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Berkeley council approves short-term rental proposal <http://t.co/w4OvYNnmGy>.

RT @RisingSunEC: @berkeleyside New video promoting our NO-COST #GreenHouseCalls this summer! <https://t.co/jKkdPd4vE>.

### Day 26

The Nosh Wire: 6.25.15 <http://t.co/ks8Wn60TV4>.

The Berkeley Wire: 06.25.15

<http://t.co/uNfBfbreNX>.

RT @BCMORG: Berkeley Community Media getting ready to film this much awaited special meeting #berkeley <http://t.co/wzyQhqQTyB>.

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Starting live coverage of [#berkmtg](#). See the highlights of tonight's [#communitybenefits](#) discussion: <http://t.co/ctgNrfAvOe>.

No e-copy available but CMs Droste+Moore submitted compromise between 2 current proposals from Bates/Capitelli and Arreguin [#berkmtg](#).

See the Bates/Capitelli and Arreguin proposals here: <http://t.co/ctgNrfAvOe> [#berkmtg](#).

Dean Metzger says [#berkmtg](#) should be adjourned so people can go to the zoning board, which will address [#HaroldWay](#) tonight.

Shirley Dean says there wasn't enough information about disabled access to the meeting, which she thinks makes the mtg illegal [#berkmtg](#).

Jim Novosel says prevailing wage, affordable housing, arts+culture benefits are good community benefits; shld add green+open space [#berkmtg](#).

Another speaker, for Gray Panthers, says city doesn't need so many high-rises, that city process for bldg inspection doesn't work [#berkmtg](#).

Here's the amended version of the [@JesseArreguin](#) amendment [#berkmtg](#)  
<http://t.co/1bMxY6cIoE>.

Here's the Droste/Moore proposal (4/5)

#berkmtg <http://t.co/YToiCtVaTe>.

Here's the Droste/Moore proposal (5/5)

#berkmtg <http://t.co/7g6RWMHS0y>.

Here's an e-version of the Droste/Moore proposal, minus the final chart

<http://t.co/SF4TvmAht7> #berkmtg.

Woman says it's "shameful" that city scheduled this mtg overlapping with ZAB mtg re: #HaroldWay (that discussion starts at 8pm) #berkmtg.

Three speakers in favor of mayor's proposal for community benefits, saying we need housing, cannot keep dragging out process #berkmtg.

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Downtown resident: Please don't go with these huge buildings. Consider the quality of life.

Consider about what we're doing. #berkmtg.

Architect Patrick Sheehan, re: bldg quality: We can look at many other jurisdictions all over the country that are doing it better #berkmtg.

Speaker says mayor should include rational basis for numbers for flat fee. Proposal is here: <http://t.co/GrnowiovKk> #berkmtg.

Prediction: Mass exodus from here to Zoning Board mtg on #HaroldWay BKGD:

<http://t.co/MK7LIajvqz> ZAB agenda:

<http://t.co/UPq6pfPgBS> #berkmtg.

@LarsSkjerpings Yes, that's my thought too. I didn't mean immediately. :).

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Woman: That's gonna be your legacy here: city full of expensive poorly built housing that does not meet needs of working class #berkmtg.

RT @anirvan: @berkeleyaside thank you for your coverage of #berkmtg.

Woman says Berkeleyans who voted (majority) for density downtown: "people don't know about density – they have no idea" #berkmtg.

Developer Ali Kashani: I haven't appeared for two years before you and tonight I'm reminded why, re: large turnout against density #berkmtg.

Woman: I'm not an anti-density person, and I'm not an anti-development person; want developers who want to reinvest though.

[#berkmtg](#).

Woman says [#Berkeley](#) needs more housing "so we can stop from becoming older, whiter and richer" [#berkmtg](#).

.@ericpanzer: "It's not every day you get compared to a Nazi, just every other Tuesday" (during [#Berkmtg](#)), thx council for grace under fire.

Man says [#Berkeley](#) already among the top 10 densities in whole country. More development is "gonna make it unlivable" [#berkmtg](#).

@levfacher I don't know... I believe he said top 10. /er.

Woman: "It's a public embarrassment"

Berkeley doesn't require more affordable units, says SF is doing more to help housing crisis #berkmtg.

Estimating 100+ people in audience at #berkmtg. Some say more would be here if mtg was at regular 7pm time. (Started at 5pm.).

RT @KVeKlerov: Berkeley property owners form PAC & coalition to lobby for landlord rights.

<http://t.co/HaoRAirVu4> by @YukaKoshino

<http://t....>



RT @veraciousjess: @berkeleyaside if Wikipedia is accurate, we are literally not even in the top 100 in the country? #citationneeded  
[https...](https://t.co/dTregt1ir1)

RT @k\_\_worthington: 2 new proposals for tonight's Council meeting on "Significant Community Benefits" for Downtown's 5 tall buildings. [htt...](http://t.co/dTregt1ir1)

Kudos to CM @k\_\_worthington for posting PDFs of tonight's supplemental items from Droste/Moore and Arreguín  
<http://t.co/dTregt1ir1> #berkmtg.

LT Berkeley resident, homeowner: The community wants more affordable housing. Screw the developers. It's about time they pay us [#berkmtg](#).

RT [@iancrew](#): .@BerkeleySide: good news for Berkeley? "@NASA: Researcher develops a model that could quiet down noisy helicopters: <http://t...>

Five minute break. [@MayorTomBates](#) says: We'll be back and we'll resolve the issue. Plan is to make rec to Housing Advisory Comm. [#berkmtg](#).

My question is: Will we "resolve the issue" by 7:45pm?? [#gottaGetToZAB](#) [#HaroldWay](#) [#berkmtg](#).

RT @YoniMayeri: It's about time! Just look at that pie chart! <https://t.co/FWyHkSu2Gc>.

RT @anirvan: My friends can't afford to live in #Berkeley—good downtown infill is path to a young/diverse/green/mixed-income city <https://t...>

RT @511SFBay: Lanes Blocked on Eastbound I-580 at Grand Ave in Oakland Due to an Injury Accident. <http://t.co/LxUwgMUBiZ>. Crowd has dwindled to about 60 people as #berkmtg on #communitybenefits resumes. About to hear about 3 different council proposals.

Learning now about the @loridroste / Darryl Moore proposal: <http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF> #berkmtg.

Proposal says @UCBerkeley agreed to comply w/community benefits package, tho it's not required by law #berkmtg <http://t.co/lz7Khgxz1l>.

RT @eswillwalker: @berkeleyaside This old, white, relatively wealthy Berkeley resident strongly supports infill affordable housing. <https://...>

RT @brockwinstead: @dcmarla @berkeleyaside It ranks 110th. <https://t.co/hrxOG13C1F> But of course one needn't cite sources in public comments.

RT @dcmarla: @brockwinstead @berkeleyside

Oh, Berkeley. Never change.

CM @loridroste, compromise: "I hope everyone is somewhat pleased and maybe only a little bit ticked off" <http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF>

#berkmtg.

RT @guelo: @berkeleyside @occupytheport

nobody lives there anymore because its too crowded.

Proposal from CM @JesseArreguin:

<http://t.co/buUfiIoZYt> ; calls it really bad

planning to have 2 mtgs abt downtown dev same day #berkmtg.

RT @Jessicoding: A mama robin made her nest right outside my bedroom window

<https://t.co/g2OoWqzoQt>.

RT @anirvan: @gregmanity Frustrated by NIMBY Berkeley. I'm a homeowner and would welcome addl density in my walkable transit-rich hood #YIM....

RT @anirvan: @berkeleyside Has #Manhattanization come up yet? I see the beginnings of a #BerkMtg drinking game.

RT @mmelibbington: I want to watch the live webcast of the #berkmtg but I'm having technical issues :( Luckily @berkeleyside's got my back.

RT @bswp: Why is the #berkmtg live feed showing "Jeopardy"??? I tuned to hear the ZAB, not this schlock...

Right now council members are just going over all the details of their proposals. See prior links for details. Hard to summarize!

#berkmtg.

CM @JesseArreguin says project labor agreement, 10% affordable housing or equivalent are the main priorities #berkmtg  
<http://t.co/buUfiIoZYt>.

CM @k\_\_worthington says reason for delay in process was bc officials chose to leave community benefits vague in the downtown plan #berkmtg.

CM @k\_\_worthington reminds audience that #Berkeley has seven tall buildings coming, not just five. BKGD: <http://t.co/njQY9GaCa4> #berkmtg.

CM @k\_\_worthington says he doesn't like carve-out for #HaroldWay that's in Droste/Moore proposal (bc it's been in pipeline 2+ yrs) #berkmtg.

RT @CHPoakland: All WB lanes now open on 580 at Grand. Fast lane still closed EB 580 at Grand. #Oakland.

CM Wengraf says she asked friends in the industry who said proposed significant community benefit fees in Berkeley may be too high #berkmtg.



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Wengraf: We may be proposing higher community benefit fees than any other city in California.

(Several cheer and clap.) #berkmtg.

Support from @MayorTomBates for Droste/Moore proposal bc it allows city to look at projects case by case. CM Anderson behind it too #berkmtg.

CM @k\_\_worthington suggests turning all three proposals over to Housing Advisory Commission. No motions on the table yet though. #berkmtg.

RT @flacosvegmex: via: @CollardCowgirl @flacosvegmex = yummy #vegan Mexican food!

My blog review covers it all!

<http://t.co/wF3yfEfO28> http...

RT @externalities: LOL. #Berkeley is barely among the 10 densest places I've lived. More development (if nice) would be great! #yimby  
http...

RT @matthai: Love how even in the midst of two hectic weeks, @Berkeleyside live tweets #berkmtg into the wee hours.  
#LocalNewsMatters. Awes....

CM Capitelli: There's so much to respond to but I'm not going to respond to all of it bc I'm afraid I'd get sarcastic and angry  
#berkmtg.

CM Capitelli goes on to call "bullshit" on people who said council cares more about corporations than the public. Emotion is high.

#berkmtg.

CM Capitelli says he surveyed a number of mgmt companies to come up with the \$100 and \$150 amounts for square footage fees.

#berkmtg.

Capitelli: Developer likely to pay several hundred dollars/square foot to build these projects, doesn't want to force bankruptcy

#berkmtg.

Motion by Droste/Moore to approve their amendment, send to Housing Advisory

Commission <http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF> #berkmtg.

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Capitelli: Friendly amendment to have city manager get 3rd-party analysis of \$1, \$1.50/sf fees in proposal

<http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF> #berkmtg.

RT @externalities: @mactavish @berkeleyside

Per Wikipedia, Berkeley is the 26th most dense city in California. Not exactly Tokyo over here.

RT @mactavish: . @berkeleyside @externalities

Isn't Berkeley's density mostly due to dorms? Neighborhood by neighborhood, it doesn't seem v....

RT @k\_\_worthington: @berkeleyside my idea is turn them over to City Manager to compare these to consultants study.

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CM Anderson: If we don't do things differently, we're gonna become a gated community without gates and that will not be a good thing #berkmtg.

CM @k\_\_worthington, substitute motion that both new proposals go to city manager for review. Haven't heard a second. #berkmtg.

RT @bswp: @mactavish @berkeleyaside @externalities Berkeley's population isn't so dense, just its drivers...

Someone did second it. Getting quick comments from council members who want to speak, will then go to a vote. #berkmtg.

CM Capitelli: There's no such thing as inexpensive housing. All housing is expensive. It's just a matter of how it's paid for.

[#berkmtg](#).

Confusion about severed motion. Proposal from Droste/Moore to be considered.

<http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF> [#berkmtg](#).

Projects in pipeline, e.g. [#HaroldWay](#), would get carve-out subject to independent analysis.

Approved 6-3. [#berkmtg](#)

<http://t.co/Wnc7Jad7Wu>.

Droste-Moore proposal approved 8-1 to go to zoning board for review

<http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF> [#berkmtg](#) Now we're off to zoning board.

RT @Frannydink: . @berkeleyside Go  
@emraguso! #ZABhereshecomes.

The zoning board is still discussing Durant  
demolition. Our bkgd is here:

<http://t.co/Ipxy2rgINO> #berkmtg

<http://t.co/ZYLWnn2CRr>.

Haven't gotten to #HaroldWay EIR yet, in case  
you were wondering. Documents are here:

<http://t.co/25FpL18YKa> #berkmtg.

RT @may\_gun: @berkeleyside If they get  
permission to demolish it, I hope at least  
they allow Ohmega & Urban Ore go to go town  
on it first.

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Owner says "it's a constant struggle" to keep the homeless from getting into #2631Durant.  
#berkmtg.

People at both #Berkmtg events tonight have brought up building concerns they say were raised after #BerkeleyBalconyCollapse.

Commissioner Christiani: This building could be incredibly ugly if it's not done well.... I consider it half baked #2631Durant #berkmtg.  
Christiani wants to send it back to Design Review, not approve it. Donaldson says approve. Not sure what other commissioners think #berkmtg.



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Also refs tonight in both [#berkmtg](#) events...

Supreme Court decision about San Jose affordability reqs. BKGD:

<http://t.co/NkIiIOCMVv>.

CM Selawsky wants to move continuance, esp. bc city attorney said staff report for this project conflicts with past city practice [#Berkmtg](#).

Attorney for [#2631Durant](#) says "we're in overtime" and asks for a decision tonight bc of legal deadlines under state law. [#berkmtg](#).

Rep for developer (and former ZAB member) asks for caption break to consider proposal from ZAB to include affordable units [#berkmtg](#).

Owner says he could provide 4 total below-market-rate units in the project, especially if that will help ZAB vote tonight.

#berkmtg.

Chair Pinto disagrees w/Christiani, says Berkeley lucky to have project: "I am proud to have a design of this caliber in the city"

#berkmtg.

#2631Durant has use permit, 6-1-1 vote (1 absence). Arch is #StanleySaitowitz #berkmtg  
<http://t.co/r8xL6dh761>.

Starting #HaroldWay EIR discussion now at #Berkeley ZAB. BKGD: <http://t.co/MK7LIajvqz>  
Project docs: <http://t.co/UPq6pfPgBS> #berkmtg.

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#HaroldWay: 302 units, 6 theaters, 10,500sf  
ground-floor commercial, 171-space underground  
parking #berkmtg <http://t.co/jkd5ytgEMF>.

Getting an update from the consultant on the  
EIR, then will go to public comment, then ZAB  
discussion. #berkmtg #HaroldWay.

Certification of EIR is not approval of  
project. EIR is not about merits of project.  
It is a finding that doc is compliant w/CEQA.

#berkmtg.

There are about 30 people in the audience  
here at the EIR certification mtg for

#HaroldWay #berkmtg.

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Commissioner Donaldson: I have enough info to make decision tonight; willing to move fwd. I think they've addressed everything well

#berkmtg.

Commissioner Tregub: I suppose I have enough info to vote but some of you might not like my decision (not enough responses in EIR)

#berkmtg.

Commissioner Pinkston: Frustrated consultant didn't sit down with BUSD; that EIR docs didn't include clear overall mitigation list

#berkmtg.

Commissioners O'Keefe and Selawsky say they would not likely vote to approve the

#HaroldWay EIR tonight. #berkmtg.

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Commissioners Christiani and Hauser say they have enough info to vote. (And sounds like, not sure, they would vote to certify.) #berkmtg.

Chair Pinto: It does address conditions under CEQA. I've read whole doc, I've read final EIR. But city did not address all issues #berkmtg.

It could come down to a 4-4 vote tonight on the EIR. Commissioner George Williams is absent. #berkmtg.

Chair Pinto says continuance may be likely. Further discussion. Developer Rhoades said continuance might put project in jeopardy #berkmtg.

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Suggestion on table to approve EIR now and make sure BUSD concerns part of final conditions of approval. May have enough support? #berkmtg.

Public comment. Man: BART construction was brutal, long, unfathomably disruptive; Berkeley's just starting to recover from that #berkmtg.

@itsthelee @mmelibbington I'm just guessing but sounds like MAYBE 5-3 in favor to certify EIR tonight. Not sure. #berkmtg.

RT @davidcolburn: LOL, I don't think so.  
#FactCheck <https://t.co/QLOUihZLA6>.

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RT @eean: This sums up Berkeley meetings  
(BART opened in Berkeley in 1973)

<https://t.co/WkjENXmua5>.

RT @bestcoastin: @berkeleyside and worth it?

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If ZAB certifies EIR, Landmarks Preservation will take up #HaroldWay structural alteration July 9. If EIR postponed, it won't #berkmtg. Dean Metzger said ZAB should not certify EIR bc council just approved comm. benefits tonight and public needs more time. #berkmtg. Says @MTLawCalBear: "This is a horse that should not get out of the barn as currently saddled" #HaroldWay #EIR #ZAB #berkmtg #Berkeley.

After 3 other mtgs on EIR, chair says he knows all commenters here by 1st name. Gave them 1 minute but is allowing people to share [#Berkmtg](#).

[@itsthelee](#) Local resident, public comment.

[@MTLawCalBear](#).

RT [@netsinger](#): [@berkeleyside](#) Dude. BART was built almost half a century ago. If we're "just starting to recover," how'd we ever get over th...

RT [@eean](#): [@bestcoastin](#) [@berkeleyside](#) they probably tore up Shattuck, I can believe it was very disruptive. But yea... a long time ago.



RT @NicMcC83: @eean @berkeleyside I gotta go to one of these to fulfill my civic duty and also to witness the tire fire of public discourse...

RT @Hyper\_lexic: @matthai @berkeleyside sadly about 2/3 of the quotes fill me with rage.

RT @netsinger: @berkeleyside Also, construction in Berkeley took longer because Berkeleyans (surprise!) demanded last-minute changes. Plus ....

Woman: "Shattuck Hotel itself is undermined and threatened"; foundation built in 1910.

Says construction of #HaroldWay problematic #berkmtg.

RT @netsinger: @berkeleyaside It's true of parts of Berkeley sometimes, like when Ashkenaz is really crowded.

RT @the\_gwalla: @NicMcC83 @berkeleyaside @eean I'm afraid my eyes would roll right out of my head.

Several references to issues with geotechnical report; some are outlined page 55, 57:

<http://t.co/6zTSwjt4Fo> #berkmtg #HaroldWay.

Motion from Comm. Pinkston to certify EIR as long as it addresses list of concerns raised by school district. #berkmtg.

Tregub makes substitute motion to continue certification of EIR. #berkmtg.

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EIR is certified, 5-3 vote, with additional details to come re: issues raised by school board. #berkmtg.

@MTLawCalBear I know! I was just answering a question from @itsthelee :).

RT @MTLawCalBear: @berkeleyaside #ZAB Govt body certifies EIR w/o adequate consideration of impacts- traffic, noise, water, housing/populati...

RT @MTLawCalBear: @berkeleyaside 'Certifying' an inadequate EIR is legally flawed, irrational, arbitrary and capricious. My head and back hu...

RT @eean: Sanity reigns another day in Berkeley. <https://t.co/opknhXpczs>.