



City of Berkeley ZERO WASTE COMMISSION Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
City of Berkeley Corporation Yard (Ratcliff Building, Willow Room)
1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA, 94702

MEETING AGENDA

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- 6:00 pm 1. Call to Order by Chair and Roll Call by Secretary
- **Steven Sherman (Chair)**, appointed by CM Rashi Kesarwani, District 1
 - **Christienne de Tournay (Vice Chair)**, appointed by CM Sophie Hahn, District 5
 - **VACANT**, appointed by Mayor Jesse Arreguin
 - **VACANT**, appointed by CM Terry Taplin, District 2
 - **Antionette Stein**, appointed by CM Ben Bartlett, District 3
 - **Holly Scheider**, appointed by CM Kate Harrison, District 4
 - **Sandra Curtis**, appointed by CM Susan Wengraf, District 6
 - **Swasti Johri**, appointed by CM Rigel Robinson, District 7
 - **VACANT**, appointed by CM Mark Humbert, District 8
- 6:05 pm 2. Approve Meeting Agenda and Order of Agenda Items
- 6:10 pm 3. Approve Draft Action Minutes:
- July 27, 2023 Regular Meeting*
- 6:15 pm 4. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
Speakers are allotted up to two minutes. Speakers may be allotted less time at the discretion of the Chair.
- 6:25 pm 5. Commissioner Announcements
Commissioners may make general announcements; no action will be taken.
- 6:30 pm 6. Staff Updates:
- Progress on SB-1383 Implementation
 - SUDs Ordinance Enforcement
 - Plastic Bag Ordinance
 - Staffing

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

Members of the public may provide comments at the end of each discussion item and prior to the vote of the Commission on any action items. Speakers are allotted up to 2 minutes.

- 6:50 pm 1. Berkeley Food Network Presentation (tentative)

Internal

- 7:05 pm 2. Strategic Plan Progress Report (Steven)
- 7:40 pm 3. Report out from the Sub-Committee to Review Green Building Requirements
- 7:50 pm 4. Discuss Legislative Updates
- 7:55 pm 5. Discuss Future Agenda Items
- 8:00 pm 6. Adjournment

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Information items may be moved to discussion but no action will be taken.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications from the public are included as links or attachments in the agenda packet.

***Indicates material included in the agenda packet**

**** Indicates material to be available at the meeting**



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Commission Secretary:

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Zero Waste Strategic Plan

Sample Guiding Principles

Los Angeles

1. Education to decrease consumption
2. City leadership as a model for Zero Waste practices
3. Education to increase recycling
4. City leadership to increase recycling
5. Manufacturer Responsibility
6. Consumer responsibility
7. Convenience
8. Incentives
9. New, safe, technology
10. Protect public health and environment
11. Equity
12. Economic efficiency

Global Recycling Council Zero Waste Declaration

1. Center Equity
2. Redesign
3. Ban Wasteful Products
4. Make Producers Responsible for Problem Products
5. Separate at the Source
6. Rescue Food and Compost Organics
7. Support and Expand Repair and Reuse
8. Building Zero Waste Infrastructure
9. End Welfare for Wasting
10. Advocate and Adapt as Needed

Boston

1. Embrace the goal of Zero Waste
2. Waste less, divert more
3. Engage communities and stakeholders
4. Close the loop
5. Take care of workers
6. Lead by example
7. Create a culture of Zero Waste
8. Get better all the time

Long Beach

1. Build community power
2. Focus on waste prevention
3. Promote meaningful inclusion (intergenerational, multiethnic, multilingual, interclass)
4. Require high labor standards and just transition
5. Ensure physical and language accessibility
6. Make Zero Waste strategies culturally appropriate
7. Prioritize community healing (clean up chemicals)
8. Support the solidarity economy (equitable approaches for system change and market change)
9. Ensure accountability and transparency to the community
10. Zero waste education in schools
11. Systems change through art

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Sample Policies and Program

1. Require Deconstruction and Source Separation of Construction Debris
2. Direct Mixed Construction Debris to High Diversion Construction Debris Recycling Facilities
3. Mandatory Ordinance Enforcement for Commercial
4. Construction Debris Recycling Technical Assistance
5. Statewide Packaging and Product Design
6. Collect Additional Items for Landfill Diversion
7. Plastics Conversion
8. Textile Collection for Reuse & Recycling
9. Waste Reduction for Diapers
10. Increase Collection of Reusable Items in the Clean Up Day Program
11. Outreach and Technical Assistance for Self-Haul
12. Residential Food Waste Reduction
13. Foodware Packaging Reduction Plan
14. Add a Waste Generation Metric and Goal to the Current Landfill Diversion Goals
15. Commercial Food Donations
16. Encourage Residential Application of Compost
17. Sustainable Repair Café Function
18. Improve Recycling Collection and Processing
19. Mandatory Ordinance Enforcement for Residential
20. Commercial Waste Prevention Technical Assistance
21. Business Outreach
22. Plastic Recovery Facility
23. Foodware Packaging
24. Commercial Food Waste Prevention
25. Improve Green Purchasing
26. Issue Waste Reduction Grants
27. Incentives for Reuse, Rental, Repair Industry
28. Bans or Fees
29. Residential Food Donations
30. Retailer Take-Backs
31. No Green or Brown Colored Non-Compostable Produce Bags
32. Residential Outreach to Encourage Zero Waste Lifestyle
33. Free Collection of Small Quantities of Construction Debris from Residents
34. Promote Access to Goods Over Ownership
35. Reusable Filling Stations at Stores and Zero Waste Supermarkets
36. Every Other Week Garbage Collection
37. Building Materials Reuse Center
38. Require Items to be Reusable, Compostable, or Recyclable
39. Market Development
40. Recycling, Reuse & Repair Directory
41. Zero Waste Research Initiative
42. Reuse Exchange
43. Promote Zero Waste Credits in CalGreen Building Code
44. Businesses Recognition
45. Businesses Product & Packaging Redesign

