda Tax Revenues – **Attachment 7**

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Thursday, July 17th, 2025. 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Meeting Location:

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Morales, Rodriguez, Mashama, Kao, Lopez, Crawford, Esonwune, Hecht.
Absent: Commissioner Chan.
Excused: None.
Staff present: Roberto Terrones.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC None.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Approval of Minutes - Moved to approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 06/26/2025.

M/S/C: Morales/Hecht.

Ayes: Commissioner Morales, Mashama, Kao, Lopez, Crawford, Esonwune, Hecht.
Noes: None.
Abstain: Commissioner Rodriguez.
Absent from vote: Commissioner Chan.
Recused: None.
Excused: None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 18th, 2025**. Please check the SSBPPE Commission page on the City of Berkeley Commission webpage for updated information.

Respectfully Submitted, Roberto Terrones, Commission Secretary
Minutes will be approved at the September 18th, 2025 regular meeting.

Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts Commission
Proposed Work Plan –4/2025 – 3/2026

Task	Activity	Actions Needed in Advance	2025										2026		
			April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
1)	Conduct no more than 10 commission meetings per year	Distribution of agenda	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
2)	Discuss about current revenues vs. projected revenues and discuss disbursement plan for additional \$ (quarterly) and/or to discuss options for the use of extra funds above \$2M from the last fiscal year for related services.	Fiscal data requested and distributed		X				X		X			x		
3)	Annual grantee presentations to the commission	Grantees contacted and scheduled; Ask grantees to share how they disseminate re: SSB tax funds				X				X		X	X	X	
4)	Discuss with city staff internal activities funded by soda tax (e.g. Media)	Schedule staff for discussion				X			X			X			
5)	Discuss Epi research related to health as well as evaluation data from grantees including BUSD & YRBS.	Schedule staff for discussion Email request for health status report that incl. chronic disease data, dental caries, and any health behaviors related to sugar/diet)								X					
6)	Discuss city beverage procurement implementation. (Scott)	Send communication to Council to obtain beverage procurement data; Roberto will help get request into right template								X					
7)	Discuss creation of a system to evaluate city beverage procurement (Scott)	Obtain information of current beverage procurement data								X					
8)	Discuss status of healthy checkout policy implementation	Arrange meeting with public health nutrition staff/get update from nutritionist (Angelica)							X						
9)	Discuss numbers of stores assessed and outcomes by public health environmental department.	Arrange meeting with public health environmental health department							X						
10)	Organize a meeting for sharing information and resources among the grantees.	Gather information and resources for grantees (Workplan subcommittee responsible for this). Within 3 months of receiving funding, each grantee will attend a group meeting, facilitated by the commission to share information and resources. The meeting will be attended by representatives from all funded grantees.							X						
11)	Write report for council, press, etc.	Gather data and information for report						X							

Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts Commission
Proposed Work Plan –4/2025 – 3/2026

Task	Activity	Actions Needed in Advance	2025									2026		
			April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
12)	Grantees to host site visit by one or two commissioners	Grantees will plan and host a short site visit by one or two commissioners for the purpose of meeting each other, and sharing activities, successes and challenges. The plan for the site visit will be solely determined by the grantee as it will vary from organization to organization. The site visit can include attendance at one of the grantee’s events or activities. Healthy Berkeley grantees should plan and execute a communications strategy to share efforts and successes with the broader community. Communications requirements: - Produce at least one document each funding cycle that tells the public what the agency does and that this is made possible by funds from the soda tax. - Send the Commission a copy of the document or product and share the dissemination plan during a commission meeting. - Examples of communications products may include, but are not limited to: websites, social media posts, posters, flyers, contests, school assemblies, event announcements, community outreach etc.						X Q3/4 (2024-25)					X Q1/2 (2025-26)	



Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts Commission

Thursday, June 26th, 2025. 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Meeting Location:

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA 94703
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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Morales, Kao, Lopez, Crawford, Esonwune, Chan.
Absent: Commissioner Mashama.
Excused: Commissioner Hecht, Rodriguez.
Staff present: Roberto Terrones.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC None.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Approval of Minutes - Moved to approve the draft minutes of the meeting on 05/15/2025.

M/S/C: Esonwune/Lopez.

Ayes: Commissioner Morales, Kao, Lopez, Crawford, Esonwune, Chan.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent from vote: Commissioner Mashama.
Recused: None.
Excused: Commissioner Hecht, Rodriguez.

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1. Motion to approve the FY2026 SSBPPE Commission Work Plan with recommended edits.

M/S/C: Kao/Crawford.

Ayes:	Commissioner Morales, Kao, Lopez, Crawford, Esonwune, Chan.
Noes:	None.
Abstain:	None.
Absent from vote:	Commissioner Mashama.
Recused:	None.
Excused:	Commissioner Hecht, Rodriguez.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

NEXT MEETING:

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Respectfully Submitted, Roberto Terrones, Commission Secretary
Minutes were approved at the July 17th, 2025 regular meeting.

2025 Commission Meeting Dates

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[Commission Inbox](#)

Name of Commission: Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts Commission

Commission Secretary: Roberto Terrones

Please Note the Commission Meeting Dates for 2024 Below

Please fill in meeting date below. If no meeting for the month is scheduled please note as "No Meeting."

2025 Meeting Dates

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
January 2025	Thursday 1/16/2025	6:00 pm
February 2025	Thursday 2/20/2025	6:00 pm
March 2025	Thursday 3/20/2025	6:00 pm
April 2025	Thursday 4/17/2025	6:00 pm
May 2025	Thursday 5/15/2025	6:00 pm
June 2025	Thursday 6/19/2025	6:00 pm

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
July 2025	Thursday 7/17/2025	6:00 pm
August 2025	No Meeting	
September 2025	Thursday 9/18/2025	6:00 pm
October 2025	Thursday 10/16/2025	6:00 pm
November 2025	Thursday 11/20/2025	6:00 pm
December 2025	No Meeting	

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City Clerk Department

Please contact our office at (510) 981-6908 with any questions.

SSBPPE Subcommittee Roster

Subcommittee	Subcommittee Description	Members
Ad-hoc Work Plan	<i>Revision of 2024 Commission work plan.</i>	Xavier Morales Michael Rodriguez Pat Crawford Peace Esonwune
Media	<i>Give feedback on media materials that the Public Health Division disseminates to the public, prepare talking points for the media.</i>	Xavier Morales Janice Kao Michael Chan Themba Mashama
Prevention Strategies and Outcomes	<i>Review and revise requests for proposals, increase knowledge of the community, and evaluation.</i>	Pat Crawford Kenneth Hecht Vivian Lopez Janice Kao
Sugary Drinks Policy	<i>Recommend policies for the City Council.</i>	Pat Crawford Michael Rodriguez

Ad- Hoc Application Review Subcommittee

Members: Commissioners Morales, Hecht, Esonwune

Alternate: Commissioners Kao, Lopez, Crawford

2025		Thursday 12:00 PM	Thursday 12:00 PM	Monday 2:30 PM	Wednesday 11:00 AM	Thursday 5:00 PM
COUNCIL MEETING DATE	Reports Due to Director	Dept. Reports Due to Clerk Day 33	Agenda Committee Packet to Print Day 19	Agenda Committee Meeting Day 15	Final Agenda Meeting - (Print Agenda on wed.) Day 13	Council Agenda Delivery Day 12
Winter Recess [December 11, 2024 through January 20, 2025]						
Jan 21	12/5	12/19	1/2	1/6	1/8	1/9
Feb 11	12/26	1/9	1/23	1/27	1/29	1/30
Feb 25	1/9	1/23	2/6	2/10	2/12	2/13
Mar 11	1/23	2/6	2/20	2/24	2/26	2/27
Mar 18	1/30	2/13	2/27	3/3	3/5	3/6
Mar 25	2/6	2/20	3/6	3/10	3/12	3/13
Spring Recess [March 26 through April 14, 2025]						
Apr 15	2/27	3/13	3/27	4/1 (Tue)	4/2	4/3
Apr 29	3/13	3/27	4/10	4/14	4/16	4/17
May 6	3/20	4/3	4/17	4/21	4/23	4/24
May 20	4/3	4/17	5/1	5/5	5/7	5/8
Jun 3	4/17	5/1	5/15	5/20 (Tue)	5/21	5/22
Jun 17	5/1	5/15	5/29	6/2	6/4	6/5
Jun 24	5/8	5/22	6/5	6/9	6/11	6/12
Jul 8	5/22	6/5	6/19	6/23	6/25	6/26
Jul 22	6/5	6/19	7/3	7/7	7/9	7/10
Jul 29	6/12	6/26	7/10	7/14	7/16	7/17
Summer Recess [July 30 through September 8, 2025]						
Sep 9	7/24	8/7	8/21	8/25	8/27	8/28
Sep 16	7/31	8/14	8/28	9/2 (Tue)	9/3	9/4
Sep 30	8/14	8/28	9/11	9/15	9/17	9/18
Oct 14	8/28	9/11	9/25	9/29	10/1	10/2
Oct 28	9/11	9/25	10/9	10/14 (Tue)	10/15	10/16
Nov 4	9/18	10/2	10/16	10/21 (Tue)	10/22	10/23
Nov 18	10/2	10/16	10/30	11/3	11/5	11/6
Dec 2	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/17	11/19	11/20
Winter Recess [December 3, 2025 through January 26, 2026]						

VTO Affected Dates

Holiday Affected Dates

Religious Holiday
Affected Date

REVISED - 12/20/2024

Reports not submitted by the deadlines listed will not be included on the agenda.

Internal



City of Berkeley
Soda Tax Revenue-FY 2025
For the Months of July 2024 - June 2025

Month	Amount
Jul-24	88,874.27
Aug-24	87,682.02
Sep-24	98,960.91
Oct-24	67,105.85
Nov-24	98,608.25
Dec-24	84,944.49
Jan-25	104,623.13
Feb-25	70,139.88
Mar-25	106,890.45
Apr-25	69,666.77
May-25	90,999.43
Jun-25	89,936.67
Gross Revenue	\$ 1,058,432.12

FY 2015	\$ 242,986.39
FY 2016	\$ 1,757,271.70
FY 2017	\$ 1,578,389.00
FY 2018	\$ 1,517,949.28
FY 2019	\$ 1,606,177.73
FY 2020	\$ 1,378,196.46
FY 2021	\$ 995,387.49
FY 2022	\$ 1,047,801.97
FY 2023	\$ 1,185,893.91
FY 2024	\$ 1,110,228.70
FY 2025	\$ 1,058,432.12
Total	\$ 13,478,714.75



Sugar-Sweetened Beverage
Product Panel of Experts (SSBPPE)
Commission

ACTION CALENDAR

November 18, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts (SSBPPE)
Commission

Submitted by: Pat Crawford, Chairperson, Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of
Experts (SSBPPE) Commission

Subject: Implementation and Oversight of Resolution 70,413-N.S. on Sugar
Sweetened Beverages

RECOMMENDATION

Approve redirecting current funding to set up a program of implementation and oversight for Resolution No. 70,413-N.S., *Procurement, Sales and Service of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages*.

- 1) Informing the department heads about the resolution's existence and health benefits and purposes, and asking the heads to assure that this information will be received by their staff
- 2) Developing and distributing a questionnaire that assesses the current status of SSB purchase, sale, and service in each department.
 - A. The questionnaire should assess what challenges exist and any special needs that are identified by departments without full implementation. Departments which are implementing the resolution should be asked to identify strategies and solutions used to implement it.
- 3) Meeting with the departments that are not fully compliant to develop a plan for full compliance.
- 4) Establishing an annual process to update records of compliance that is transparent and can be used by the SSBPPE Commission to achieve its goals.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The SSBPPE Commission is requesting implementation and oversight by a Public Health Division staff person who has skills similar to those required to implement and provide oversight to the Healthy Checkout Program and given that there are windows of time when Public Health is not using the **Soda-Tax Revenue SSBPPE** funding allocation for the Healthy Checkout program, the Commission recommends that a portion of the Healthy Checkout budget be redirected to the work required to implement City Resolution 70,413-N.S.

In consideration for the workload of both programs, the Commission recommends that 75% of the currently allocated funding shall continue to support the work of Healthy Checkout Program while 25% of the current funding shall be redirected to set up a program of implementation and oversight for Resolution No. 70,413-N.S., Procurement, Sales and Service of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages. Workload on both programs will be assessed during the current year and monies funding allocations from subsequent years can be shifted accordingly. We believe it is very important to begin implementation of Resolution No. 70,413-N.S., this year.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Resolution 70,413-N.S. is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to improve nutrition and health of Berkeley residents by decreasing their consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages through education and policy.

This action was approved by the Commission on September 18, 2025:

Action: M/S/C (X/X) to approve communication to City Council on implementation of Resolution prohibiting the use of City funds for purchase of SSBs.

Votes: Ayes – X; Noes – X; Absent – X

BACKGROUND

We are writing to request the implementation of Resolution No. 70,413-N.S., *Procurement, Sales and Service of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages*, as amended on June 14, 2022, attached. It has come to our attention that this resolution may not currently be receiving the implementation or oversight necessary from City staff to ensure its effectiveness.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The prohibition on purchase and sale of sugar-sweetened beverages by the City should protect water by using less in its manufacture and also protect the environment by involving fewer single-use plastics.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The SSBPPE Commission sees this resolution as a key component of its policies to protect its residents from the well documented health ravages of sugar-sweetened beverages.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager [TYPE ONE] concurs with / takes no position on the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report. [OR] Refer to the budget process.

Note: If the City Manager does not (a) concur, (b) takes any other position, or (c) refer to the budget process, a council action report must be prepared. Indicate under the CITY MANAGER heading, “See companion report.”

CONTACT PERSON

Roberto Terrones, Health Services Program Specialist, Health, Housing, and Community Services Department, 510-981-5324.

Attachments:

1: City Resolution 70,413-N.S. on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages

RESOLUTION NO. 70,413 -N.S.

AMENDING RESOLUTION No. 69,917 – N.S. ESTABLISHING CITY POLICY / AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO DIRECT CITY OF BERKELEY DEPARTMENTS TO REFRAIN FROM PROCURING, SERVING OR SELLING SUGARY DRINKS

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is known for its commitment to reducing inequities in diet and disease and in promoting access to healthy food and beverages; and

WHEREAS, drinking just one serving of sugar-sweetened beverage per day poses a 30 percent or higher risk of becoming diabetic; and

WHEREAS, drinking just one serving of sugar-sweetened beverage per day poses a 30 percent or higher risk of early death from cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, City employees deserve a healthy work environment, with an increased variety of healthier low-sugar alternative beverages such as flavored waters, plain or carbonated water, 100% juice, milk drinks, diet drinks, unsweetened or artificially sweetened iced teas and coffee drinks; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that City staff are free to bring and consume their own sugary beverages at work; and

WHEREAS, other public institutions that have completely eliminated the sales of sugar sweetened beverages on their premises and have demonstrated that as a result, positive changes have been documented in the staff's metabolic disease indicators associated with lower risk of diabetes and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, giving City employees access to healthier beverages in the workplace will increase healthy beverage consumption and reduce the impact of diet-related disease, thus reducing the City's health care expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley requires that all organizations receiving funding from Healthy Berkeley not serve or sell sugar sweetened beverages on their premises; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Unified School District does not serve or sell soda to students of all ages on their premises and this contributes to positive adult role modeling regarding healthy beverage consumption; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 7.72 of the City of Berkeley Municipal Code has already defined sugar-sweetened beverages as all beverages with added caloric sweeteners with a minimum of 2 calories per fluid ounce, including juices with added sweetener, sodas, energy drinks, sweetened teas and coffee drinks, and sport drinks which offer little or no nutritional value, but include massive quantities of added sugar and in addition, Berkeley

Municipal Code Chapter 7.72 also defines exemptions and thus excludes waters, 100% juice, milk drinks, diet drinks, as well as medical drinks and baby formula.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley shall not:

1. Procure sugar-sweetened beverages with City funds; and,
2. Serve or sell sugar-sweetened beverages on City property, including in vending machines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City prohibits the sale or service of sugar-sweetened beverages (as defined in the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Distribution Tax – Chapter 7.72 .030 of the Berkeley Muni Code) at events that receive City of Berkeley funding and require signs be posted at these events educating the public about why sugar-sweetened beverages are not being served or sold; and that the language for the signs will be provided by the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in areas or facilities where employees regularly work beyond the core business hours of 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., the City of Berkeley shall provide refrigerators in good working order and of adequate size for the number of employees in that area, to bring and store their own beverages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to ask the City Council to make a referral to the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts to consider how to regulate sugar sweetened beverages at events held on City of Berkeley Property hosted by non-City entities who receive City of Berkeley funds.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on June 14, 2022 by the following vote:

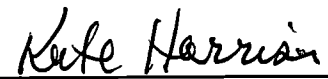
Ayes: Bartlett, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Taplin, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Attest:


Rose Thomsen, Deputy City Clerk


Kate Harrison, Mayor Pro Tempore