

Commission on the  
Status of Women

**Commission on the Status of Women**  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – 7:30pm  
North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

## **SPECIAL MEETING-AGENDA**

**Mayor Arreguin:**  
Tiffaney Boyd

**Rashi Kersarwani:**  
Alyssa Plese

**Terry Taplin:**  
Saanvi Arora

**Ben Bartlett:**  
Kameka Goodwin

**Kate Harrison**  
Shirley Posey

**Sophie Hahn**  
Vice-Chair Radha Seshagiri


**Susan Wengraf:**  
Chair-Carole Marasovic

**Rigel Robinson:**  
Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeno

**Mark Humbert**  
Linda Oliver

***All items are for discussion and possible action.***

1. Roll Call.
2. Land Acknowledgment.
3. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda.
4. Approval of the Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action.
5. Approval of the April 17, 2024 minutes. Discussion and Possible Action.
6. Presenter, Tech CEO on the Impact of AI on Women and Creating Economic Opportunities in Small Businesses. Discussion and Possible Action.
7. Presenter, Healthy Black Families on Small Businesses. Discussion and Possible Action.
8. Chair Report. Discussion Only.
9. Proposed Recommendation to Provide Resources and Information to Older Homeowners to Prevent Scam, Fraud, and Real Property Crimes.
10. Adjourn

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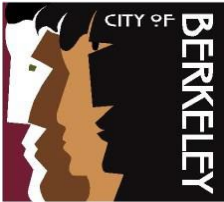
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## **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

*The City of Berkeley 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 unceded 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.*



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Regular Meeting – April 17, 2024  
DRAFT MINUTES**

The meeting convened at 7:00pm with Chairperson Marasovic presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Marasovic, Posey, Ortiz-Cedeno(arrival 7:10), Goodwin(arrival 7:15), Seshagiri, Oliver

**Absent:** Arora

**Leave of Absence:** Plese, Boyd

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**Comments from the Public**

- Public attendance: 4
- Public comments: 1

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**Action Items:**

**Item # 1:**

**Approval of Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action.**

***Move agenda item 10 to 9.***

**M/S/C:** Seshagiri, Posey

**Ayes:** Marasovic, Posey, Seshagiri, Oliver

**Absent:** Arora

**Leave of Absence:** Plese, Boyd

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**Item # 2:**

**Approval of the Minutes from March 20, 2024 COSOW Meeting. Discussion and Possible Action.**

**M/S/C:** Posey, Oliver

**Ayes:** Marasovic, Posey, Seshagiri, Oliver

**Absent:** Arora

**Abstain:**

**Leave of Absence:** Plese, Boyd

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**Item # 3:**

**Proposed Recommendation on City Enforcement of Legally Required Sexual Harassment Training for Employers. Discussion and possible action.**

*Commissioners voted to move the letter forward and be sent to the City of Berkeley Council.*

**M/S/C: Marasovic, Ortiz-Cedeno**

**Ayes:** Marasovic, Posey, Ortiz-Cedeno, Goodwin, Seshagiri, Oliver

**Absent:** Arora

**Leave of Absence:** Plese, Boyd

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**Item # 4:**

**Proposed Recommendation on Sex Trafficking. Discussion and Possible Action.**

*Commissioners voted to move the letter forward and be sent to the City of Berkeley Council.*

**M/S/C: Marasovic, Ortiz-Cedeno**

**Ayes:** Marasovic, Posey, Ortiz-Cedeno, Goodwin, Seshagiri, Oliver

**Absent:** Arora

**Leave of Absence:** Plese, Boyd

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary  
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