

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

**3:00 P.M.**

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Lori Droste

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**Roll Call:** 3:05 p.m. All present.

**Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only - 23 speakers**

## **Referred Items for Review**

- 1. Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID19 Budget Recovery  
From: Councilmember Droste (Author), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor)**

**Referred: June 15, 2020**

**Due: March 1, 2021**

**Recommendation:** 1. Reorganize existing commissions with the goal of achieving 20 total commissions; 2. Reorganize existing commissions within various departments to ensure that no single department is responsible for more than five commissions; 3. Reorganize commissions within the Public Works Department to ensure Public Works oversees no more than three commissions; 4. Refer to the City Manager and every policy committee to agendaize at the next meeting available to discuss commissions that are in their purview and make recommendations to the full Council on how to reorganize and address the various policy areas. Commission members should be notified and chairs should be invited to participate. Policy committee members are encouraged to consider the renaming of some commissions in order to ensure that all policy areas are addressed.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Lori Droste, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

**Action:** Discussion held. No action taken. Item scheduled for the Action Calendar on the February 22 meeting agenda.

## **Items for Future Agendas**

- **None**

## **Adjournment**

**Action:** M/S/C (Wengraf/Arreguin) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on February 1, 2021.

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Mark Numainville  
City Clerk

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