

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

**Monday, June 12, 2023
10:00 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Ben Bartlett, Sophie Hahn, and Mark Humbert
Alternate: Councilmember Terry Taplin

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 10:03 a.m.

Present: Humbert, Hahn

Absent: Taplin

Councilmember Taplin present at 10:11 a.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2 Speakers

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. **Minutes - May 8, 2023**

Action: M/S/C (Hahn/Humbert) to approve the May 8, 2023 minutes.

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. Referral Response: Responsible Psychedelic Drug Policy Reform in Berkeley
From: Community Health Commission**

Referred: April 10, 2023

Due Date: September 28, 2023

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution that refers to the City Manager a program to:
a) work with external organizations providing psychedelic harm reduction, education, and support resources to the Berkeley Community, b) work with City Departments and external organizations to create, and return to the City Council with a policy for collecting public health data on psychedelic drug use in the City, and c) deprioritizes the enforcement of laws that impose criminal penalties for the possession of psychedelic drugs for personal use (with the exception of Peyote), and laws that impose criminal penalties for the cultivation, processing, and preparation of psychedelic-containing plants and fungi for personal use (with the exception of Peyote).

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Roberto Terrones, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5400

Action: 3 Speakers. M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to send the item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation to approve the Resolution in the form and as amended by the committee. There is no “mark-up” of the CHC resolution because the Committee decided to pass a full rewrite.

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.

None

Items for Future Agendas

- **Agenda item for the fall to hear from Public Health Division on their Community Health Assessment.**

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Humbert) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:19 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 June 12, 2023.

/s/ Neetu Salwan

Neetu Salwan, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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