



Housing Advisory Commission

# HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

## AGENDA

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**Special Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**  
**7:00 pm**

Mike Uberti, Secretary  
HAC@cityofberkeley.info

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### **PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

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1. **Roll Call**
2. **Welcome New Commissioners & Introductions**
3. **Agenda Approval**
4. **Establish Ground Rules & Participation** – Chair Johnson & Chair Kapla/All
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Receive Presentation from Healthy Black Families**

7. **Receive Presentation on Partnership for the Bay's Future (PBF) & Berkeley Initiatives** – Anna Cash, Berkeley PBF Fellow
8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Council Referral: Refer to the Planning Commission and Housing Advisory Commission to Research and Recommend Policies to Prevent Displacement and Gentrification of Berkeley Residents of Color and African Americans** – All (Attachments 1-3)
9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittee Appointments and Assignments**  
– All
  - a. **Displacement/Gentrification Referral**
  - b. **Housing Trust Fund**
10. **Approval of the November 20, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes** – All (Attachment 4)
11. **Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)** – All/Staff
12. **Announcements/Information Items**
  - a. Commissioner Stipends (Attachment 5)
  - b. City of Berkeley Race, Equity, and Belonging Town Hall (Attachment 6)

### 13. Future Items

### 14. Adjourn

#### Attachments

1. Alene Pearson, Planning & Mike Uberti, HHCS – Displacement and Gentrification Referral Response
2. Council Referral: Refer to the Planning Commission and Housing Advisory Commission to Research and Recommend Policies to Prevent Displacement and Gentrification of Berkeley Residents of Color and African Americans
3. Gentrification/Displacement Resources
4. Draft November 20, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
5. Mike Uberti, HHCS – Commissioner Stipends
6. City of Berkeley Race, Equity, and Belonging Town Hall

#### Correspondence

7. Randy Balluf, Ethics Violations
8. Randy Balluf, Constitutional Advocacy

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To: Housing Advisory Commission & Planning Commission  
From: Alene Pearson, Planning Commission Secretary  
Mike Uberti, Housing Advisory Commission Secretary  
Date: January 13, 2021  
Subject: Anti-Displacement Referral Response

On April 30, 2019, the City Council adopted the following referral for the Planning Commission: *Refer to the Planning Commission and Housing Advisory Commission to research and recommend policies to prevent displacement and gentrification of Berkeley Residents of Color and African Americans.* The complete referral is available in your agenda packet following this memo.

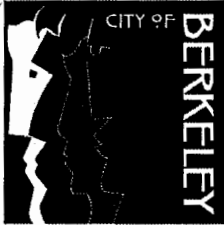
This concurrent meeting of the Housing Advisory Commission and Planning Commission is an opportunity for the commissions to discuss ideas and strategies that may inform a response. Each commission has the option to establish a subcommittee to further refine recommendations for the whole commission's consideration.

At its January 6, 2021 meeting, the Planning Commission voted to establish a Gentrification and Displacement subcommittee with commissioners Brad Wiblin, Chris Schlidt, and Shane Krpata appointed and Salvan Hauser as an alternate.

Questions for the Commissions to consider, either tonight or through subcommittees, may include:

- What will the format and logistics of the workshop include?
- How will experts and advisors on gentrification and displacement be identified?
- How will the commissions solicit expert and lived experience testimonies?
- What resources will be necessary to complete the workshop?
- What is a reasonable timeline for hosting the workshop and addressing the other aspects of the referral?
- What information and/or research would be helpful to inform the referral response?
- What would the charge of a subcommittee be?

Staff included additional resources intended to inform and guide the discussion (Attachment 3). This includes reports developed by various community-led initiatives here in Berkeley. We recognize this is not a comprehensive list and there may be additional resources that can add value to the conversation and outcomes. Commissioners are encouraged to share these at the meeting for future discussion.



Cheryl Davila  
Councilmember District 2

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## **REVISED AGENDA MATERIAL**

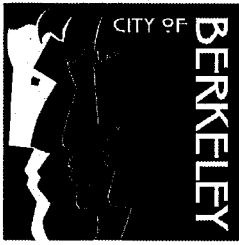
**Meeting Date:** April 30, 2019

**Item Number:** 22

**Item Description:** Refer to the Planning Commission and Housing Advisory Commission to Research and Recommend Policies to Prevent Displacement and Gentrification of Berkeley Residents of Color and African Americans

**Submitted by:** Councilmember Cheryl Davila and Ben Bartlett

Revised language.



Cheryl Davila  
Councilmember  
District 2

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

April 30, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Cheryl Davila and Ben Bartlett  
Subject: Refer to the Planning Commission and Housing Advisory Commission to Research and Recommend Policies to Prevent Displacement and Gentrification of Berkeley Residents of Color and African Americans

**RECOMMENDATION**

Refer to the Planning Commission and Housing Advisory Commission to research and recommend policies to prevent displacement and gentrification of Berkeley residents of color. Recommended policies should include real solutions. The Commission should do the following:

- Develop a policy to address the erosion of People of Color (POC), including the African American sector of our Berkeley society.
- Develop rules and regulations to halt the loss of People of Color including the African American communities.
- Develop a "right to return" for Berkeley residents, especially People of Color, including the African American communities who have been displaced by these economic and social developments, and especially those who continue to be employed in our City, even after having to relocate beyond our boundaries.
- Solicit expert and lived experience testimonies regarding displacement and gentrification.
- Recommend alternatives to prevent displacement and gentrification of our valued Berkeley residents/citizens of color and African Americans.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

Minority groups are being pushed out of the neighborhoods in which they live. According to a study from the California Housing Partnership, between 2000 and 2015 the number of low-income households of color in the nine Bay Area counties dropped by 28%. This was matched in time by a 30% increase in rent rates. At the same time, there was no change in the proportion of white households. In Berkeley, from a high of 23.5% in 1970,

the Black population has been more than cut in half. According to the United States Census Bureau, it is now less than 10% of the total composition of the city.

Experts agree that the rising costs of housing in the Bay Area, primarily due to the rising fortunes of Silicon Valley, have priced many of the older residents out of the city. This is especially true of those or their family members who don't own homes.

In short, displacement has had a large negative effect on long-term black residents of Berkeley, both as a community and as a fate suffered by individual persons and families at the hands of rent increases by landlords.

### **BACKGROUND**

Berkeley's neighborhoods were historically segregated based upon custom, as well as, contracts. Prior to 1948, so-called restrictive covenants by neighborhood groups blocked African American's and People of Color's access to "white communities". After the Supreme Court ruling *Shelley vs. Kraemer*, redlining or placing color codes on city maps to indicate where minorities could and could not live became the scheme to enforce housing discrimination. The result of this discrimination was that almost all Asian and Black Berkeleyans had to live south of Dwight Way and west of Martin Luther King Jr. Way (aka Grove Street) according to Charles Wollenberg, author of *Berkeley: A City in History*. Under these discriminatory conditions, "redlining" excluded Asian and Black Berkeleyans from most other parts of the City, thousands of Black families moved to South Berkeley during and after WWII.

According to *Redlining: The history of Berkeley's Segregated Neighborhoods*, by Jesse Barber, *Berkeleyside.com*, September 20, 2018, which stated, "They (Black residents after WWII) were cordoned off, not allowed to move to the north or to the east, so they built their own lives right there where they could find housing. Opening shops, stores, cobblers, food, etc. they prospered." The thriving *Lorin Station* business community in what is now called the "Adeline Corridor" developed organically to serve the needs of the growing South Berkeley African-American and Japanese citizenry. Fast forward to the 2000s: Minorities were being pushed out of the very neighborhoods in which they had been formerly compelled to live. According to a study from the California Housing Partnership, between 2000 and 2015 the number of poor households of color in the nine Bay Area counties dropped by 28%. This was matched in time by a 30% increase in rent rates. At the same time, there was no change in the proportion of white households.

In Berkeley, from a high of 23.5% in 1970, the African American population has decreased, significantly. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, it is now less than 10% of the total composition of the City, approximately 7%, currently.

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In short, displacement has had a large negative effect on long-term African American and POC residents of Berkeley, both as a community and as a fate suffered by individual persons and families at the hands of rent increases by the unscrupulous.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

Our community will be made whole again by having a diverse community filled with people of color including African Americans who will no longer be displaced. Possible reduction in Green House Gas (GHG's) since commute times may be eliminated or reduced.

### **REVIEW OF EXISTING PLANS, PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND LAWS**

There are currently few, if any, protections against the effects of gentrification; this, in conjunction with uncontrollably rising housing costs, makes it probable that Berkeley's declining Black population will continue to decrease. Therefore, the creation of this workshop will be the first steps towards creating legislation and policies to decrease or stop gentrification.

### **ACTIONS/ ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

There are very few alternatives that the City can consider, as creating legislation with the guidance of experts on gentrification and displacement may be the best action to combat such issues.

### **OUTREACH OVERVIEW AND RESULTS**

This legislation is designed to enable the Berkeley City Planning Commission and Housing Advisory Commission to create a workshop in which it will partner with multiple experts towards finding solutions for the causes and effects of gentrification and displacement.

### **RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

As the cost of housing and rent continue to rise in the Bay Area and Berkeley especially, low-income populations are struggling greatly to remain in their homes and many have already been displaced. A large proportion of this displaced population are from the black community. This recommendation will serve to protect those who are most vulnerable to the detrimental effects of development and rising housing costs as well as find a more equitable path of development.

### **IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

The workshop will be created and facilitated by the Berkeley City Planning and Housing Advisory Commissions and will work alongside experts and advisors on displacement and gentrification.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Staff time will be necessary to implement this workshop. The anticipated date for such a workshop is June 2019.

### **CONTACTS:**

Cheryl Davila, Councilmember District 2	510.981.7120
Ben Bartlett, Councilmember District 3	510.981.7130



## Gentrification/Displacement Resources

### Berkeley African American/Black Experience & Community Reports

- A Community Approach for African American/Black Culturally Congruent Services, The African American/Black Professionals & Community Network (AABPCN)  
<http://www.aabpcnetwork.com/uploads/8/6/9/0/8690936/aabpcnreportapril2011.pdf>
- The Status of African Americans, Low-income Families and Marginalized Communities in the City of Berkeley, Berkeley NAACP  
[https://docs.google.com/gview?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cityofberkeley.info%2Fuploadedfile%2FLevel\\_3\\_-\\_LPC%2FItem%252012.A.2\\_NAACP%2520Corrospondance.pdf](https://docs.google.com/gview?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cityofberkeley.info%2Fuploadedfile%2FLevel_3_-_LPC%2FItem%252012.A.2_NAACP%2520Corrospondance.pdf)

### Gentrification and Displacement

- Rising Housing Costs and Re-Segregation in Alameda County, UC Berkeley Urban Displacement Project  
[https://www.urbandisplacement.org/sites/default/files/images/alameda\\_final.pdf](https://www.urbandisplacement.org/sites/default/files/images/alameda_final.pdf)
- Racial Segregation in the San Francisco Bay Area, UC Berkeley Othering and Belonging Institute  
<https://belonging.berkeley.edu/segregationinthebay>
- UC Berkeley Othering and Belonging Institute Inclusiveness Index  
<https://belonging.berkeley.edu/inclusivenessindex>

### Videos

- Gentrification Explained: <https://www.urbandisplacement.org/gentrification-explained>
- Pushed Out: Displacement Today and Lasting Impacts: <https://www.urbandisplacement.org/pushedout>
- Redlining and Gentrification: <https://www.urbandisplacement.org/redlining>

### COVID-19 & Housing Insecurity

- Expiring eviction moratoriums and COVID-19 incidence and mortality  
[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3739576](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3739576)
- Pandemic Housing Policy: Examining the Relationship Among Eviction, Housing Instability, Health Inequity, and COVID-19 Transmission  
[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3736457](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3736457)



**HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2020**

Housing Advisory Commission

**Time: 7:00 pm**  
**Held via Video and Teleconference**

**Secretary – Mike Uberti**  
**HAC@cityofberkeley.info**

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **1. Roll Call**

Present: Xavier Johnson, Libby Lee-Egan, Mari Mendonca, Maryann Sargent, Leah Simon-Weisberg, Alfred Twu, and Marian Wolfe.

Absent: Alex Sharenko (unapproved).

Commissioners in attendance: 7 of 8

Staff Present: Amy Davidson, Mike Uberti, and Jenny Wyant

Members of the public in attendance: 2

Public Speakers: 0

### **2. Welcome New Commissioners**

### **3. Agenda Approval**

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Mendonca) to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, Twu, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved).

### **4. Public Comment**

There were zero speakers during public comment.

### **5. Approval of the March 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Wolfe) to approve the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: Lee-Egan and Twu. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved).

### **6. Discussion and Possible Action on Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Guidelines Revisions**

Commissioner Wolfe recused herself from this item as she is on the board of Resources for Community Development, an organization that makes funding requests to the City of Berkeley for development projects.

Action: M/S/C (Sargent/Johnson) to recommend to Council to rescind the existing Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Guidelines and adopt revised HTF Guidelines proposed by Staff with the following changes:

- Provide a more detailed definition for the 10% and 40% caps for predevelopment

- and development loans, and base the calculation on an annual fiscal year statement of Housing Trust Fund revenue, commitments, and balance;
- Provide more defined standards for a project's interest rate reduction eligibility that are tied to a project's being uncompetitive or ineligible for other funds;
  - Require other commissions are provided a notice of applications received during a Notice of Funds Available and the timeline for commenting; and
  - Request City staff explore the allowable uses of trainees for labor on Housing Trust Fund-funded projects.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved). Recused: Wolfe.

#### **7. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt a Commission Work Plan for FY 20/21**

Action: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Sargent) to adopt a Work Plan for FY 20/21 that includes the recommendations from Commissioner Wolfe as well as the following additions:

- Explore COVID-19's impacts on housing
- Address Council Referral: Research and Recommend Policies to Prevent Displacement and Gentrification of Berkeley Residents of Color and African Americans
- Address Council Referral: Small Sites Loan Program Recommendations
- Identify additional revenue sources for local housing
- Receive an update from the City on temporary and permanent housing opportunities for people currently unhoused in City of Berkeley

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, Twu, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved).

#### **8. Update on Council Items**

#### **9. Announcements/Information Items**

#### **10. Future Items**

#### **11. Adjourn**

Action: M/S/C (Mendonca/Lee-Egan) to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Sargent, Simon-Weisberg, Twu, and Wolfe. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sharenko (unapproved).

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_, Mike Uberti, Secretary

Date:



Department of Health, Housing  
& Community Services  
Housing & Community Services

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Housing Advisory Commission

**From:** Mike Uberti, Community Development Project Coordinator

**Date:** January 13, 2020

**Subject:** **Annual Stipend Declaration**

In order to remove economic hardship barriers from public participation, the City Council authorizes payment in lieu of certain expenses to commissioners of all Council-appointed commissions who meet certain household income criteria. Subcommittees of commissions designated by the advisory body and not by Council appointment are not eligible for reimbursement expenses.

Commissioners must file with the secretary an Annual Declaration form (Appendix G in the Commissioner's Manual) annually prior to May 31 in order to establish or maintain eligibility. The form is attached for your reference.

### **Eligibility criteria for stipend and reimbursement:**

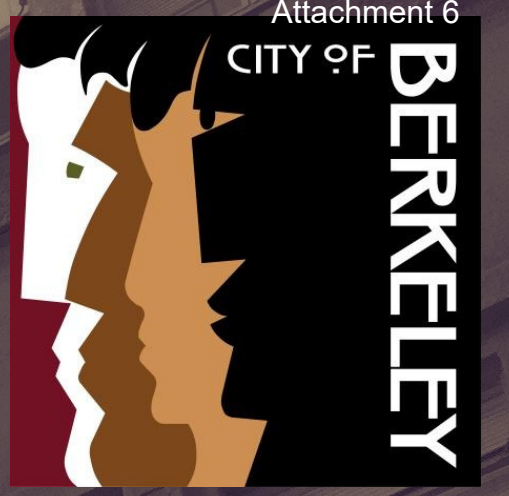
- Persons eligible to receive reimbursement in lieu of expenses are those commission members whose annual family income reported individually or as filed jointly for federal income tax purposes is below \$20,000 per year.
- File the Annual Declaration form with secretary prior to May 31 of each year.

### **An eligible commissioner is authorized to receive:**

- \$40 for each official meeting attended, not to exceed four meetings each month.
- Reimbursement for actual childcare expenses incurred while he or she attends meetings.
- Reimbursement for actual expenses paid to an attendant to provide care for a dependent elderly person while the commissioner attends meetings.
- Reimbursement for actual expenses incurred for disabled support services necessary to participate fully in commission meetings.

More information on stipends can be found in the Commissioner's Manual. Please contact staff at [HAC@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:HAC@cityofberkeley.info) if you have questions or would like to apply for a stipend.

*A Vibrant and Healthy Berkeley for All*



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR  
CIVIC CENTER

# RACE, EQUITY & BELONGING TOWN HALL

The goal of this Town Hall is to identify and bring into the conversation diverse voices and to co-create a framework for working together on race, equity and belonging around the services the City provides.

**THURSDAY 2/4 | 6-8 PM**

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**Uberti, Mike**

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**From:** Randy Balluff <brandysearthlink@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 31, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** Housing Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Ethics Violations

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To: Berkeley Housing Advisory Committee  
From: Randall Balluff

Hi,

And I hope you are doing well.

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At some point my particular case is part of the larger context of the Trump-COVID Presidency, although my literary and artistic works and consequent repression predicate by at least ten years our current state of affairs, and I hope that at some point group, class action litigation can be brought to bear on the larger systemic similarities of this case to other victims.

I have spent an extraordinary amount of time and energy to thoroughly research the laws, city ordinances, and other legalities, as well as enough due diligence on which individuals and what agencies bear responsibility for these high crimes and misdemeanors. Their actions have deeply affected my and my roommates' well-being, social standing, and ability to survive, and we will persist in making this case widely public. I am in the process of beginning a 1,000+ -litigant strong class action law suit regarding the same.

We are seeking both a *stay of any eviction proceedings against us as well as representation* by the HUD or DOJ to prosecute our landlord and all related persons, associates, and associations, connected to these allegations as evidence warrants.

Do you have suggestions or advocacy resources? How else might we communicate so that I might elaborate? How can we obtain a contingency lawyer or court-appointed prosecutor? Are there trustworthy, independent litigators or investigators outside invoking HUD and the DOJ?

Best regards and thanks again for your patience during this harrowing time.

Randy

Randall William Balluff  
415-539-5985  
<http://www.rwb.portfoliobox.net/>

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Addendum

Short-list of the people and agencies contacted over the last eight (8) years.

- HUD (Housing and Urban Development: requested Administrative Complaint form for DOJ).
- Berkeley Rent Board (currently investigating possible zoning/tax fraud on residence).
- CA Economic Development Department (sent letter on 12/20/2020)
- Anti-Defamation League (sent several letters several years ago to [N.CA](#) Branch and Director)
- Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (no response)
- Reports to DOJ (several years ago in San Francisco, sent 5 years ago, no response)
- Letter to Kamala D. Harris (Attorney General of San Francisco, sent 5 years ago, no response)
- Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, Housing Code Enforcement, and Berkeley Tenants Union (emails and phone conversations for over two months with these and related city departments, resulting in almost no actions taken, except when told a court case may be involved).
- Eviction Defense Center, Oakland (referred me to Wolff Law Firm).
- Andrew Serros Attorneys (basic consultation).

- Wolff Law Firm (after consultation, received Decline Letter for contingency civil trial services).
- Berkeley Housing Discrimination
- DeRay McKesson
- Berkeley Tenants Union
- Human Welfare/Community Action Committee
- East Bay Community Law Center

- Spectator USA

- Intercept

Short-list of the agencies and individuals to be contacted before the New Year.

- US Department of the Interior Federal Ethics Violations

- Governor Gavin Newsome

- Congresswoman Barbara Lee

- Congressman Ro Khanna

- US Office of Government Ethics

- Berkeley Housing Advisory Committee

Short-list of publishers and individuals to be contacted before the New Year.

- East Bay Express

- Justice Democrats

- Bill Moyers

- Robert Reich
  - Daily Kos
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**Uberti, Mike**

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**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 12:19 PM  
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- Report/Visit to DOJ (about 5 years ago, San Francisco, DOJ Employee/s blew me off).
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- Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board, Housing Code Enforcement, and Berkeley Tenants Union (emails/phone conversations over two months, resulting little or no/repeated actions taken, except when told a court case may be involved).
- Andrew Serros Attorneys, Wolff Law Firm (consult and Decline Letter for civil trial services).

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- Governor Gavin Newsom, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Congressman Ro Khanna. US DEPT of INTERIOR: Federal Employee Ethics Violations
- CFPB: [ConsumerFinance.gov](#) // CA Division of the CFPB:
- Berkeley Housing Discrimination, Berkeley Housing Advisory Committee, Berkeley Human Welfare/Community Action Committee, East Bay Community Law Center, Berkeley Tenants Union, UC Berkeley School of Law

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