



**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL HEALTH, LIFE ENRICHMENT, EQUITY &
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, November 14, 2022
10:00 AM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Ben Bartlett, and Sophie Hahn
Alternate: Councilmember Terry Taplin

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VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 10:03 a.m. All present.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - October 12, 2022

Action: M/S/C (Bartlett/Hahn) to approve the minutes of October 12, 2022.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker.

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

2. Office of Racial Equity: Re-Entry Employment and Guaranteed Income Programs *(Item contains revised material)*

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: May 16, 2022

Due: December 31, 2022

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager:

(1) To establish a Re-entry Employment Program, leveraging county/state/federal resources to the extent feasible, including but not limited to County Criminal Justice Realignment (AB-109) funding for adult reentry services, and

(2) To study the feasibility of and seek grant funding and/or other sources of funding for a Guaranteed Income pilot program, following operational recommendations in the Reimagining Public Safety process. Considerations for target populations in pilot phases may include local Equity Indicators measuring racial justice and social equity outcomes such as poverty and financial health, educational disparities, environmental and mental health, housing quality, infrastructure, and public safety.

(3) In addition, the City Manager's Office, and subsequently an Office of Racial Equity as appropriate, shall periodically report on outcomes and performance metrics, administrative capacity, and fiscal sustainability for partnering CBOs and other NGOs performing violence prevention services, adult reentry programs, mental health crisis responses, and any other services under the auspices of Reimagining Public Safety.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: 3 speakers. M/S/C (Bartlett/Kesarwani) to forward the item to Council with a positive recommendation that the City Council approve the item with the Author's substitute recommendations as follows:

(1) Refer to the City Manager to Strengthen Adult Criminal Justice Re-Entry Employment Programs in Berkeley by studying re-entry programs, supports, and systems already available for Berkeley residents, strengthening linkages, and identifying gaps. Report findings back to the Health, Life Committee during 2023.
(2) Refer \$50,000 to the Budget Process to engage a consultant to recommend a Universal Income Pilot for Berkeley. Recommendation to include evaluation of:

- Potential funding sources
- Appropriate and recommended models for Berkeley
- Target population(s) to be supported by Pilot
- Program delivery models
- Evaluation
- Any and all other elements/factors to establish an effective Universal Income Pilot for Berkeley.

Considerations for target populations in may include local Equity Indicators measuring racial justice and social equity outcomes such as poverty and financial health, educational disparities, environmental and mental health, housing quality, infrastructure, and public safety.

(3) Refer to the City Manager to establish evaluation processes and metrics for all social services programs recommended through the Reimaging Public Safety Process, including but not limited to violence prevention services, adult reentry programs, and mental health crisis response, and report evaluation outcome to the City Council.

Vote: All Ayes.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

3. **Parking/Towing Fines & Fees Reform** **From: Councilmember Robinson (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)**

Referred: October 19, 2022

Due: April 11, 2023

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager:

(1) Adopt an Ordinance amending BMC 14.72.080 to allow individuals who are eligible for Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) permits and also for parking citation Indigent Payment Plans to purchase Residential Parking Permits even if they have outstanding parking tickets older than 21 days.

(2) Refer to the City Manager to implement reforms that reduce the disproportionate burden of parking and towing fines and fees on low-income individuals, as follows:

a. Expand eligibility for the City's parking citations indigent payment plan to encompass households making up to 50% of Alameda County's Area Median Income (AMI) and update these guidelines in accordance with AMI on an annual basis. Provide notice of the change to all individuals with unpaid tickets. b. Amend

City policy to formalize the current practice of not booting or towing cars when the sole reason for doing so is the vehicle having five or more outstanding parking tickets where payment is delinquent. c. Develop a program to offer vehicle release fee waivers for low-income and/or homeless individuals and, if feasible, vehicle release fee reductions or waivers for first-time tows.

(3) Refer \$383,512 in ongoing annual funding to the FY 2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Update for 2 Associate Management Analyst FTEs to administer and expand the indigent payment plan program.

Action: Item scheduled to the next meeting as an action item.

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Bartlett) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee meeting held on November 14, 2022.

Neetu Salwan, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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