



Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

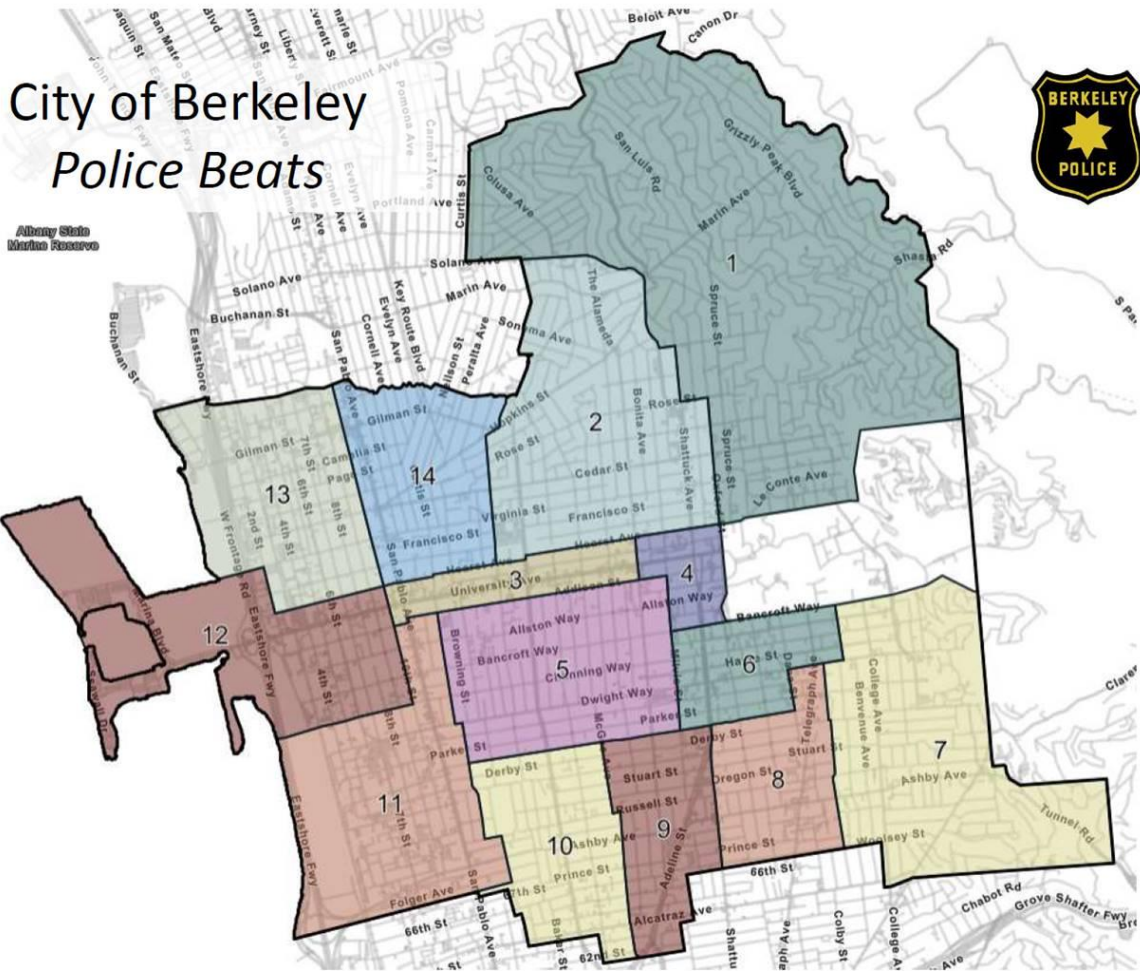
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Subject: Berkeley Police Department transitioning to a 14-beat configuration

On April 1st, at the start of our new patrol timesheet, BPD will transition from a 16-beat to a 14-beat configuration. The transition to the new beat configuration is due to decreased police staffing, leading to consistently understaffed shifts. The new beat map was based on data analysis and a collaborative review by members of the Police Department, our Strategic Analysis Unit, and the Berkeley Police Association. The working group optimized beat boundaries for balanced officer workloads by considering the geography of calls for service volume, the time required of officers on scene to respond, and the resulting investigative time associated with those calls. The group prioritized neighborhood coherence in the beat map and efficient travel routes within beats. The Department is using data to increase efficiency as much as possible; however, we expect our low staffing to continue to impact service delivery, response times, and our ability to handle in-depth problem-solving.

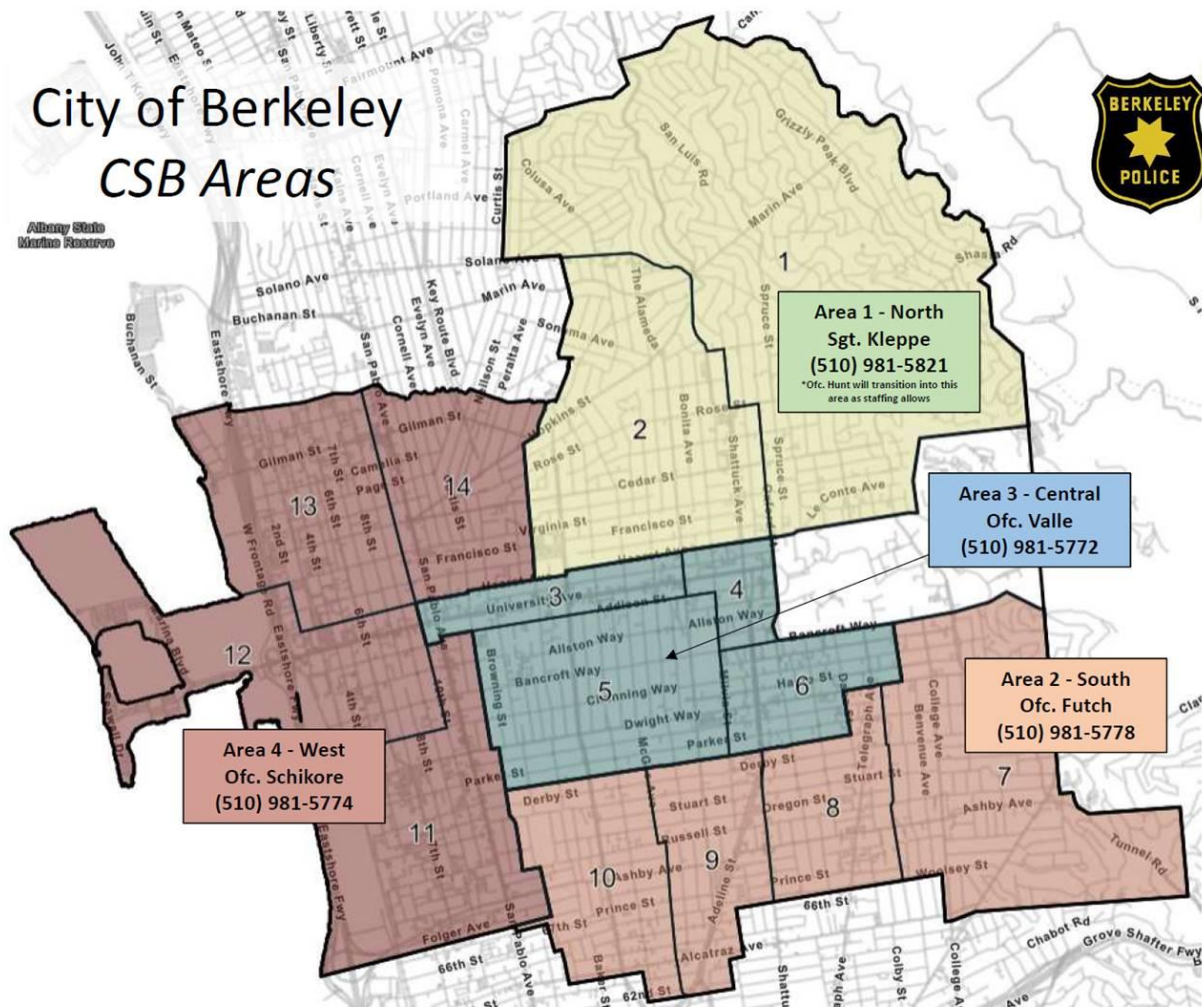
Below is our new beat map. The beats intersecting with Berkeley Council Districts are as follows:

District 1, Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani: Beat 2, 3, 12, 13, 14
District 2, Councilmember Terry Taplin: Beat 3, 5, 10, 11, 12
District 3, Councilmember Ben Bartlett: Beat 5, 6, 8, 9, 10
District 4, Councilmember Kate Harrison: Beat 3, 4, 5, 6
District 5, Councilmember Sophie Hahn: Beat 1, 2
District 6, Councilmember Susan Wengraf: Beat 1
District 7, Councilmember Rigel Robinson: Beat 6, 7, 8
District 8, Councilmember Mark Humbert: Beat 7, 8



The Community Services Bureau, which encompasses the Area Coordinators, Public Information Officer, and the Strategic Analysis Team, is transitioning as some officers rotate back to patrol and new officers come into the office. Officer White, Officer Hartley, and Officer McDougall are returning to patrol. Your new Area Coordinators and Public Information Officer are listed below.

This map is our Area Coordinator map. This map divides the city into four sections, assigning one Area Coordinator to each area. As beats do not match up directly with the council districts; Councilmembers will work with multiple Area Coordinators. Due to low patrol staffing, one of our new Area Coordinators, Officer Hunt, will remain in patrol until staffing allows him to transition into CSB. Eventually, Officer Hunt will be assigned to area 1. Sergeant Kleppe will be covering Area 1 until Hunt can be transferred.



Area 1 North - Officer Beau Hunt bhunt@cityofberkeley.info
 Officer Hunt has worked for BPD since 2013 and has been a Police Officer since 2012. He is a UC Davis graduate who spent 8 years in the US Army and lived abroad in Europe and Germany. His assignments at BPD include; SRT Team Leader, Firearms and Tactics Instructor, Training Coordinator, Peer Support Team, and Field Training Officer. Officer Hunt enjoys spending time with his three children during his off days.

Area 2 South - Officer Kajahna Futch kfutch@cityofberkeley.info
 Officer Futch has worked for BPD since 2019 and has been a Police Officer since 2015. She received her Bachelor's degree from UC Irvine, where she was a Division 1 Basketball player. She later received her Master's degree from Kaplan University. Officer Futch enjoys being active, working out, and doing projects at home.

Area 3 Central - Officer Matt Valle mvalle@cityofberkeley.info
 Officer Valle has worked for BPD since 2012 and has been a Police Officer since 2005. He is a San Francisco State graduate and received his Master's degree from UC Irvine.

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His assignments at BPD include SRT Member and Field Training Officer. Officer Valle has an Advanced Certification in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and loves photography.

Area 4 West - Officer George Schikore gschikore@cityofberkeley.info

Officer Schikore has worked for BPD since 2018 and has been a Police Officer since 2002. He was previously assigned to Area 3 and is now transitioning to Area 4. Before working in the Community Services Bureau, he was assigned to the Downtown Bike Team. Officer Schikore is Certified in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and is always helping out patrol as needed.

Public Information Officer - Jessica Perry jperry@cityofberkeley.info

Officer Perry has worked for BPD since 2019 and has been a Police Officer since 2013. She was previously assigned to Area 2 and is now transitioning to the full-time Public Information Officer role. Her assignments at BPD include; SRT Hostage Negotiations Team, Honor Guard, and the Recruiting Team. Officer Perry's other full-time job is being a mom; she said it's her favorite job yet!

cc: Jennifer Louis, Interim Chief of Police
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