



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

6:30 PM

Berkeley City Hall – Cypress Room – 2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Approval
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Update/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.

4. Presentation from Andrea Pritchett, Founder of Copwatch

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

1. Approve minutes from the 06/17/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
2. Election of low-income representatives – All

Other Discussion Items

3. Discussion and possible action submitting an Opposition Letter regarding Surveillance Software Company Contracts to City Council (Attachment B)
4. Discussion and possible action to invite a representative from the Alameda County Supervisor’s Office from District 5 to present on the process of Measure W funding for housing to Berkeley’s homeless population

5. Discussion and possible action to draft a City Council Report regarding funding opportunities for the Berkeley Community Physical Therapy Clinic
6. Announcements
7. Future Agenda Items
8. Adjournment

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 06/17/2026 regular meeting
- B. Draft Opposition to Surveillance Software Companies Letter to City Council

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kat Larowe".

Kat Larowe, Secretary



## Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

### DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

6:30 PM

Berkeley City Hall – Cypress Room – 2180 Milvia Street  
Berkeley, CA 94704

#### Preliminary Matters

1. **Roll Call:**
  - a. Meeting Start Time: 6:39 pm
  - b. Present: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol.
  - c. Absent: None
  - d. Quorum: 3 (Attended: 5)
  - e. Staff Present: Alexis Lozano
  - f. Number of Public Present: 4
2. Agenda Approval  
**Action:** M/S/C (Lipman/Sol): Motion to approve the agenda as written.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters
  - a. Number of Public Speakers: 1

#### Update/Action Items

*The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.*

4. Presentation from BRIGITTE NICOLETTI from East Bay Community Law Center  
**No action taken.**
5. Presentation from JOHN JANOSKO, Community Organizer and Activist  
**No action taken.**

#### **Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business**

1. Approve minutes from the 05/20/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All  
**Action:** M/S/C (Huchting/Sol): Motion to approve with the amendment of name change in two places (Item #2 Agenda Approval and #2 Approve Minutes).  
**Vote:** Ayes: Gelsinger, Sol and Huchting; Noes: None; Abstain: Herzer-Baptiste and Lippman; Absent: None.
2. Election of low-income representatives – All  
**No action taken.**
3. Review City of Berkeley funded agency program and financial reports (Attachment B) — Staff
  - a. Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative FY25 – Q4 program report and Q4 financial report  
**No action taken.**

### Other Discussion Items

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Review CSBG Community Needs Assessment, Community Action Plan, and City of Berkeley Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan (Attachment C-E)  
**No action taken.**
5. Discussion and possible action on commission recruitment and outreach efforts – All  
**No action taken.**
6. Discussion and possible action of policy proposals to City Council regarding homelessness – All  
**No action taken.**
7. Discussion and possible action to address potential funding gaps for services aimed at low-income residents – All  
**No action taken.**
8. Discussion and possible action to create a plan to collaborate with other City of Berkeley commissions on homelessness – All
9. **No action taken.**
10. Review latest City Council meeting agenda or updates on recent City Council votes
11. **No action taken.**
12. Announcements  
**No action taken.**
13. Future Agenda Items  
**No action taken.**
14. Adjournment  
**Action:** M/S/C (Huchting/Herzer-Baptiste): Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.  
**Vote:** Ayes: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, Sol; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

### Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 05/20/2026 regular meeting
- B. Program and financial reports from Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative
- C. CSBG 2026-2027 Community Needs Assessment and Community Action Plan
- D. City of Berkeley Community Health Assessment
- E. City of Berkeley Community Health Improvement Plan

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kat Larowe, Secretary



Human Welfare and Community  
Action Commission

Communication  
4.22.26

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Human Welfare Community Action Commission (HWCAC)  
**Submitted by:** Catherine Huchting, Chair, HWCAC  
**Subject:** Opposition to All FLOCK Contracts

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

The Human Welfare and Community Action Commission is writing to express our deep opposition to the proposed expansion of the BPD contracts with Flock. It is our mandate to look after the human welfare of the people of Berkeley. We believe that the City's reliance on Flock poses greater harm to our community's safety than it purports to provide.

It should be noted that over fifty (50) local governments across the country have cancelled their contracts with Flock, as Flock has demonstrated repeated violations of their contracts. These cities include Santa Cruz, Palo Alto, and Mountain View in California.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Huchting  
Chair, Commission on Human Welfare and Community Action

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Catherine Huchting, Chair  
Human Welfare and Community Action Commission