

# **Supplemental Communications (1)**

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## Communication

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**From:** Lapira, Katrina  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** Lapira, Katrina  
**Cc:** Pearson, Alene  
**Subject:** FW: Planning Commission Agenda - Special Meeting October 20, 2021

Hi Commissioners,

At the next meeting, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Bayer Development Agreement. Prior to this public hearing, this item was discussed several times by the Planning Commission throughout this past year. Since these discussions happened before your respective terms began, feel free to review the linked materials presented to the Commission at the following meetings to supplement your reading-

- PC Meetings
  - November 18, 2020 : [Staff report, presentation, minutes](#)
  - June 2, 2021: [Staff report, presentation, minutes](#)
  - July 14, 2021: [Staff report, presentation, minutes](#)
- [PC Video recordings](#) – Expires October 25

Let me know if you have any issues accessing the above resources and thanks,

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**From:** Alnas-Benson, Tiana  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 3:50 PM  
**Subject:** Planning Commission Agenda - Special Meeting October 20, 2021

Good afternoon,

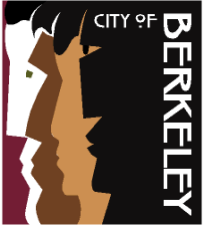
The agenda and related materials for the Special Meeting of the Planning Commission on October 20, 2021 are available online. You may access the information by clicking on the link below or by copying and pasting it into your browser:  
[https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Planning\\_and\\_Development/Level\\_3\\_-\\_Commissions/Commission\\_for\\_Planning/2021-10-20%20PC%20Agenda\\_Linked.pdf](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Planning_and_Development/Level_3_-_Commissions/Commission_for_Planning/2021-10-20%20PC%20Agenda_Linked.pdf)

Previous agendas and content can be found here:  
[https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions\\_Planning\\_Commission\\_Homepage.aspx](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions_Planning_Commission_Homepage.aspx)

Have a good weekend!

Late Communications  
Planning Commission  
October 20, 2021

Sincerely,  
Tiana



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## Communication

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**From:** Amanda Coggin <amandacoggin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:11 PM  
**To:** Pearson, Alene <apearson@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Advocating for paradise instead of a parking lot

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Planning commissioners, I live in North Berkeley and I stand with my neighbors and North Berkeley Now! to ask for more affordable housing with mixed income apartments and more green space. Market rate apartments are more affordable than the million-dollar single-family homes we have now, and they are needed for people who don't qualify for new, subsidized, affordable housing. We also want the largest amount of subsidized housing possible so lower income residents are able to use public transit. Given the shortage of housing and the climate change-fighting benefits of living near transit, we want the highest density possible at our BART station. The majority of commenters on Sept 1 said "maximize housing" and we agree. Don't set BART's minimums as our maximums. Alternatives to driving must also be a priority. Some BART users need to drive, but many do not. The demand for parking at BART can be significantly reduced by providing better connectivity and access for surface transit and alternative mobility. This includes infrastructure design that promotes the safety of pedestrians and cyclists over the convenience of drivers. We support smart infrastructure that keeps cars away from people so we all feel safe getting to BART. Thank you for your consideration,

Amanda Coggin  
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Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love. - Lao Tzu

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Facilitator | Zen Caregiving Project | [zenregiving.org](https://www.zenregiving.org)

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## Communication

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**From:** Watson Ladd <watsonbladd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 11:01 PM  
**To:** Pearson, Alene <apearson@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** Bartlett, Ben <BBartlett@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Fight institutional racism: build on north berkeley bart

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Dear Planning Comissioners,

Overlay one of those FHA reclining maps on our current zoning and you'll see remarkable similarity. The undergrounding of BART resulted in us getting a freeway on ramp and North Berkeley a park. And that pattern continues today.

The adeline corridor plan puts five story buildings along Adeline Street near BART. Why not on Sacramento near BART? Maybe its because rich white people who moan about parking like yourselves matter more to you than poor black people getting priced out, or maybe it's because you think apartment dwellers deserve asthma and soot, not parks and playgrounds.

It's time for North Berkeley to do its part for the city and accept high density housing that will be a gateway to opportunity. Any sort of retreat from maximizing the number of is insttutional racism.

Values aren't words you say. They're the actions you take. It's time to fight for equity, it's time to build at North Berkeley BART. I urge you to act accordingly on November 3rd.

Sincerely,  
Watson Ladd

## Communication

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**From:** Phyllis Orrick <poberkeley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 8:00 AM  
**To:** Berkeley Mayor's Office <mayor@cityofberkeley.info>; Pearson, Alene <apearson@cityofberkeley.info>; Kesarwani, Rashi <RKesarwani@cityofberkeley.info>; City Council <City\_Council@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** Untoward accusations don't win arguments.

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Planning Commissioners and Councilmember Kesarwani and Mayor Arreguin,

It has come to my attention that some of my neighbors are alleging in their anti-housing arguments that people who support the maximum housing at North Berkeley BART are lying about their residential status. As a resident of nearly 30 years standing and the parent of a child who went through the entire BUSD school system and now works as a teacher there, I cannot allow this slander to go unanswered. Yes I live within easy walking and biking distance, and yes, I am exhausted by the continued support for policies that have seen my child's schoolmates be forced by high housing costs to move out of the city or the region, and our city be drained of working class residents and residents of color, creating a hollowed out dystopia of a housing-rich enclave behind a moat.

So, please, don't let this smear campaign affect your support for the most housing possible on the North Berkeley BART site. (And Ashby as well.) And, by the way, this is not an issue just for North Berkeley neighbors. The entire region has an interest in seeing this project through.

Phyllis Orrick  
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PS You can see my earlier message below.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Phyllis Orrick <poberkeley@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 7, 2021 at 3:40 PM  
**Subject:** Maximize housing at North Berkeley BART station  
**To:** Berkeley Mayor's Office <mayor@cityofberkeley.info>, Pearson, Alene <apearson@cityofberkeley.info>, Rashi Kesarwani <kesarwani@cityofberkeley.info>, citycouncil@cityofberkeley.info <citycouncil@cityofberkeley.info>

Planning commissioners (and Councilmember Kesarwani and Mayor Arreguin),

As a longtime resident of North Berkeley, I urge you to act as rapidly as possible to ensure the maximum amount of housing is built at our North Berkeley BART station.

For all the years I've lived in this neighborhood, I have watched long-time neighbors be priced out (including many people of color) and have watched as the next generation, now establishing families of their own, settle in other parts of the state and beyond because they can't afford to live in Berkeley.

The housing crisis is reaching the point where not even career employees of the school district, the university and the city's public agencies can live here—much less service workers and other low-wage workers. This is not sustainable.

I'm glad to see that "maximize housing" was what the majority of September 1 commenters asked for. Please continue to move this process along so that we can achieve that goal.

Finally, given the imminent transition away from internal combustion engines and private car ownership, please make sure we do not invest scarce housing dollars and space on housing for vehicles, and make sure we provide plenty of secure, protected parking for bicycles, scooters and shared vehicles. Likewise, it's crucial that this development is woven into and enhances the pedestrian environment that was included in the 1970s original BART design.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Orrick

Kains near Virginia

## Communication

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**From:** Adam Rogers <jetjocko@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 11:12 AM  
**To:** Pearson, Alene <apearson@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Cc:** Kesarwani, Rashi <RKesarwani@cityofberkeley.info>  
**Subject:** BART station zoning

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Hi, planning commission. (And copying my councilmember):

I live in West Berkeley; North Berkeley BART is my nearest station. I'm hoping you'll take the upcoming zoning opportunity to built as many homes as possible on the parking lot there. They should be mixed income, with as much subsidized housing there as possible in a very, very large development that includes market-rate apartments as well. That's how to make the money work. Please don't make the BART minimum zoning our maximum zoning. Max out the housing and minimize the parking.

Tall, expansive, mixed-income housing is the right thing to do for Berkeley's ambitious climate and emissions goals, and the right way to build on a large transit hub that should prioritize people arriving by bus, bike, and on foot. That's the preponderance of users at that station, and the station in downtown Berkeley already has abundant parking, if that's someone's thing. Making the public spaces around what should be abundant housing at North Berkeley BART safer for bikes and people is the right thing to do for a station within blocks of at least three schools I can count, including the one where my two children went to elementary school.

Thank you for all your hard work making this possible.

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