

## BESO Outreach

On September 10, 2013, City Council adopted a [resolution](#) directing staff to initiate a public process to update the City's existing Residential Energy Conservation Ordinance (RECO) and Commercial Energy Conservation Ordinance (CECO) laws. With nearly half of all greenhouse gas emissions in Berkeley coming from buildings, it is critical that we continue to advance innovative and smart energy efficiency strategies for our homes and businesses.

The public process engaged energy experts, key stakeholders and the Berkeley community on how best to update these ordinances. City staff have met with stakeholders and the Berkeley Energy Commission hosted a series of workshops to inform residents and businesses and solicit feedback as the draft ordinance was developed.

**Workshops** The Berkeley Energy Commission Workshops held three community workshops on following dates:

- **March 26, 2014 at 7pm** at N. Berkeley Senior Center- [Workshop #1](#) Ordinance objectives and approach
- **April 23, 2014 at 7pm** at S. Berkeley Senior Center- [Workshop #2](#) Policy options
- **June 25, 2014 at 7pm** at N. Berkeley Senior Center- [Workshop #3](#) Proposed draft ordinance & implementation plan

**Stakeholder Meetings** City staff have met with groups and individuals to answer questions and get input, including, but not limited to: Berkeley Association of Realtors, Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, Berkeley Climate Action Coalition, Berkeley Property Owners Association, and Business District Associations. The draft ordinance has also been presented to the Housing Advisory Commission, Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC), Energy Commission, and Rent Board Safe and Sustainable Housing Committee for comments. In addition, City Council hosted a public worksession on BESO on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6pm in Council Chambers, see [Worksession Presentation](#).

## BESO Commission and City Council Meetings and Reports

- [City Council Report and Resolution to Update RECO/CECO 9/10/13](#)
- [Energy Commission Report BESO proposal 7/28/14](#)
- [Energy Commission BESO Staff Report 9/30/14](#)
- [City Council Worksession Staff Report 11/18/14](#) and [Worksession Presentation](#)
- [City Council Report 11/18/14](#)
- [Supplemental Information Related to Building Energy Saving Ordinance](#) 1/28/2015
- [Revised Building Energy Saving Ordinance Proposal](#) 1/28/15
- [City Council Report and Revised BESO proposal](#) 2/24/15
- [BESO Ordinance, as adopted on 3/10/15](#)