

Advisory Council on Student Neighbor Relations
Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m.
Stephens Lounge (3rd floor of MLK Jr. Student Union)

Co-convened by:

Nuha Khalfay, ASUC EAVP

Erin Steffen, City Manager's Office

Joseph Greenwell, Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students

Esther Gulli, Executive Director of Local Government & Community Relations

Summary Notes and Action Items

Action items:

- Several Advisory Council participants agreed to connect about applying to the [Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund](#).
- The Advisory Council agreed to meet in fall, 2019. In the meantime, participants will continue their initiatives and programs that seek to improve student-neighbor relations. Information will be provided ahead of the meeting.
- The Advisory Council agreed that two topics need more attention over the next year: moped/scooter safety and Berkeley Police Departments second response process and enforcement.

Summary Notes

I. Welcome, Introductions & Community Building Activity

- Facilitated by Dean Joseph Greenwell and ASUC Executive Affairs Vice President Nuha Khalfay

II. Council History & Meeting Objectives:

- Remarks by Government & Community Relations Executive Director Esther Gulli, Local GCR Director Ruben Lizardo and City Manager's Office Representative Erin Steffen
- Neighborhood leader Phil Bokovoy added remarks, including that the Advisory Council began more than a decade ago, when relations between the neighbors and students had deteriorated. He added that the relationship has gotten better every year.

III. Brief Updates and Discussion of Student-Neighbor Relations Efforts

- **Berkeley Police Department update:**

- A hearty welcome back was extended to Officer Sean Tinney, who has returned to serve as the Area 2 Coordinator after a year's absence.
- Officer Tinney provided an overview on how the 1st and 2nd response aspects of the city noise ordinance work. Once a 2nd response "Exhibit A" is posted, a 120-day clock begins, along with a schedule of fines that starts at \$750 for the first violation, \$1,500 for the second, and \$2,500 for the third and subsequent violations, along with a new 120-day clock and doubles for each subsequent call/violation in each new 120 day clock.
- In response to concerns about the BPD's training and enforcement of the [Group Living Accommodation](#) ordinance, nuisance ordinances and issuing second response violations, Officer Tinney acknowledged that there have challenges primarily due to larger staffing gaps and his recent leave. Now that he is back Officer Tinney will be providing more education (on the enforcement of relevant city codes) for all officers that work the Southside. City staff clarified that neighbor issue related to the GLA should be send to Code Enforcement not BPD. Erin Steffen agreed to lift up neighbor concerns to the city manager. UCPD Lt. Joey Williams also offered support for BPD, recognizing that staffing has been challenging for the city, but that UCPD partnership with BPD remains a priority for both departments. *Please note: this includes one of two topics the Advisory Council agreed to focus on over the next 12 months.*

- **Berkeley Fire Department updates**

- Berkeley Fire Prevention Inspector Dori Tieu reported that this year, Berkeley Fire has focused on educating Berkeley Firefighters about city ordinances and enforcement related to indoor entertainment events and reaching out to and partnering with leaders from the IFC and LEAD Center. She reported that with only two inspectors, BFD is also experiencing a staffing shortage but has been getting relief from firefighters helping while on light duty and the hiring of two new inspectors who will be ready to be in the field in January 2019.
- Dori applauded many fraternities' improvements in fire and life safety that have occurred recently and recognized the current/outgoing IFC leadership and LEAD Center. Unfortunately, a few recent incidents have made it clear that the Berkeley Student Cooperative leadership and current student members need to be engaged on fire safety issues.

- **Neighbor updates**

- Dean Metzger, president of the Claremont-Elmwood Neighborhood Association (CENA), expressed gratitude and provided an update on the [CENA-UC Berkeley partnership to](#)

[restore the Claremont/Russell Gates](#). This effort provided seed funding from the [Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund](#). Dean also reported that 15 UC Berkeley students assisted CENA efforts in this year's [Berkeley Project Day](#).

- **Neighborhood Services updates**

- Erin Steffen, a co-convener of this Advisory Council and Assistant to the City Manager, reviewed updates provided in the compiled report about the Cal Move Out [report](#) and [changes](#) to the Group Living Accommodations ordinance; provided information about Code Enforcement's [interactive map](#) that includes locations and contact information for registered GLAs; and provided information and handouts about the following:
 - [311 Service Center](#): for most non-emergency services, contact 311 first. City experts will assist you.
 - [Homeless Outreach & Treatment Team \(HOTT\)](#): HOTT works with people experiencing homelessness and seeks to engage, house and connect individuals with serious mental health and related disorders to treatment. HOTT works in conjunction with the Mobile Crisis Team and other city departments to conduct their compassionate and nuanced work. Contact HOTT at hott@ci.berkeley.ca.us, (510) 981-5273 or call 311 if you want to assist an individual who needs assistance with mental health issues. But call 911 in any emergency.
 - [Voluntary Security Camera Registry](#): Berkeley residents can voluntarily register their private security cameras with the city to assist in solving crimes. In the event of a crime that your camera could assist with, the city will request access to footage. Click here for a flyer with information about how your camera can be useful to stop illegal dumping.
 - Illegal dumping: To report illegal dumping, Call 311: (510) 981-2489 If you witness illegal dumping in progress, call the police, non emergency line: (510) 981-5900.

- **4 by 6 overview (City/UC/Student Relations Committee)**

- EAVP Nuha Khalfay provided a brief update about the recent meeting of the [City/UC/Student Relations Committee](#). This special committee of the Berkeley City Council met for the second time this semester, on the morning of November 13 on campus. The Committee, also referred to as the 4 by 6, includes city council members that represent the four districts adjacent to campus, ASUC and Graduate Assembly leaders, and two UCB representatives (Student Affairs and GCR). Agenda items included presentations about current street light locations on and around the campus

from Senior Planner Todd Henry; an update about Capital Projects work to improve Cal women's Athletics facilities from Senior Associate Athletics Director, Facilities, Events & Capital Projects Josh Hummel, as well as a campus housing update from Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Steve Sutton. The next meeting will be in February 2019. Agenda and minutes are available on the [committee website](#).

- **Student leadership topics and updates**

- [Berkeley Student Cooperative](#) cabinet member Jeb Boodry reported the the BSC will continue last's years very popular recycling and reuse effort during [Cal Move Out](#), called [Cooperative Reuse](#). As well, the coops continue to bring student volunteers into the homes and residences of Berkeley seniors through a partnership between the BSC and the city, called [Helping Berkeley Seniors in their Homes](#), which has received funding from the [Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund](#).

- **First 8 Report review and updates**

- Leona gave a quick review of the [First 8 report](#), which is also available in the combined [report](#), highlighting collaborative efforts between student leaders, campus staff, and city representatives.
- Discussion followed and included the observation that the 2016 spike in calls for service was the result of Student Conduct policy amendments, the Responsible Bystander Policy, and students and staff being better educated about how to identify the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption, which has resulted in more calls for service out of caution.

- **Student Conduct**

- Christian Bucey, Conduct Coordinator, Center for Student Conduct, offered that if community members have specific requests for information (i.e. the question regarding internally and externally generated reports), his office would be happy to review those requests. He also shared that his office might not maintain the specific data requested, but his office can review such requests for the members of the Advisory Council. Moving forward, please send those requests and inquiries to Government & Community Relations Associate Director Jen Loy (JenLoy@berkeley.edu) for facilitation of those requests.
- Regarding the questions concerning resolution of cases in the Center for Student Conduct, Christian shared that the informal resolution process is one potential means of a resolving a case within the Center for Student Conduct and may result in sanctions for the student or student organization.

- **IFC settlement updates**

Dylan Howser, Vice President for Campus Operations at Berkeley, provided the following updates:

- The IFC has limited the number of events a fraternity can host to 10 events a semester.
- The IFC will limit the number of guests a fraternity can host to 3 guests for every 1 member or the limit set by the Fire Code (e.g. a fraternity of 25 can have a party 100 people (75 guests + 25 members)).
- The IFC will decrease the maximum AVB allowed at events from 20% ABV to 15% ABV to be in alignment with the [NIC Health & Safety Standards](#).

- **Additional topics**

- Jenny Wong, Berkeley's new City Auditor-elect attended the meeting. She welcomes students who live in Berkeley and the rest of the Advisory Council to reach out to her in her new role. More information about the city auditor can be found online at: <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/auditor/>
- [Golden Bear Orientation](#): Evan Razor, the Assistant Director of New Student Services provided the following after the meeting as an update for Advisory Council participants.
 - For the past two years, orientation for undergraduate students has been able to enhance how new students are integrated into the campus and Berkeley community. Prior to arrival, students complete Golden Bear Prep, which includes pertinent information on how to be a good neighbor. New Student Services have worked with campus partners (including Government and Community Relations) in developing this material.
 - Once on campus, students are in small groups and participate in a variety of activities both large and small. This includes formal educational programs on sexual assault, mental health, and drug and alcohol abuse education; small group discussions on safety, what it means to be part of the Berkeley community; informal programming in and around the community, and all students were able to eat at a restaurant within the Telegraph Business Improvement District (this also provided approximately \$90,000 towards the local economy).
- The [Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund](#) is accepting pre-applications for the 2019-20 grant cycle (due December 10). The 2019-20 grant cycle the Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund will provide approximately \$290,000 in grants to community-campus partnerships designed to improve the quality of life for Berkeley

residents. Berkeley-based collaborative projects that focus on arts and culture, community safety, economic development, environmental stewardship and education are encouraged to apply. Contact Jen Loy who administers the Partnership Fund with any questions: calpartnershipfund@berkeley.edu.

- Moped and Scooter Safety Sr. Associate Athletic Director Ryan Cobb provided an update that Jen shared briefly. Here is his update.
 - Athletics does not purchase, provide or have any role in student athletes procuring or operating their scooters, however, we are happy to continue to spread messages about scooter safety and rules/regulations, as we have done in the past and are currently doing.
 - To that end, we have teams with larger numbers of scooters to have information/education on scooter safety by UCPD, including in person and in writing safety and regulation information.
 - We ask coaches to message teams about scooter safety and etiquette, being good community members, parking, etc.
 - We asked UCPD, again this year, to increase enforcement, particularly in the first few weeks of school, and write tickets to anyone not driving safety, parking correctly or breaking any rule related to scooters.
 - We have also worked with Res Hall Staff to message around parking and safety related to scooters.

Please note: this is one of two topics the Advisory Council agreed to focus on over the next 12 months.

IV. and V. Looking Ahead, Next Steps (facilitated by Ruben and Nuha)

- Attendees agreed that the new format is effective. The Advisory Committee will meet again in fall of 2019. In the meantime, participants will continue their initiatives and programs that seek to improve student-neighbor relations. Information will be provided ahead of the meeting.
- Participants also agreed to work on the following two issues:
 - Scooter safety and BPD enforcement and second responses.

ABOUT ADVISORY COUNCIL ON STUDENT NEIGHBOR RELATIONS

Convened in 2005, the Advisory Council on Student-Neighbor Relations is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the neighborhoods adjacent to the campus. Focused on facilitating communication, mutual respect and cooperation between Cal students and permanent residents the SNA's primary aim is to build good student/neighbor relations. Since its inception, the Advisory Council has supported good neighbor initiatives, campaigns and programs that respond to the changing needs of Southside residents including: [Cal Move Out](#), [Cal Move In](#), [Happy Neighbors](#), [Every Bear Goes Home](#) and collaborates with health education programs like [PartySafe@Cal](#) to engage and serve students and neighbors. The Advisory Council meets regularly and is convened by Joseph Greenwell, Dean of Students and Chris Treadway, Assistant Chancellor of Government & Community Relations, in partnership with the ASUC External Affairs Vice President and City representatives. During these meetings, community and campus stakeholders have opportunity to hear updates of work conducted in partnership with city, campus and community leaders; and consider new opportunities for collaboration.

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