

This Tuesday, March 13th, the Berkeley City Council will make a decision that directly impacts a plan to build shelter and affordable housing for nearly 200 homeless, disabled, and low income individuals in Berkeley.

This project, which is a collaboration between BFHP, BRIDGE Housing, and the City of Berkeley, will take the place of the current City parking lot on Berkeley Way.

The project has already been delayed for eight months due to evaluation of replacement parking.

This Tuesday, the City Council will provide a final direction on the replacement parking. BFHP, BRIDGE, and City staff have evaluated numerous parking scenarios in order to find the one that best serves both the City and the Berkeley Way development.



If the City Council does not make a decision on the issue this Tuesday the project will be delayed for another year.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Add your voice to the appeal!

1. **Call or email your Councilmember before Tuesday March 13th** and urge them to vote YES on item 31 of the [agenda](#) "BRIDGE's Berkeley Way Development: Funding and Public Parking Requirements." (See below for Council contact and district information).
2. If you can, **attend the meeting** and speak up in support of the project. Urge that Council make a definitive decision about the City owned public parking part of the development.
3. **Forward this** or talk about the issue on social media. When the community comes together we can create real solutions for the crisis of homelessness.

Why does this matter now?

BFHP board and staff have been focused for over 10 years on building a new facility to replace our unsound, crumbling downtown Men's shelter and build much needed permanent supportive housing for disabled homeless men and women. Over the past couple of years in partnership with BRIDGE Housing we have designed a project that will provide shelter, permanent supportive housing, support services, and affordable housing all in one location in downtown. If there are further delays, we miss funding opportunities this year and the project becomes more uncertain.

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Thank you for doing your part.

Sincerely,

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Help us spread the word!

