Berkeley council approves short-term rental proposal http://t.co/w40vYNnmGy.
RT @RisingSunEC: @berkeleyside New video promoting our NO-COST #GreenHouseCalls this summer! https://t.co/jIkkdPdq4vE.

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The Berkeley Wire: 06.25.15 http://t.co/uNfBfbreNX.
RT @BCMORG: Berkeley Community Media getting ready to film this much awaited special meeting #berkeley http://t.co/wzyQhqQTyB.
Starting live coverage of #berkmtg. See the highlights of tonight’s #communitybenefits discussion: http://t.co/ctgNrfAvOe.

No e-copy available but CMs Droste+Moore submitted compromise between 2 current proposals from Bates/Capitelli and Arreguin #berkmtg.

See the Bates/Capitelli and Arreguin proposals here: http://t.co/ctgNrfAvOe #berkmtg.

Dean Metzger says #berkmtg should be adjourned so people can go to the zoning board, which will address #HaroldWay tonight.
Shirley Dean says there wasn’t enough information about disabled access to the meeting, which she thinks makes the mtg illegal #berkmtg.

Jim Novosel says prevailing wage, affordable housing, arts+culture benefits are good community benefits; shld add green+open space #berkmtg.

Another speaker, for Gray Panthers, says city doesn’t need so many high-rises, that city process for bldg inspection doesn’t work #berkmtg.

Here’s the amended version of the @JesseArreguin amendment #berkmtg
http://t.co/1bMxY6cIoE.
Here’s the Droste/Moore proposal (4/5) #berkmtg http://t.co/YToiCtVaTe.
Here’s the Droste/Moore proposal (5/5) #berkmtg http://t.co/7g6RWMHS0y.
Here’s an e-version of the Droste/Moore proposal, minus the final chart http://t.co/SF4TvmAht7 #berkmtg.
Woman says it’s “shameful” that city scheduled this mtg overlapping with ZAB mtg re: #HaroldWay (that discussion starts at 8pm) #berkmtg.
Three speakers in favor of mayor’s proposal for community benefits, saying we need housing, cannot keep dragging out process #berkmtg.
Downtown resident: Please don’t go with these huge buildings. Consider the quality of life. Consider about what we’re doing. #berkmtg.

Architect Patrick Sheehan, re: bldg quality: We can look at many other jurisdictions all over the country that are doing it better #berkmtg.

Speaker says mayor should include rational basis for numbers for flat fee. Proposal is here: http://t.co/Grnowiovlk #berkmtg.

Prediction: Mass exodus from here to Zoning Board mtg on #HaroldWay BKGD: http://t.co/MK7LIajvqz ZAB agenda: http://t.co/UPq6pfPgBS #berkmtg.

@LarsSkjerping Yes, that’s my thought too. I didn’t mean immediately. :)
Woman: That’s gonna be your legacy here: city full of expensive poorly built housing that does not meet needs of working class #berkmtg.

RT @anirvan: @berkeleyside thank you for your coverage of #berkmtg.

Woman says Berkeleyans who voted (majority) for density downtown: ”people don’t know about density — they have no idea” #berkmtg.

Developer Ali Kashani: I haven’t appeared for two years before you and tonight I’m reminded why, re: large turnout against density #berkmtg.
Woman: I’m not an anti-density person, and I’m not an anti-development person; want developers who want to reinvest though.

#berkmtg.

Woman says #Berkeley needs more housing ”so we can stop from becoming older, whiter and richer” #berkmtg.

@ericpanzer: “It’s not every day you get compared to a Nazi, just every other Tuesday” (during #Berkmtg), thx council for grace under fire.

Man says #Berkeley already among the top 10 densities in whole country. More development is ”gonna make it unlivable” #berkmtg.
@levfacher I don’t know... I believe he said top 10. /er.

Woman: “It’s a public embarrassment” Berkeley doesn’t require more affordable units, says SF is doing more to help housing crisis #berkmtg.

Estimating 100+ people in audience at #berkmtg. Some say more would be here if mtg was at regular 7pm time. (Started at 5pm.).

RT @KVeklerov: Berkeley property owners form PAC & coalition to lobby for landlord rights. http://t.co/HaoRAirVu4 by @YukaKoshino
http://t.co/.....
RT @veraciousjess: @berkeleyside if Wikipedia is accurate, we are literally not even in the top 100 in the country? #citationneeded

RT @k__worthington: 2 new proposals for tonight’s Council meeting on “Significant Community Benefits” for Downtown’s 5 tall buildings. htt…. Kudos to CM @k__worthington for posting PDFs of tonight’s supplemental items from Droste/Moore and Arreguín http://t.co/dTregt1ir1 #berkmtg.
LT Berkeley resident, homeowner: The community wants more affordable housing. Screw the developers. It’s about time they pay us #berkmtg.

RT @iancrew: @Berkeleyside: good news for Berkeley? “@NASA: Researcher develops a model that could quiet down noisy helicopters: http://t....

Five minute break. @MayorTomBates says: We’ll be back and we’ll resolve the issue. Plan is to make rec to Housing Advisory Comm. #berkmtg.

My question is: Will we “resolve the issue” by 7:45pm?? #gottaGetToZAB #HaroldWay #berkmtg.
RT @YoniMayeri: It’s about time! Just look at that pie chart! https://t.co/FWyHKSu2Gc.

RT @anirvan: My friends can’t afford to live in #Berkeley—good downtown infill is path to a young/diverse/green/mixed-income city https://t.co/....

RT @511SFBay: Lanes Blocked on Eastbound I-580 at Grand Ave in Oakland Due to an Injury Accident. http://t.co/LxUwgMUBiZ.

Crowd has dwindled to about 60 people as #berkmtg on #communitybenefits resumes. About to hear about 3 different council proposals.
Learning now about the @loridroste / Darryl Moore proposal: http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF #berkmtg.
Proposal says @UCBerkeley agreed to comply w/community benefits package, tho it’s not required by law #berkmtg http://t.co/lz7Whgxz1l.
RT @eswillwalker: @berkeleyside This old, white, relatively wealthy Berkeley resident strongly supports infill affordable housing. https://…..
RT @brockwinstead: @dcmarla @berkeleyside It ranks 110th. https://t.co/hrxOG13C1F But of course one needn’t cite sources in public comments.
RT @dcmarla: @brockwinstead @berkeleyside
Oh, Berkeley. Never change.
CM @loridroste, compromise: “I hope everyone is somewhat pleased and maybe only a little bit ticked off” http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF
#berkmtg.
RT @guelo: @berkeleyside @occupytheport
nobody lives there anymore because its too crowded.
Proposal from CM @JesseArreguin:
http://t.co/buUfiIoZYt ; calls it really bad planning to have 2 mtgs abt downtown dev same day #berkmtg.
RT @Jessicoding: A mama robin made her nest right outside my bedroom window https://t.co/g2OoWqzoQt.

RT @anirvan: @gregmananity Frustrated by NIMBY Berkeley. I’m a homeowner and would welcome addl density in my walkable transit-rich hood #YIM....

RT @anirvan: @berkeleyside Has #Manhattanization come up yet? I see the beginnings of a #BerkMtg drinking game.

RT @mmelibbington: I want to watch the live webcast of the #berkmtg but I’m having technical issues :( Luckily @berkeleyside’s got my back.
RT @bswp: Why is the #berkmtg live feed showing "Jeopardy"?? I tuned to hear the ZAB, not this schlock...
Right now council members are just going over all the details of their proposals. See prior links for details. Hard to summarize!
#berkmtg.
CM @JesseArreguin says project labor agreement, 10% affordable housing or equivalent are the main priorities #berkmtg http://t.co/buUfiIoZYt.
CM @k__worthington says reason for delay in process was bc officials chose to leave community benefits vague in the downtown plan #berkmtg.
CM @k__worthington reminds audience that Berkeley has seven tall buildings coming, not just five. BKGD: http://t.co/njQY9GaCa4 #berkmtg.

CM @k__worthington says he doesn’t like carve-out for #HaroldWay that’s in Droste/Moore proposal (bc it’s been in pipeline 2+ yrs) #berkmtg.

RT @CHPoakland: All WB lanes now open on 580 at Grand. Fast lane still closed EB 580 at Grand. #Oakland.

CM Wengraf says she asked friends in the industry who said proposed significant community benefit fees in Berkeley may be too high #berkmtg.
Wengraf: We may be proposing higher community benefit fees than any other city in California. (Several cheer and clap.) #berkmtg.
Support from @MayorTomBates for Droste/Moore proposal bc it allows city to look at projects case by case. CM Anderson behind it too #berkmtg.
CM @k__worthington suggests turning all three proposals over to Housing Advisory Commission. No motions on the table yet though. #berkmtg.
RT @flacosvegmex: via: @CollardCowgirl @flacosvegmex = yummy #vegan Mexican food!
My blog review covers it all!
http://t.co/wF3yfEfO28 http….
RT @externalities: LOL. #Berkeley is barely among the 10 densest places I’ve lived. More development (if nice) would be great! #yimby

 RT @matthai: Love how even in the midst of two hectic weeks, @Berkeleyside live tweets #berkmtg into the wee hours. #LocalNewsMatters. Awes....

 CM Capitelli: There’s so much to respond to but I’m not going to respond to all of it bc I’m afraid I’d get sarcastic and angry #berkmtg.
CM Capitelli goes on to call “bullshit” on people who said council cares more about corporations than the public. Emotion is high.  #berkmtg.

CM Capitelli says he surveyed a number of mgmt companies to come up with the $100 and $150 amounts for square footage fees.  #berkmtg.

Capitelli: Developer likely to pay several hundred dollars/square foot to build these projects, doesn’t want to force bankruptcy  #berkmtg.

Motion by Droste/Moore to approve their amendment, send to Housing Advisory Commission http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF  #berkmtg.
Capitelli: Friendly amendment to have city manager get 3rd-party analysis of $1, $1.50/sf fees in proposal
http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF #berkmtg.
RT @externalities: @mactavish @berkeleyside
Per Wikipedia, Berkeley is the 26th most dense city in California. Not exactly Tokyo over here.
RT @mactavish: . @berkeleyside @externalities Isn’t Berkeley’s density mostly due to dorms? Neighborhood by neighborhood, it doesn’t seem v....
RT @k__worthington: @berkeleyside my idea is turn them over to City Manager to compare these to consultants study.
CM Anderson: If we don’t do things differently, we’re gonna become a gated community without gates and that will not be a good thing #berkmtg.

CM @k__worthington, substitute motion that both new proposals go to city manager for review. Haven’t heard a second. #berkmtg.

RT @bswp: @mactavish @berkeleyside @externalities Berkeley’s population isn’t so dense, just its drivers...

Someone did second it. Getting quick comments from council members who want to speak, will then go to a vote. #berkmtg.
CM Capitelli: There’s no such thing as inexpensive housing. All housing is expensive. It’s just a matter of how it’s paid for. 
#berkmtg.

Confusion about severed motion. Proposal from Droste/Moore to be considered.

http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF #berkmtg.

Projects in pipeline, e.g. #HaroldWay, would get carve-out subject to independent analysis.

Approved 6-3. #berkmtg
http://t.co/Wnc7Jad7Wu.

Droste-Moore proposal approved 8-1 to go to zoning board for review

http://t.co/BFmvAki2OF #berkmtg Now we’re off to zoning board.
RT @Frannydink: Go @emraguso! #ZABhereshecomes.
The zoning board is still discussing Durant demolition. Our bkgd is here: http://t.co/Ipxy2rgINO #berkmtg
http://t.co/ZYLWnn2CRr.
Haven't gotten to #HaroldWay EIR yet, in case you were wondering. Documents are here: http://t.co/25FpL18YKa #berkmtg.
RT @may_gun: If they get permission to demolish it, I hope at least they allow Ohmega & Urban Ore go to go town on it first.
Owner says “it’s a constant struggle” to keep the homeless from getting into #2631Durant. #berkmtg.

People at both #Berkmtg events tonight have brought up building concerns they say were raised after #BerkeleyBalconyCollapse.

Commissioner Christiani: This building could be incredibly ugly if it’s not done well…. I consider it half baked #2631Durant #berkmtg. Christiani wants to send it back to Design Review, not approve it. Donaldson says approve. Not sure what other commissioners think #berkmtg.
Also refs tonight in both #berkmtg events...
Supreme Court decision about San Jose affordability reqs. BKGD:
http://t.co/NkIiIOCMVv.
CM Selawsky wants to move continuance, esp.
bc city attorney said staff report for this project conflicts with past city practice
#Berkmtg.
Attorney for #2631Durant says "we’re in overtime" and asks for a decision tonight bc of legal deadlines under state law. #berkmtg.
Rep for developer (and former ZAB member) asks for caption break to consider proposal from ZAB to include affordable units #berkmtg.
Owner says he could provide 4 total below-market-rate units in the project, especially if that will help ZAB vote tonight. #berkmtg.
Chair Pinto disagrees w/Christiani, says Berkeley lucky to have project: “I am proud to have a design of this caliber in the city” #berkmtg.
#2631Durant has use permit, 6-1-1 vote (1 absence). Arch is #StanleySaitowitz #berkmtg http://t.co/r8xL6dh761.
Starting #HaroldWay EIR discussion now at #Berkeley ZAB. BKGD: http://t.co/MK7LIajvqz
Project docs: http://t.co/UPq6pfPgBS #berkmtg.
#HaroldWay: 302 units, 6 theaters, 10,500sf ground-floor commercial, 171-space underground parking #berkmtg http://t.co/jkd5ytgEMF.

Getting an update from the consultant on the EIR, then will go to public comment, then ZAB discussion. #berkmtg #HaroldWay.

Certification of EIR is not approval of project. EIR is not about merits of project. It is a finding that doc is compliant w/CEQA. #berkmtg.

There are about 30 people in the audience here at the EIR certification mtg for #HaroldWay #berkmtg.
Commissioner Donaldson: I have enough info to make decision tonight; willing to move fwd. I think they’ve addressed everything well #berkmtg.

Commissioner Tregub: I suppose I have enough info to vote but some of you might not like my decision (not enough responses in EIR) #berkmtg.

Commissioner Pinkston: Frustrated consultant didn’t sit down with BUSD; that EIR docs didn’t include clear overall mitigation list #berkmtg.

Commissioners O’Keefe and Selawsky say they would not likely vote to approve the #HaroldWay EIR tonight. #berkmtg.
Commissioners Christiani and Hauser say they have enough info to vote. (And sounds like, not sure, they would vote to certify.) #berkmtg.

Chair Pinto: It does address conditions under CEQA. I’ve read whole doc, I’ve read final EIR. But city did not address all issues #berkmtg.

It could come down to a 4-4 vote tonight on the EIR. Commissioner George Williams is absent. #berkmtg.

Chair Pinto says continuance may be likely. Further discussion. Developer Rhoades said continuance might put project in jeopardy #berkmtg.
Suggestion on table to approve EIR now and make sure BUSD concerns part of final conditions of approval. May have enough support? #berkmtg.

Public comment. Man: BART construction was brutal, long, unfathomably disruptive; Berkeley’s just starting to recover from that #berkmtg.

@itsthelee @mmelibbington I’m just guessing but sounds like MAYBE 5-3 in favor to certify EIR tonight. Not sure. #berkmtg.

RT @davidcolburn: LOL, I don’t think so. #FactCheck https://t.co/QLOUIhZLA6.
RT @eean: This sums up Berkeley meetings (BART opened in Berkeley in 1973) https://t.co/WkJENXmua5.
RT @bestcoastin: @berkeleyside and worth it?

... If ZAB certifies EIR, Landmarks Preservation will take up #HaroldWay structural alteration July 9. If EIR postponed, it won’t #berkmtg. Dean Metzger said ZAB should not certify EIR bc council just approved comm. benefits tonight and public needs more time. #berkmtg. Says @MTLawCalBear: ”This is a horse that should not get out of the barn as currently saddled” #HaroldWay #EIR #ZAB #berkmtg #Berkeley.
After 3 other mtgs on EIR, chair says he knows all commenters here by 1st name. Gave them 1 minute but is allowing people to share #Berkmtg.

@itsthelee Local resident, public comment. @MTLawCalBear.

RT @netsinger: @berkeleyside Dude. BART was built almost half a century ago. If we’re ”just starting to recover,” how’d we ever get over th….

RT @eean: @bestcoastin @berkeleyside they probably tore up Shattuck, I can believe it was very disruptive. But yea… a long time ago.
RT @NicMcC83: @eean @berkeleyside I gotta go to one of these to fulfill my civic duty and also to witness the tire fire of public discourse....

RT @Hyper_lexic: @matthai @berkeleyside sadly about 2/3 of the quotes fill me with rage.

RT @netsinger: @berkeleyside Also, construction in Berkeley took longer because Berkeleyans (surprise!) demanded last-minute changes. Plus .... Woman: ”Shattuck Hotel itself is undermined and threatened”; foundation built in 1910. Says construction of #HaroldWay problematic #berkmtg.
RT @netsinger: @berkeleyside It’s true of parts of Berkeley sometimes, like when Ashkenaz is really crowded.
RT @the_gwalla: @NicMcC83 @berkeleyside @eean I’m afraid my eyes would roll right out of my head.
Several references to issues with geotechnical report; some are outlined page 55, 57: http://t.co/6zTSwjt4Fo #berkmtg #HaroldWay.
Motion from Comm. Pinkston to certify EIR as long as it addresses list of concerns raised by school district. #berkmtg.
Tregub makes substitute motion to continue certification of EIR. #berkmtg.
EIR is certified, 5-3 vote, with additional details to come re: issues raised by school board. #berkmtg.

@MTLawCalBear I know! I was just answering a question from @itsthelee :).

RT @MTLawCalBear: @berkeleyside #ZAB Govt body certifies EIR w/o adequate consideration of impacts—traffic, noise, water, housing/population….

RT @MTLawCalBear: @berkeleyside ‘Certifying’ an inadequate EIR is legally flawed, irrational, arbitrary and capricious. My head and back hu….

RT @eean: Sanity reigns another day in Berkeley. https://t.co/opknhXpczs.