

# Ben Gould

## BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

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## Ben Gould Announces City Council Campaign

Plans to Focus on Affordable Housing, Infrastructure, Fiscal Issues

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*Berkeley, CA* – Ben Gould, Chair of the Community Environmental Advisory Commission and a Masters of Public Policy candidate, announced his campaign for Berkeley City Council District 4 today.

“I am eager to serve my neighbors in District 4 and the community as we pursue progressive solutions to Berkeley’s challenges,” Gould said. “I am running to make Berkeley more affordable, inclusive, and sustainable.”

Ben has received early endorsements for his City Council campaign from Councilmembers Lori Droste and Susan Wengraf; ASUC External Affairs Vice President André Luu; and many others.

In a statement, Councilmember Droste said, “As a renter and Berkeley native, Ben understands firsthand how rising rents have impacted the city. I’m excited to support Ben Gould because he is a young, progressive, grassroots candidate with policy expertise and a strong track record. Ben is just who we need to move Berkeley forward and inspire future generations of progressive leaders.”

Asked about his policy agenda, Gould said, "I intend to work with other City Councilmembers and Berkeley residents to create more affordable housing, continue the revitalization of Downtown, fight climate change, adopt responsible budgets, and restore Berkeley's public infrastructure."

Born and raised in Berkeley, and a graduate of Berkeley High, Ben has built a wide-ranging record of service to the community. While serving on the Community Environmental Advisory Commission, Ben fought for public health, working to protect children from lead poisoning and to implement indoor air quality requirements for new construction. Ben's service to the City has also included appointments to the Housing Advisory Commission and the Zoning Adjustments Board.

As a representative in UC Berkeley's student government, Gould secured full and fair health coverage for LGBT students, and brought the College of Chemistry into compliance with the University's Zero Waste program. In his role as a student leader, Ben also built partnerships between Cal students, Berkeley school children, and their parents to construct a rainwater harvester at Jefferson Elementary School. Now, he serves on the Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund Advisory Board, to continue building bridges between the University and the City.

"I will champion effective policies that reflect our progressive values and help Berkeley lead by example," Gould said. "Let's work together to build more affordable housing, enhance transit and bicycling, reach a living wage, protect public education, and ensure equal access to opportunity for everyone in Berkeley."