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Berkeley Neighborhoods Council (BNC) was established in 2010 with the mission to give Berkeley's neighborhoods a place to discuss the issues that effect the livability of the places we live in.



The pillars and gates in the Elmwood and Claremont residential neighborhoods were constructed in the early 1900's and remain a sense of pride in the city of Berkeley. There are many similar neighborhoods in Berkeley and most of them have small shopping areas within their boundaries. Star Grocery has been in the CENA neighborhood for almost 100 years. Many other neighborhoods have similar historical places like Star Grocery.



As Berkeley is developed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, BNC hopes to remind the community of its history of residential neighborhoods, small shops and friendly neighbors. We want Berkeley to remain a place where we know our neighbors, look after each other and want to remain here into our later years.

We can do this if development is done in a sensible way that respects our history. Large development projects that are not affordable and not mixed with all income levels of families will change Berkeley into a large city where people do not mix and do not care about each other.

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