



PROCLAMATION CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

In accordance with the authority in me vested, I do hereby call the Berkeley City Council in special session as follows:

**Thursday, May 5, 2022
6:00 PM**

JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – KATE HARRISON

DISTRICT 5 – SOPHIE HAHN
DISTRICT 6 – SUSAN WENGRAF
DISTRICT 7 – RIGEL ROBINSON
DISTRICT 8 – LORI DROSTE

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call:

Action Calendar

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again at the time the matter is taken up during the Action Calendar.

The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak use the "raise hand" function to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Presiding Officer may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes. The Presiding Officer may, with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue, allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue.

Action items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair with the consent of Council.

Action Calendar – New Business

**1a. Fulfilling the Promise of Berkeley’s Reimagining Public Safety Initiative: Recommendations for a Comprehensive, Phased Approach
From: Mayor Arreguin (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation:**

To continue the study and implementation of a comprehensive, new approach to public safety and policing in Berkeley, responsive to the City Council’s unanimous July 14, 2020 direction for a transformative approach to community-centered safety with equitable investment in the essential conditions of a safe and healthy community:

1. Refer up to \$5.3 Million to the FY 2023-2024 Budget Process for staff and/or consulting services and community investments to complete the Priority Reimagining Public Safety Initiatives listed in Attachment 1, Section A to the report.
2. Direct the City Manager to prioritize over the next two years the programmatic recommendations for Phase 1 of Reimagining Implementation listed in Attachment 1, Section B to the report.
3. Direct the City Manager to initiate a design process for an innovative and comprehensive public safety agency or Department of Community Safety within the City of Berkeley administration, as outlined in Attachment 1, Section C to the report, and return with recommendations to the City Council by May 2024 to align with the FY 25-26 Biennial Budget process.
4. Except where resources may allow for expedited implementation, refer additional reforms to the FY 2025-2026 Biennial Budget as outlined in Attachment 1, Section D to the report.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

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1b. Response to Reimagining Public Safety Recommendations

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)

Recommendation:

1. Adopt the City Manager’s April 2022 recommendations for Reimagining Public Safety with the following revisions, and;
2. Refer to the City Manager’s office establishment of an Office of Racial Equity to aid in the implementation:

Policy Recommendation amendments

-“Implement the Specialized Care Unit Pilot using all of the recommendations of the consultant and the SCU Steering Committee as a road map”; Add: with regular review of performance metrics and service evaluations.

-“Continue to plan for a civilian traffic enforcement unit, both by informing the content of state law changes to enable such a unit, and by developing an implementation plan once state law does change”; Revise: Conduct a feasibility analysis of a non-sworn auxiliary traffic enforcement unit, including comprehensive analysis of any and all traffic violations and dangerous road behavior that may be safely addressed entirely by a civilian unit.

-“Approve a new Vision Zero staff position in Public Works’ Division of Transportation to conduct collision analysis”; Add: and to study extent of feasibility and scope of potential civilian enforcement pilot, implementation of Vision Zero and Berkeley Department of Transportation and Infrastructure department structuring models to advance engineering-first solutions to traffic safety with a racial justice and social equity lens.

-“Develop additional capabilities to address public safety goals with appropriate response level”; Revise: Develop additional capabilities to address root causes of crime and violence, including reduction of poverty and recidivism through a Guaranteed Income pilot program and City employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals, and locally-based Crisis Stabilization. In addition, the City Manager’s Office, and subsequently an Office of Racial Equity as appropriate, shall periodically report on performance metrics, administrative capacity, and fiscal sustainability for partnering CBOs and other NGOs performing violence prevention services, mental health crisis responses, and any other services under the auspices of Reimagining Community Safety.

Budget Recommendation amendments

-Consulting services - \$650k amended to: Office of Racial Equity Associate Management Analyst (1) to oversee a Guaranteed basic income pilot, city employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated, and support position (1) to conduct structural assessment and administrative capacity building for CBO partners- \$480k; Consulting services for Priority Dispatch, Call Data Analysis for Crisis Stabilization - \$170k.

-Add: Vision Zero analyst - \$200k

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action Calendar – New Business

- 1c. **Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Referrals and Direction on Reimagining Public Safety including Consideration of the Recommendations of the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR), Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, and City Manager’s Report on Reimagining Public Safety** (*Materials from April 21, 2022 and March 10, 2022 meetings.*)
Recommendation: Discuss and provide direction on recommendations to transform public safety and policing in Berkeley.

Adjournment

I hereby request that the City Clerk of the City of Berkeley cause personal notice to be given to each member of the Berkeley City Council on the time and place of said meeting, forthwith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Berkeley to be affixed on this 2nd day of May 2022.



Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Public Notice – this Proclamation serves as the official agenda for this meeting.

ATTEST:



Date: May 2, 2022

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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Communications

Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Referrals and Direction on Reimagining Public Safety including Consideration of the Recommendations of the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR), Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, and City Manager’s Report on Reimagining Public Safety Fulfilling the Promise of Berkeley’s Reimagining Public Safety Initiative: Recommendations for a Comprehensive, Phased Approach Response to Reimagining Public Safety Recommendations

1. Clara de Martel
2. Brian Hinch
3. Sara Beth Hoffman
4. Collin Thormoto
5. Sunny Smith
6. Kelsey Reid
7. Liz Wagstaffe
8. Sarah Openheim
9. Jessica Stern
10. Mary-Lee Smith
11. Diana Bohn

