

# **BNC**

**Berkeley Neighborhoods Council**  
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Dedicated to improving the quality of life for all by creating  
a unified neighborhood voice for promoting livability and resolving problems

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**October 20, 2018 BNC Forum: *Toward a Livable City (TLC for All)***

**South Berkeley Senior Center, Multi-Purpose Room**  
**2923 Ellis St., Berkeley CA. 10:00 am to Noon**

**10:00 am** (sharp): Introduction and welcoming remarks: Shirley Dean (5 minutes)

**10:05:** Statements by each of the City officials regarding the purpose or role of their department or board in the zoning process. (1 minute each, total 5 minutes)

Timothy Burroughs, Planning and Community Development Director  
Farid Javandel, Transportation Department  
John Selawsky, Rent Board and Zoning Adjustments Board  
Jesse Areguin, Mayor

**10:10 am:** Presentations by neighborhood leaders of specific examples of neighborhood impacts in four general categories with questions and responses from the panel. (Presentation and response 8 minutes each, total 80 minutes)

- **Planning Department:** Staff works to push projects toward approval, often ignoring community views:
  1. Kelly Hammargren (Central Berkeley): 2211 Harold Way
  2. Ed Herzog/Toni Mester (West Berkeley): Re-zoning of R-1A District
- **Lack of Coordination with Other Departments:** Planning so often works to push projects toward approval with little consideration of community views and Planning does not give consideration to the input of other departments until *after* the decision to grant a permit is made:
  3. Noah Sudarsky (North Berkeley): 2702-04-06 Shasta Road (Fire Department)
  4. Ann Smulka (Claremont): Warring/Derby/Belrose Corridor (Transp. Department), Clark Kerr Volleyball proposal – City neighborhood support (Mayor)
  5. Janis Ching (South Berkeley): 3000 Shattuck Avenue
- **Lack of Enforcement of Permit Conditions:** Enforcement of permit conditions is “complaint driven” with no City check to confirm development occurs as approved.
  6. Janis Ching (South Shattuck): Honda project
  7. Christopher Berg (University Ave): Hotel and University/McGee trees)
- **Environmental and Quality of Life:** City sets low environmental standards and does not actively work to mitigate impacts.
  8. Steve Finacom (Campus): Campanile Way Corridor and Public View
  9. Pam Ormsby (Central Berkeley): 1155-73 Hearst Ave flooding
  10. David Ushijima: Lack of sunshine ordinance and rooftop solar panels

**11:30 am:** Questions from audience, 5 minutes each

**11:50 am**: Concluding remarks and summary of where we go from here: Dean Metzger

