



## Rent Stabilization Board

DATE: November 20, 2025

TO: Honourable Members of the Rent Stabilization Board

FROM: Chair Soli Alpert

SUBJECT: Recognizing the Urban Compassion Project for Its Service to the Berkeley Community

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### **Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution recognizing the Urban Compassion Project for its service to the Berkeley community.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Urban Compassion Project (<https://urbancompassionproject.org/>) is a non-profit entity that supports communities in need by providing mutual aid, linking homeless individuals to critical services, and clearing illegally dumped waste and debris on impacted streets as a volunteer service. These efforts are provided to cities and communities at no cost. On November 8, 2025, the Urban Compassion Project hosted a cleanup event at Eighth and Harrison Street, clearing 24,000 pounds of debris with the help of 60 volunteers and homeless individuals.

In many cases, waste and debris on public streets is blamed on the actions of homeless residents when it is a result of illegal dumping. Illegal dumping is often intentionally done near locations of encampments to avoid detection and shift blame onto homeless residents. The Urban Compassion Project not only helps clean up the community and connect homeless residents to services, but also educates residents about the unfair blame placed on people experiencing homelessness, building community and understanding between homeless and housed neighbours.

## **RESOLUTION 25-29**

### **RECOGNIZING THE URBAN COMPASSION PROJECT FOR ITS SERVICE TO THE BERKELEY COMMUNITY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rent Stabilization Board of the City of Berkeley as follows:

**WHEREAS**, The Urban Compassion Project is a local organization that tackles the intertwined issues of homelessness, public health, and environmental degradation by clearing illegally dumped waste, providing mutual aid, and linking homeless residents to critical services; and

**WHEREAS**, The Urban Compassion Project works to bridge the gap between housed and unhoused community members through acts of kindness, compassion, and empathy, improving the health and cleanliness of our community for the benefit of all while reducing stigma towards and misconceptions about the homeless community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Compassion Project has been sponsoring weekly cleanups in Oakland and other cities, engaging thousands of volunteers over time, both housed and unhoused, while removing over 2,400 tons of trash; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urban Compassion Project cleaned the Harrison Street corridor on November 8, 2025, bringing 60 volunteer participants to assist in removing 24,000 pounds of trash and debris, while providing homeless residents with resources and aid.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board recognizes the Urban Compassion Project's work for the betterment of our community and commends their effort to heal divisions while creating a healthier and more beautiful city for all; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board welcomes the Urban Compassion Project's continued activities in Berkeley and commits to promoting and supporting the Urban Compassion Project's efforts.

Dated: November 20, 2025

Adopted by the Rent Stabilization Board of the City of Berkeley by the following vote:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Soli Alpert, Chair  
Rent Stabilization Board

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
DéSeana Williams, Executive Director