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Hi Rebecca,

Would you share the following letter with the ECC?

Thank you!

Dear Commissioners,

I'm excited to share with you that a new citizen's initiative to fix Berkeley's streets and sidewalks is currently in the works, and to invite you to submit your comments and feedback on the proposed draft language before November 1st, 2023.

Over the past six months, a number of community groups and stakeholders have come together to draft a new parcel tax to fill some of the gap left by the failure of last year's Measure L.

Our proposed tax would aim to improve Berkeley's streets to "good" quality, or a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 70; fix the backlog of damaged sidewalks; and work to eliminate fatal and severe traffic crashes on city streets (Vision Zero), all within 12 years.

We're still working out some of the details of the proposed measure, and would love to get input and suggestions from members of this commission before the end of October.

The draft language is available at <https://tinyurl.com/BerkSafeStreets>. Feel free to submit comments and questions directly on the Google Document, or to send them by email to me at ben@bengould.org. I am also happy to set up a 1:1 meeting with any commissioner to review and discuss verbally.

Thank you, and we look forward to your input!

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