public hearing

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 8 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

2134 GROVE STREET, BERKELEY

Sponsored by: BERKELEY PLANNING COMMISSION

"The People of Berkeley - a Policy" Revised

WHO WILL LIVE IN BERKELEY?

HOW CROWDED WILL IT BE?

WHOSE NEEDS WILL GET SPECIAL ATTENTION?

WILL YOU HAVE A VOICE IN DECISIONS WHICH AFFECT YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

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THE PEOPLE OF BERKELEY - 
A POLICY

Housing Committee of the Planning Commission
August 1974
B. Diversity and Integration

4. Population Groups

   a. Special Needs

   3. The Disabled

   THE DISABLED ARE A LONG NEGLECTED GROUP IN SOCIETY.

   BERKELEY RECOGNIZES THIS NEGLECT, AND SUPPORTS A PROGRAM,
   WITH PARTICIPATION BY THE DISABLED, DIRECTED TOWARDS
   SOLVING THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THIS GROUP. THIS PROGRAM
   SHOULD ELIMINATE BARRIERS AND INCLUDE THE NECESSARY
   ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES FOR HOUSING LOCATED AT APPROPRIATE
   SITES THROUGHOUT THE CITY; A SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM; "HALF-WAY" HOUSES AT APPROPRIATE
   SITES THROUGHOUT THE CITY; AND GREATER JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

   Comments:

   - There are more than 20,000 disabled persons in the East Bay including
     the blind, the deaf and those with a wide range of disabilities.
   - Most disabled persons are also low income.
   - Berkeley is relatively unthreatening to the disabled, and is becoming
     a center of activity by this group.
   - Some of the requirements of this group include: close shopping and
     transportation; more space in their housing units because of wheelchairs;
     accessible or adaptable structures; appropriate medical services;
     special transportation vans; greater employment opportunities; and
     especially to be treated as people who have the same aspirations, desires,
     and feelings as the rest of the population.
   - State laws on the disabled pertain to their mobility, accessibility
     and equal rights to public facilities.