



Councilmember Susan Wengraf  
District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR  
June 23, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Susan Wengraf  
Councilmember Jesse Arreguin  
Councilmember Laurie Capitelli

Subject: Direct the City Manager Develop a Schedule in Coordination with the School Board for a Three Month Pilot to Conduct City Council Meetings at the B.U.S.D Board Room at the West Campus

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct the City Manager to send a letter to the School Board requesting a trial program allowing the City Council to meet at the BUSD Board Room at the West Campus site for a period of three months during the 2015-2016 calendar year.

BACKGROUND:

Currently the City Council is meeting at the Maudelle Shirek building at 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, also known as Old City Hall. The physical condition of the building is very dilapidated and poses significant dangers. The capacity of the hall is not adequate to accommodate the public on nights when there is significant interest in agenda items. In addition, the safety of the elevator is precarious, the toilet facilities are not adequate and the sound system makes hearing the meetings very challenging for both the council and the public.

City Council has discussed moving the council meetings previously. Significant staff time has gone into analyzing the possibility of different locations for meetings. For further information and background see:

[http://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Level\\_3\\_-\\_City\\_Council/2012/01Jan/2012-01-17\\_Item\\_33\\_New\\_Location\\_for\\_City\\_Council\\_Meetings.pdf](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Level_3_-_City_Council/2012/01Jan/2012-01-17_Item_33_New_Location_for_City_Council_Meetings.pdf)

[http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City\\_Council/2014/01\\_Jan/Documents/2014-01-21\\_Item\\_27\\_Temporarily\\_Relocate\\_City\\_Council.aspx](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2014/01_Jan/Documents/2014-01-21_Item_27_Temporarily_Relocate_City_Council.aspx)

[http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City\\_Council/2014/03\\_Mar/Documents/2014-03-25\\_Item\\_33\\_New\\_Location\\_for\\_City\\_Council\\_Meetings.aspx](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2014/03_Mar/Documents/2014-03-25_Item_33_New_Location_for_City_Council_Meetings.aspx)

[http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City\\_Council/2014/10\\_Oct/Documents/2014-10-21\\_Item\\_06\\_Request\\_to\\_Berkeley\\_Unified.aspx](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2014/10_Oct/Documents/2014-10-21_Item_06_Request_to_Berkeley_Unified.aspx)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

To be determined

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

NA

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