

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE OF MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

The agenda packet for this meeting was distributed/posted on June 11, 2015. Communications in this supplement were received after 5pm, June 16, 2015. This communication packet was distributed/posted on June 23, 2015.

Council Consent Items

Each item in this supplement follows the corresponding item on the City Council Agenda for this date.

Item 42: 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

- 22. Monika Mann
- 23. Connie McCullah (2)
- 24. Joshua Pfeffer
- 25. Katherine Harr
- 26. Joe Walton

Action Calendar – Old Business

Item 46: Short-Term Rental Regulations Referral

- 27. Tree Fitzpatrick
- 28. Katherine Harr
- 29. Margaret & Jack Phillips
- 30. Berkeley Home Sharers

Action Calendar – New Business

Item 50: City Council Comments on the FY 2016 & FY 2017 Proposed Biennial Budget

- 31. Hope McDonnell
- 32. Martha Cain
- 33. Maureen Dixon
- 34. Jeanne Schuman
- 35. Kathleen Hallam
- 36. Jennifer Kirkland

Item 53: Recordation of Lien; Maxaco LLC, Property Owner of 3049 Adeline / 1909 Essex Street

- 37. Athan Magganas

Item 54: Zoning Amendments to Encourage Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs); Amending BMC Title 23D

- 38. Susan Blachman and Joel Biatch
- 39. Neil Getz

Information Reports

Item 56: 2-Way Southside Streets Conversion

- 40. Bryan Wenter, on behalf of AMI, LLC
- 41. David McCaulou on behalf of Bancroft Clothing Company

Harris, Leslie D.

From: Monika Mann [hvo.monika@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 7:21 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Council to BUSD Board Room

I'm fine with the move and live a block away.

Monika Mann, PT
Project Coordinator, Health Volunteers Overseas Advancement of Rwandan Rehabilitation Services Project

Harris, Leslie D.

From: Connie McCullah [connie.foodexplorer@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:47 PM
To: All Council
Subject: City Council meetings at BUSD Board Room

Having lived in Berkeley for several decades and having attended council meetings that often extended past midnight, I am opposed to the council moving meetings to a facility located on a dead end street in a residential neighborhood. Generally, request for this type of controversial action to be added to the council agenda is a cover for some type of activity that one or more members do not want highlighted on the meetings agenda.

I am now and remain opposed in the future to any action moving council meetings to this location.

Connie McCullah
connie.livinggreen@gmail.com

Harris, Leslie D.

From: Connie McCullah [connie.foodexplorer@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 6:29 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: city council on Browning

Absolutely NOT
Connie McCullah
connie.livinggreen@gmail.com

Harris, Leslie D.

From: Josh Pfeffer [joshpfeffer@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 3:42 PM
To: City Clerk; Maio, Linda; Droste, Lori; Worthington, Kriss; Wengraf, Susan; Capitelli, Laurie; Arreguin, Jesse L.; Anderson, Maxwell; Moore, Darryl; Berkeley Mayor's Office
Subject: City Council Meeting Locations - June 23, Item 42

Dear City Council,

Neighbors are very upset about the proposal to hold city council meetings on a quiet corner of Browning and Addison. Many people come to city council meetings that often go very late. Noise, parking, traffic, and a large number of angry people coming and going on our dark streets are a concern.

Our neighborhood group is also concerned that several other groups will meet at the site such as the Zoning Adjustments Board, School Board, and Rent Board.

Please direct staff to identify other possible locations for city meetings.

Sincerely,
Joshua Pfeffer
Allston Way near Browning

Harris, Leslie D.

From: Katherine Harr [katherine.harr@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 2:22 PM
To: City Clerk; Maio, Linda; Droste, Lori; Worthington, Kriss; Wengraf, Susan; Capitelli, Laurie; Arreguin, Jesse L.; Anderson, Maxwell; Moore, Darryl; Berkeley Mayor's Office
Subject: City Council Meeting Locations - June 23, Item 42

For the June 23, 2015 Meeting

Re: ITEM 42

Dear Berkeley City Council,

Really? Again?

As most of you know, the Berkeley City Council has REJECTED relocating to the residential corner of Addison and Browning TWICE, in 2012 and 2014.

Reports by city staff eventually eliminated "West Campus" from possible meeting locations.

In January 2014, Council rejected our remote, residential corner and instructed staff to report back on alternatives, in particular the Berkeley Community College Auditorium, Florence Schwimley Little Theater and North Berkeley Senior Center – the same three preferred locations identified in January 2012. In March 2014, the resulting City Manager's report said, "*access to public transit is an important criteria for selecting a location for future meetings*" and that the NB Senior Center "*was the most viable location for City Council meetings.*" The corner of Browning and Addison was not included in the analysis for two reasons: Council had twice rejected the location, and the School Board told the Mayor at the 2x2 in January 2014 that it was too late to adapt their new chambers to accommodate Council.

I believe that the School Board built the chambers to fit the School Board. That means there are SEVEN seats on the dais. And although the School Board chambers are always listed as having a slightly larger capacity than old city hall, the room is certainly smaller.

For neighbors here in Poet's Corner, a major concern is crowd noise and overflow if the meeting is over capacity. Where will the extra people go? I think the only overflow space is the outdoor breezeway about 70 feet from single family homes. Please consider that the auditorium is on the residential side of the "campus." I hope on June 23rd to hear you say that you have visited the location in person and find it inappropriate.

For the public, we should all be concerned that this location is not easily accessible by public transit at late hours. I know, because I live here and I have to walk home all the time because there are no 51b buses, even the 3 times an hours they are supposed to come! It would literally be impossible to get to downtown from a Council meeting on the bus if a meeting ran as late as you did on June 9, because none of the buses would be running anymore.

51B University: three per hour, 1 block, stops running after 11:47 PM
52 University to Sacramento: 2 per hour, .4 miles, stops running after 11:50 PM
72 San Pablo: three per hour, .3 miles (3 blocks)
88 Sacramento: 2 per hour, .4 miles, stops running after 10 PM

Sincerely,

Katherine Harr

1206 Allston Way, at Browning

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Harris, Leslie D.

From: Joe Walton [1234jw@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2015 7:05 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: ITEM NUMBER 42 - Council on West Campus

Council Members:

This is in regard to the proposal to temporarily allow the City Council to meet at West Campus.

I live on Bonar Street between Addison and Allston, and have no problem with the City Council using West Campus.

When the Berkeley Adult school was at West Campus, their night classes probably involved more people than any Council meeting. At the time, many of us thought that the night-time activity at West Campus enhanced the safety of the surrounding streets.

There are always a small group of Chicken Littles who see every change as an impending catastrophe. They may make a lot of noise, but you should not think that they represent neighborhood opinion.

Joe Walton
2126 Bonar Street