



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

6:30 PM

2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Approval
3. Public Comment

Update/Action Items

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

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Election of commission chair and vice chair – All
5. Approve minutes from the 9/24/2025 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
6. Adopt 2026 Commission Meeting Dates (Attachment B) – All
7. Election of low-income representatives – All
8. Review City of Berkeley funded agency program and financial reports (Attachment C) — Staff
 - a. Family Violence Law Center program and financial reports

Other Discussion Items

9. Presentation from Leslie Berkler, Executive Director of the Women’s Daytime Drop-In Center
10. Discussion and possible action in response to the City Managers Alternative Housing Referral from the 10-14-25 Council meeting (Attachment D) – Huchting
11. Discussion and possible action on draft letter to City Council regarding homeless sweeps (Attachment E) – All
12. Discussion and possible action to address potential funding gaps for services aimed at low-income residents – All
13. Discussion and possible action to create a plan to collaborate with other City of Berkeley commissions on homelessness – All
14. Discussion and possible action on commission recruitment and outreach efforts – All
15. Review latest City Council meeting agenda

16. Announcements

17. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 9/24/2025 regular meeting
 - B. 2026 commission ceeting calendar
 - C. Program and financial reports from FVLC
 - D. City Managers Alternative Housing Referral, 10-14-25 Council meeting
 - E. Draft letter to City Council regarding homeless sweeps
- Review City Council Meeting Agenda at City Clerk Dept. or
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Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

6:30 PM

2180 Milvia Street

Berkeley, CA 94704

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
Present: Bohn, Huchting, Lara Cruz, Lippman, Sol.
Absent: None.
Quorum: 4 (Attended: 5).
Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz
Public Present: 3.
2. Agenda Approval
No changes.
3. Public Comment
One public comment.

Update/Action Items

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Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Approve minutes from the 7/16/2025 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Lara Cruz) to approve the minutes from the 7/16/25 regular meeting.
Vote: Ayes – Bohn, Huchting, Lara Cruz, Lippman, Sol. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent –None.
5. Recommended approval of anticipated 2026 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding (Attachment B) – Staff
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Lara Cruz) to approve the anticipated 2026 CSBG funding.
Vote: Ayes – Bohn, Huchting, Lara Cruz, Lippman, Sol. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent –None.
6. Review City of Berkeley Single Audit for the year ended June 30, 2024 (Attachment C)– All
Action: None.
7. Discussion and possible action on HWCAC chair and vice chair election – All
Action: None.
8. Review City of Berkeley funded agency program and financial reports (Attachment D) — Staff
 - a. Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative program and financial reports
Action: None.

Other Discussion Items

9. Discussion and possible action on commission guidelines and practices (Attachment E) – Lara Cruz
Action: None.
10. Discussion and possible action on letter sent to City Council regarding homeless sweeps and a task force on homelessness (Attachment F) – Lippman
Action: None.
11. Discussion and possible action to address potential funding gaps for services aimed at low-income residents – All
Action: None.
12. Discussion and possible action to create a plan to collaborate with other City of Berkeley commissions on homelessness – All
Action: None.
13. Discussion and possible action on commission recruitment and outreach efforts – All
Action: None.
14. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
Action: None.
15. Announcements
Action: None.
16. Future Agenda Items
Action: None.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Sol/Lara Cruz) to adjourn at 8:30PM.

Vote: Ayes – Bohn, Huchting, Lara Cruz, Lippman, Sol. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent –None.

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 7/16/2025 regular meeting
- B. Recommended approval of anticipated 2026 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding memo
- C. City of Berkeley Single Audit
- D. Program and financial reports from Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative
- E. HWCAC Strategic Plan and Bylaws
- F. Letter to City Council regarding homeless sweeps

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2026 Commission Meeting Dates

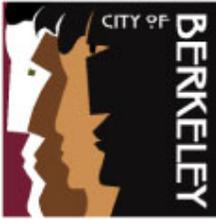
Name of Commission: Human Welfare & Community Action

Commission Secretary: Mary-Claire Katz

Meeting Location: 2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Cypress Room

Month	Meeting Date	Time
January 2026	Wednesday January 21	6:30pm
February 2026	Wednesday February 18	6:30pm
March 2026	Wednesday March 18	6:30pm
April 2026	Wednesday April 22	6:30pm
May 2026	Wednesday May 20	6:30pm
June 2026	Wednesday June 17	6:30pm

Month		Time
July 2026	Wednesday July 15	6:30pm
August 2026	No Meeting	6:30pm
September 2026	Wednesday September 17	6:30pm
October 2026	Wednesday October 15	6:30pm
November 2026	Wednesday November 19	6:30pm
December 2026	No Meeting	6:30pm



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**CITY OF BERKELEY
 COMMUNITY AGENCY STATEMENT OF EXPENSE
 04/01/2025 TO 06/30/2025**

Note: Any variation from the Approved Budget requires a Budget Modification Form.

Agency Name: Family Violence Law Center Contract #: 32500039
 Program Name: Domestic Violence & Homeless Prevention (DVHP) PO #: 22001091
 Funding Source : General Fund

Expenditure Category	Staff Name	Approved Budget	Budget Mod Q4	Revised Budget	Jul-Sep 2024	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Total Expenditure	Budget Balance
Executive Director	Erin Scott	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$1,637.12	\$1,362.88			\$3,000.00	\$0.00
FVIU Manager	Marissa Seko	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$46.39		\$119.85	\$1,037.36	\$1,203.60	\$-3.60
Staff Attorney	Nicole Conrad	\$2,875.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,875.00		\$531.50	\$1,392.99	\$8,429.65	\$10,354.14	\$2,520.86
Crisis Intervention Specialist	Tenisha Keys	\$48,731.00	\$-10,000.00	\$38,731.00	\$7,574.76	\$9,161.51	\$4,296.01	\$18,610.42	\$39,642.70	\$-911.70
Finance Director	Juliet Crosby	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$585.64	\$614.36		\$192.76	\$1,392.76	\$-192.76
Grants & Contracts Manager	Stephanie Penrod	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$397.81	\$548.81	\$147.87	\$242.82	\$1,337.31	\$-137.31
Taxes/Benefits		\$8,824.43		\$8,824.43	\$4,708.52	\$2,170.32	\$1,945.59	\$0.00	\$8,824.43	\$0.00
Transportation		\$250.00		\$250.00				\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Subscriptions,Reference Material		\$900.00		\$900.00	\$609.28		\$290.72		\$900.00	\$0.00
Indirect Costs		\$6,819.57		\$6,819.57	\$1,555.95	\$1,221.91	\$896.44	\$3,145.27	\$6,819.57	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$17,115.47	\$15,611.29	\$9,089.47	\$31,908.28	\$73,724.51	\$1,275.49

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Advances Received
 Underspent/(Overspent)

This funding source has a left over balance of \$1,275.49 . The amount authorized for carry over is . Is carryover authorized? Yes No

Total Current Year (FY 2025) Allocation

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Total Carryover (FY 2024) Allocation

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				\$0.00						\$0.00
TOTAL		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Reason For Current Budget Modification:

FVLC would like to move \$10,000 from the Crisis Intervention Line to the Staff Attorneys line. Our CIS took a leave this year that led to somewhat lower billings on that line but our attorneys, who have a budget line this Grant period, have consistently had additional time

Does this budget modification include new staffing? Yes No

Does your agency expend \$750,000 or more in federal funds? Yes No

Your agency is required to upload an Annual Single Audit, below

Upload of General Ledger and Summary Income/Expenditure Statement (required):

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General Ledger: [FVLC FY 2024-2025 Transaction Ledger.xlsx](#)

Summary Income/Expenditure Statement ([download sample format here](#)): [FVLC FY 2025-2025 Statement of Activity.xlsx](#)

Annual Financial Statement: [FVLC 24 FINAL FS.pdf](#)

Annual Single Audit: [FVLC 24 FINAL UG.pdf](#)

- Reviewed Single Audit report with no concerns
- Reviewed Single Audit report with questions, check program file

- Expenditures reported in this statement are in accordance with our contract agreement and are taken from our books of account which are supported by source documentation.
- All federal and state taxes withheld from employees for this reporting period were remitted to the appropriate government agencies. Furthermore, the employer's share or contributions for Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment and State Disability insurance, and any related government contribution required were remitted as well.

- Personnel Expenditures reported in this statement are for staff identified in the executed contract budget and whose resume is on file with the City of Berkeley. If you are requesting funding for new staff that do not have a resume on file, please attach resume to this report.

Download a Spreadsheet of this Statement of Expense: [SOEss-43.xls](#)

Prepared By: Email: Date: 08/25/2025
 Authorized By: Erin Scott Email:
 Name of Authorized Signatory with Signature on File

Approved By: Mary-Claire Katz Project Manager	09/03/2025 Date	Examined By: _____ CSA Fiscal Unit	_____ Date	Approved By: _____ CSA Fiscal Unit	_____ Date
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Program: Domestic Violence & Homeless Prevention (DVHP)
 Agency: Family Violence Law Center

**City of Berkeley
 Community Agency
 CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS REPORT**

Contract No: 32500035

This Report Due: **August 1, 2025**

Agency: Family Violence Law Center Period of: **4th Qtr 2025**
 Program: Domestic Violence & Homeless Prevention (DVHP) Prepared By:
 Phone: E-mail:

1. CLIENT SUMMARY - Unduplicated Count

	QTR 4	FY 2025 (07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025)
A. Total New Clients Served by the Program who live in Berkeley and/or Attend Berkeley Schools	461	2,034
B. Total New Clients Served for Whom You Were Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income	33	168
C. Total New Clients Served for Whom You Were NOT Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income	0	0

2. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

RACE - Unduplicated Count	1st Half		2nd Half (New participants only)		Year-To-Date	
	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity
Single Race Categories						
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	0	0	0	1	0
Asian	18	0	2	0	20	0
Black/African American	43	2	15	1	58	3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3	0	0	0	3	0
White	32	21	6	8	38	29
Combined Race Categories						
American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	1	0	0	0	1	0
Asian & White	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black/African American & White	2	0	1	0	3	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Combined Race Categories	11	0	0	0	11	0
TOTALS	111	24	24	9	135	33
TOTAL SERVED	135		33		168	

3. INCOME LEVEL

Income Level - Unduplicated Count	1st Half	2nd Half (New participants only)	FY 2025 (07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025)
Poverty	119	30	149
Poverty to 30% of AMI (Ex. Low)	8	0	8
31-50% of AMI (Low)	4	1	5
51-80% of AMI (Moderate)	3	0	3
Above 80% of AMI	1	2	3
TOTALS	135	33	168

[View AMI Table](#)

4. AGE

Age - Unduplicated Count	1st Half	2nd Half (New participants only)	FY 2025 (07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025)
Under 5	0	0	0
5-12	0	0	0
13-17	2	0	2
18-24	25	7	32
25-34	29	9	38
35-44	47	10	57
45-54	19	6	25
55-64	11	0	11
65+	2	1	3
TOTALS	135	33	168

5. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Other Characteristics - Unduplicated Count	1st Half	2nd Half (New participants only)	FY 2025 (07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025)
Female	123	33	156
Male	12	0	12
Other	0	0	0
Disabled	20	2	22
Homeless	9	0	9
Chronically Homeless	2	0	2
Female Head of Household	29	5	34

6. SERVICE MEASURES

	Annual Goal	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Served FY 2025 (07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025)	% Served
Legal/Advocacy/Mediation Services							

Service Measures	UOS:	Projected		New		Continuing	New	UOS:	# of	New		# of	New	ATTACHMENT C			Total	Total	UOS	Total
	Projected	Participants	UOS:	Participants	UOS:	Participants	Participants	Total	Existing	Clients	UOS	Existing	Clients	Total	Total	UOS	UOS	UOS	UOS	UOS
Legal/Mediation Sessions	0	0	146	26	143	8	23	106	6	6	97	16	14	492	69					
210	350	125	143	47	106	21	33	71	9	26	37	5	24	357	130	NaN%	NaN%			
Pro Per Assistance	45	10	7	6	4	0	4	8	0	6	5	2	4	24	20	NaN%	NaN%			

Service Measure Definitions:

Legal/Mediation Sessions	70	35	Clients rights protected, restored or acquired	10
Legal/Mediation Sessions			Clients remained stably housed	15
Legal/Mediation Sessions			Clients disputes or legal problems resolved	15
Pro Per Assistance	45	10	Participants achieved enhanced skills or knowledge	10
Legal/Mediation Sessions	Legal services are provided during business hours, Monday through Friday. FVLC holds clinics and also provides one-on-one meetings to clients who need legal assistance.			
Pro Per Assistance	FVLC's Staff Attorneys provide legal consultation, paperwork preparation, and representation for Berkeley residents.			

[Quarter 1 Narrative \(click to view\)](#)

[Quarter 2 Narrative \(click to view\)](#)

[Quarter 3 Narrative \(click to view\)](#)

[Quarter 4 Narrative](#)

Flo called FVLC's Mobile Response Team seeking assistance with OPHD and Title IX questions regarding her case with her professor/advisor at UC Berkeley, who was also her abuser. Flo connected with FVLC's Berkeley advocate and disclosed problems at school and safety issues due to UCB publishing sensitive information about her which put her at risk. FVLC collaborated with Path to Care to assist Flo in her next steps, but Flo had a PTSD response and was hospitalized. Flo, panicked and confused, called FVLC from the hospital. FVLC's Berkeley advocate explained what was happening to her and connected her with the patient advocate in her hospital. After her release we met about her investigation and discussed her education status with UCB and with case management around her OPHD case. FVLC assisted Flo with planning to complete her educational goals while remaining safe from her Abuser. Flo was thankful for our assistance and appreciated that we treated her with respect and dignity.

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7. OUTCOMES

Outcomes	Annual Goal	Q1 Achieved Outcome	Q2 Achieved Outcome	Q3 Achieved Outcome	Q4 Achieved Outcome	Achieved Outcome FY 2025 (07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025)	% Achieved Outcome of Annual Goal	% Achieved Outcome of Total Served
1 Clients disputes or legal problems resolved	15	22	17	5	4	48	320%	29%
1 Clients remained stably housed	15	20	21	5	4	50	333%	30%
1 Clients rights protected, restored or acquired	10	22	18	6	6	52	520%	31%
2 Participants achieved enhanced skills or knowledge	65	26	23	26	5	80	123%	48%
3 Participants achieved enhanced skills or knowledge	10	26	4	6	6	42	420%	25%

[Quarter 1 Narrative \(click to view\)](#)

[Quarter 2 Narrative \(click to view\)](#)

[Quarter 3 Narrative \(click to view\)](#)

Quarter 4 Narrative

FVLC served Reina, a mother of 2 separating from her husband, Jack, who had kicked down their door, slapping and pushing her to the ground while she held their 1-year-old. When the police came, they saw Reina's red face, arrested Jack, and gave Reina a short-term Emergency Protective Order (EPO). Reina called FVLC's crisis line and connected with a Crisis Intervention Specialist who helped her safety plan and completed her legal intake. An FVLC staff attorney met with Reina prior to the expiration of her EPO and completed and filed her Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) request, and when Reina served her TRO, we represented her in court for her TRO and custody hearing. FVLC's Staff Attorney filed supplemental evidence of TRO violations by Jack and additional incidents of violence, and we prepared Reina to testify in court. Jack filed a response attacking Reina, and now FVLC is representing Reina in her long-cause evidentiary hearing to ensure Reina and her children remain safe.

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8. PROGRAM SATISFACTION SURVEY

Question		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Does Not Apply	I Do Not Understand This Question	Total Number of responses
1. I am satisfied with the services I have received from this program.	This Period	0	0	5	1	14	0	0	20
	Prior Periods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	5	1	14	0	0	20
	% of Total	0%	0%	25%	5%	70%	0%	0%	100%
2. This program's staff treated me with respect.	This Period	0	0	0	4	16	0	0	20
	Prior Periods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	4	16	0	0	20
	% of Total	0%	0%	0%	20%	80%	0%	0%	100%
3. This program helped me make progress towards my goals.	This Period	0	1	1	2	16	0	0	20
	Prior Periods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	1	1	2	16	0	0	20
	% of Total	0%	5%	5%	10%	80%	0%	0%	100%
4. This program met my needs.	This Period	0	1	3	4	12	0	0	20
	Prior Periods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	1	3	4	12	0	0	20
	% of Total	0%	5%	15%	20%	60%	0%	0%	100%
Additional Questions:									
5. Additional comments from consumers completing the survey	'Everything was very helpful for me.' 'Staff was very nice.'								

Select any additional questions (10 Max)

- As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to maintain my independence.
- As a direct result of participating in the program my overall health and wellness has improved.
- As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to remain housed.
- As a direct result of participating in this program my housing situation has improved.
- As a direct result of participating in the program I have an increased understanding of community resources and supports.
- As a direct result of participating in the program I have enhanced skills and/or knowledge.
- As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to achieve my educational goals.
- As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to reach my employment goals.
- As a direct result of participating in the program I feel more connected to my community.
- As a direct result of participating in the program I feel less isolated.
- As a direct result of participating in the program my legal rights have been protected.
- As a direct result of participating in the program I am better able to take care of my own needs.
- As a direct result of participating in this program I feel more financially secure.

As a direct result of participating in the program,
 I certify that the City of Berkeley has approved this question as written

Update Questions

Report Submitted by: Erin Scott Date: 07/24/2025

Accepted by: Mary-Claire Katz Date: 07/24/2025

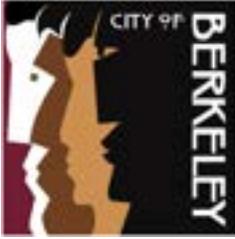
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Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR
OCTOBER 14, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Peter Radu, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: Referral Response: Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness

INTRODUCTION

This report responds in part to the City Council's May 20, 2025 referral, "Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness," referring to the City Manager "a request for staff to identify a list of potential locations of City-owned and private properties (to be leased or acquired) – for the purpose of establishing 24/7 staffed shelter sites, including but not limited to indoor/outdoor camping areas, safe RV and car park zones, and/or congregate or non-congregate shelters for people experiencing homelessness based on the model used at Grayson Street and other models deemed successful by the City Manager."

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

City Council's May 20 referral to the City Manager requested a list of sites, both owned by the City and available for purchase or lease on the private market, that could be used to identify additional shelter sites for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Berkeley. The Council's direction in that referral was to identify sites that could be feasible for replicating the Horizon Transitional Village Program shelter and SPARK safe parking model (previously co-located on Grayson St.), as well as sites that could host other models deemed successful by staff.

With this in mind, staff have compiled the following information in this report:

- Attachment 1 is a compilation of private market listings of all commercial and industrial properties that offer a minimum of 5,000 sq ft.
- Attachment 2 is a compilation of motels/hotels currently available for lease or purchase;

- Attachment 3 is a compilation of vacant city-owned land and city-owned properties, excluding the following types of property:
 - City parks, as these were removed from the Council referral;
 - City facilities actively used by staff (e.g., fire stations, the Animal Shelter, the Civic Center building at 2180 Milvia St, the Public Safety Building, etc.);
 - Any housing owned by the City or BHA that is currently occupied.

Absent further direction from Council as to appropriate property types, locations, and preferred programs, staff are not in a position to provide any recommendations as to any potentially viable individual properties. With that said:

- If Council's desire is to replicate a Grayson-style shelter program, then staff would recommend initially performing due diligence at properties that are designated as "warehouses" in Attachment 2 before expanding to consider other property types, such as retail properties.
- In addition, if the desire is to replicate other models deemed particularly successful by the City Manager, staff would recommend performing due diligence at both of the motel/hotel properties in Attachment 2, as these properties are most immediately amenable to noncongregate shelter.

In the Homeless Response Team's experience, these two program types have been more successful than traditional congregate shelter and safe parking in resolving encampments and connecting people living in them to permanent housing.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The City Council could use this list to provide staff with further direction as to acceptable locations for new programs and program types that should be prioritized for consideration. In addition, Council could direct staff to pursue one or more new homeless programs at any of the sites listed above, and/or direct staff to return with more or different sites.

At this time, staff is pursuing two sites for noncongregate interim housing, and both would be funded by external grants: the Sather Motel, a 32-room motel at 1820 University Ave. which would be leased by County Measure W funds, , as well as another motel to be leased by the City's recently awarded Prop 47 grant. More information on these opportunities is provided immediately below. If these funding applications are successful, staff will return to Council as soon as possible for all necessary approvals.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Pursuing new program(s) entails capital acquisition and/or ongoing program-related expenses (rent, services contracts, etc.). The development of budgets for these programs is highly dependent on a number of factors including the layout and amenities

of the physical site itself as well as the scope and duration of the program. With additional direction from Council as to which site(s) to pursue, staff can begin to develop estimated program expenses.

However, and as previously reported to Council in staff's July 29 worksession report, "Comprehensive Summary of Berkeley's Homeless Response," the City is currently facing a significant and structural fiscal challenge, with ongoing general fund deficits projected at over \$20M annually, and state and federal sources that currently support Berkeley's existing programs are at risk under the current federal administration and economic environment. Absent new sources of external funding, including and possibly Alameda County Measure W, staff do not recommend opening new programs when several existing shelter programs face imminent risk of closure in the coming years.

Staff continue to aggressively pursue all available opportunities for external funding. As mentioned above, these include the following two opportunities, neither of which would impact the City's General Fund as neither would require local match funding:

1. In June 2025, City staff applied for an \$8M grant through the State of California's Proposition 47 Grant Program. This is a no-match grant. Council voted to accept the funds on Sept 30, 2025. Proposition 47 provides funding for public agencies to provide mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, and diversion programs for individuals in the criminal justice system. The City's award will create three years of the Berkeley CareBridge Program, providing post-arrest supportive transitional housing and wraparound services for homeless, justice-involved individuals. The housing component would be provided through a master lease of a motel facility. The grant also requires establishment of a Local Advisory Committee that will meet publicly on a quarterly basis to provide program updates, hear from the community, and address needs.
2. In August, 2025, Alameda County released a notice of contract opportunity to nonprofit partners in the County's homeless system vendor pool, announcing an initiative to rapidly increase new interim housing units that can be used to support encampment resolution. City staff worked with Episcopal Community Services (ECS), a San Francisco-based nonprofit with extensive experience in homeless services, to sponsor ECS' application for this funding which, if awarded, would fund the master-lease of another motel (the Sather Motel, at 1820 University Avenue) to create a noncongregate shelter. Staff and ECS proposed that this shelter be used to target the large RV encampments in West Berkeley along Dwight and Grayson, using existing Measure P allocations for an expanded RV buy-back program. Importantly, the City would not be a direct recipient of these grant funds, nor would it hold/be party to any motel leases or services contracts, all of which will be handled directly by Alameda County.

On Sept 17, City staff learned that ECS' application had not been selected for funding. ECS subsequently asked for feedback as to why they had not been selected for funding, but were told by the County, "These contracts are currently under negotiation and, therefore, the procurement is considered confidential. Alameda County Health is not able to discuss the procurement process nor provide feedback about this specific opportunity." Staff are open to working with ECS to revise and resubmit this application if an opportunity to do so presents itself.

BACKGROUND

On May 20, 2025, the City Council passed a referral to the City Manager, "Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness." This referral had multiple parts, and the current report is responsive to one part of this referral. Staff actions in response to other aspects of this referral include:

- On May 28, the City Manager sent a letter on behalf of the Council to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, affirming the four policy principles outlined in the May 20, 2025 referral.
- On July 24, 2025, Council voted to support staff recommendations in the report, "Recommendations for County Measure W Funding." The adoptions of these recommendations resulted in a letter sent to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors outlining Berkeley's priorities for County Measure W sales tax funding.
- On July 29, 2025, at a special meeting, Council received a report from staff, "Comprehensive Summary of Berkeley's Homeless Response System." This report responded to several aspects of Council's May 20, 2025 referral, including an overview of ongoing efforts to address homelessness; a resource needs and gaps analysis of the homeless system; a feasibility and cost analysis to support new homeless programs; and a geographic assessment of homeless service locations in the city. Due to technical difficulties, that special meeting was adjourned prior to the conclusion of staff's presentation on the report. The presentation was concluded during a special meeting on September 16, 2025.
- On October 28, 2025, the Council will consider a recommendation from the City Manager to send a letter to Alameda County Supervisor Fortunato Bas regarding opportunities to partner on regional solutions to unsheltered homelessness.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no immediate environmental nor climate impacts associated with the present report. The creation of new homeless programs in Berkeley may have future impacts, but those are unknown at this time.

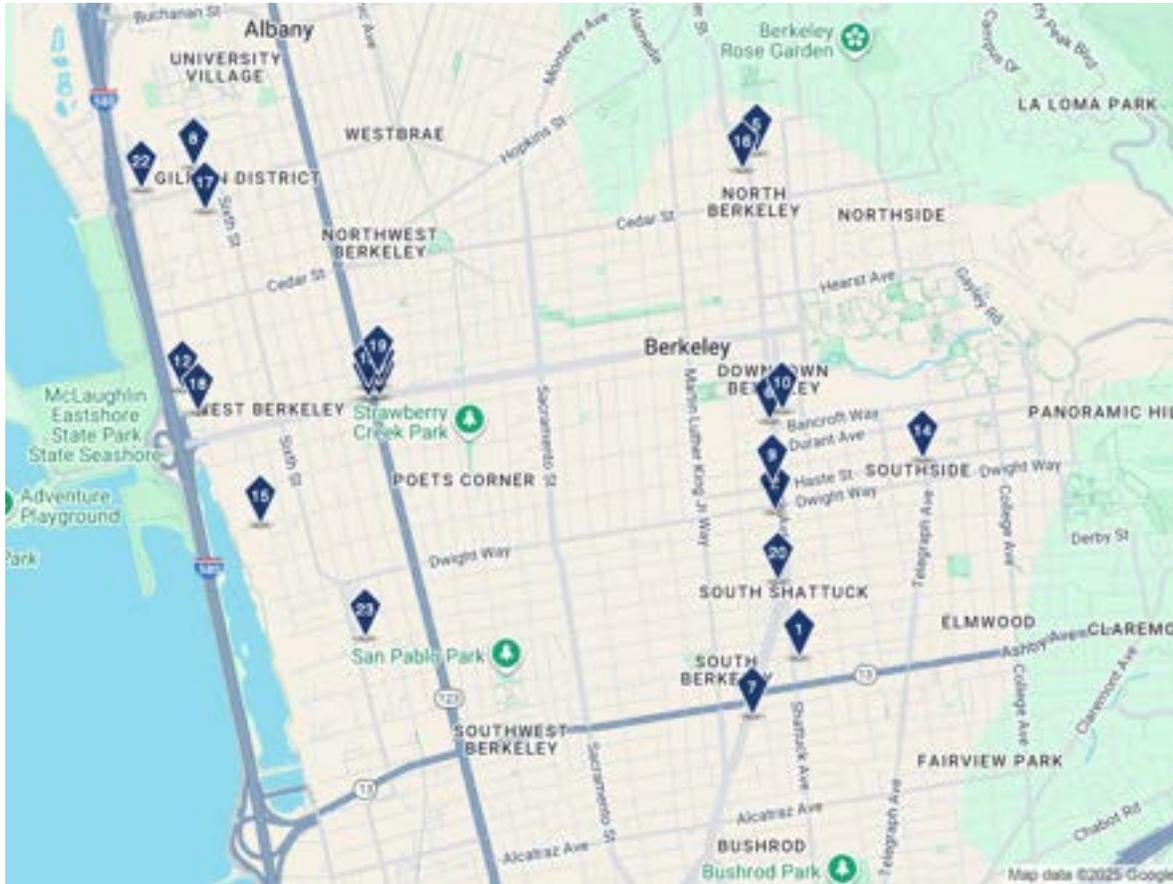
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Compilation of private market retail, manufacturing, and warehouse properties for sale and/or lease
2. Compilation of motels and hotels for sale and/or lease
3. Compilation of publicly owned sites, excluding parks, actively used city facilities, and occupied housing.

Property Map & List Report



Property Summary Statistics

Property Attributes	Low	Average	Median	High
Building SF	5,000 SF	13,802 SF	10,935 SF	54,208 SF
Year Built	1918	1955	1959	2008
Available SF	5,000 SF	13,032 SF	10,000 SF	52,097 SF
Asking Rent Per SF/YR	\$1.50	\$26.99	\$26.88	\$42.00
Availability %	45.9%	94.4%	100%	100%
Vacancy %	45.9%	94.4%	100%	100%
Asking Price Per SF	\$28794	\$321.36	\$320.00	\$379.80
Cap Rate	-	-	-	-
Star Rating	★☆☆☆☆ 2	★☆☆☆☆ 2.2	★☆☆☆☆ 2	★★★★☆ 3

Property List

Property Name/ Address	Type	Built/ Renovated	Size (% Leased)	SF Available	Asking Rent	Asking Price (Cap Rate)
1 2911 Shattuck Ave Berkeley, California 94705	Retail ★★★★☆	1930/1991	5,000 SF	5,000	\$19.20 SF/Year/TBD	\$1,899,000



Property List (Continued)

Property Name/ Address	Type	Built/ Renovated	Size (% Leased)	SF Available	Asking Rent	Asking Price (Cap Rate)
2 2524 Shattuck Ave Berkeley, California 94704	Retail ★★★★☆	1928	5,200 SF	5,200	\$36.00 SF/Year/NNN	Not For Sale
3 2009 San Pablo Ave Berkeley, California 94702	Retail ★★★★☆	1925	6,396 SF (13.5%)	5,535	\$19.80 SF/Year/IG	Not For Sale
4 1101-1109 University Ave Berkeley, California 94702	Retail ★★★★☆	1995	8,367 SF (27.9%)	514 - 6,030	\$30.00 - 42.00 SF/Year/NNN	Not For Sale
5 1491-1495 Shattuck Ave Berkeley, California 94709	Retail ★★★★☆	1979	6,750 SF (2.4%)	2,655 - 6,585	Withheld	Not For Sale
6 2286 Shattuck Ave Berkeley, California 94704	Retail ★★★★☆	1972	6,800 SF	6,800	\$33.00 SF/Year/NNN	Not For Sale
7 3031-3051 Adeline St Berkeley, California 94703	Retail ★★★★☆	1934	15,260 SF (54.1%)	7,000	\$30.00 SF/Year/NNN	Not For Sale
8 1230 5th St Berkeley, California 94710	Warehouse ★★★★☆	2008	7,235 SF (100%)	7,235	\$1.50 SF/Year/NNN	Not For Sale
9 2450 Shattuck Ave Berkeley, California 94704	Retail ★★★★☆	1918	11,557 SF (35.1%)	7,500	\$36.00 SF/Year/NNN	Not For Sale
10 2277 Shattuck Ave Berkeley, California 94704	Retail ★★★★☆	1920/1996	8,335 SF	2,538 - 8,335	Withheld	\$2,400,000
11 2000-2006 San Pablo Ave Berkeley, California 94702	Retail ★★★★☆	1969/2013	9,325 SF (49.6%)	4,700 - 9,400	\$27.96 SF/Year/NNN	Not For Sale
12 1805-1807 Eastshore Hwy Berkeley, California 94705	Warehouse ★★★★☆	1966	10,000 SF	10,000	\$22.80 SF/Year/MG	\$3,200,000
13 1095 University Ave Berkeley, California 94710	Retail ★★★★☆	1923	10,563 SF	5,281 - 10,563	Withheld	Price Not Disclosed
14 2454-2464 Telegraph Ave Berkeley, California 94704	Retail ★★★★☆	1966	10,935 SF	10,935	Withheld	Not For Sale
15 710 Bancroft Way Berkeley, California 94710	Warehouse ★★★★☆	1991	11,000 SF	11,000	\$25.80 SF/Year/IG	Not For Sale



Property List (Continued)

Property Name/ Address	Type	Built/ Renovated	Size (% Leased)	SF Available	Asking Rent	Asking Price (Cap Rate)
16 1536 Shattuck Ave Berkeley, California 94709	Retail ★★★★☆	1980	11,340 SF	11,340	Withheld	Price Not Disclosed
17 Bldgs 6 1360 5th St Berkeley, California 94710	Warehouse ★★★★☆	1930	11,748 SF (100%)	2,000 - 11,748	\$24.00 SF/Year/NNN	Not For Sale
18 620 Hearst Ave Berkeley, California 94710	Manufacturing ★★★★☆	1978	12,000 SF	12,000	\$22.80 SF/Year/MG	Not For Sale
19 1931-1941 San Pablo Ave Berkeley, California 94702	Retail ★★★★☆	1925	18,728 SF	18,728	Withheld	Price Not Disclosed
20 2700 Shattuck Ave Berkeley, California 94705	Retail ★★★★☆	1946	22,689 SF (100%)	8,462 - 22,689	Withheld	Not For Sale
<i>Property #21 has been removed by staff, as this property is no longer on the market.</i>						
22 641 Gilman St Berkeley, California 94710	Warehouse ★★★★☆	1950	29,019 SF	10,998 - 29,019	Withheld	Not For Sale
23 2630 8th St Berkeley, California 94710	Manufacturing ★★★★☆	1959	54,208 SF (3.9%)	8,000 - 52,097	Withheld	Not For Sale



SenS Hotel & Bistro Berkeley - 1538-1540 Shattuck Ave

Berkeley, California 94709 (Alameda County) - Oakland/Berkeley/Hayward Submarket

Hotel

Property Summary

Rooms	18
Built	1962
Stories	3
Operation Type	Independent
Parking Spaces	25 (1.39/Room)
Commercial Asking Rent	Withheld



Property Details

Land Area	0.09 AC (3,920 SF)	Construction Type	Masonry
Building FAR	3.35	Zoning	C-NS
Primary Corridors	Interior	Parcel	059-2263-009-00
Hotel Location Type	Urban		

Transportation

Parking Details	25 Surface Spaces; Ratio of 1.39/Room		
Traffic Volume	13,654 on Vine St (2025); 9,862 on Henry St (2025); 10,095 on Walnut St (2025); 13,654 on Rose St (2025); 14,509 on Lincoln St (2025); 10,379 on Cedar St (2025); 5,714 on Vine St (2025); 3,751 on Henry St (2025); 3,692 on Walnut St (2025); 11,024 on Bonita Ave (2025)		
Transit/Subway	Downtown Berkeley 		13 min walk
	Downtown Berkeley Station 		13 min walk
	North Berkeley Station 		19 min walk
	North Berkeley 		19 min walk
Commuter Rail	Berkeley 		7 min drive
	Emeryville 		11 min drive
Airport	Metro Oakland International		27 min drive
	San Francisco International		42 min drive
Walk Score [®]	Walker's Paradise (98)		
Transit Score [®]	Good Transit (64)		

University Inn and Suites - 920 University Ave

ATTACHMENT D Upper Midscale

Berkeley, California 94710 (Alameda County) - Oakland/Berkeley/Hayward Submarket

Hotel

Property Summary

Rooms	113
Built/Renovated	1967/2004
Stories	3
Operation Type	Independent
Meeting Space	4,944 SF
Parking Spaces	95 (0.84/Room)
Commercial Asking Rent	Withheld



Property Details

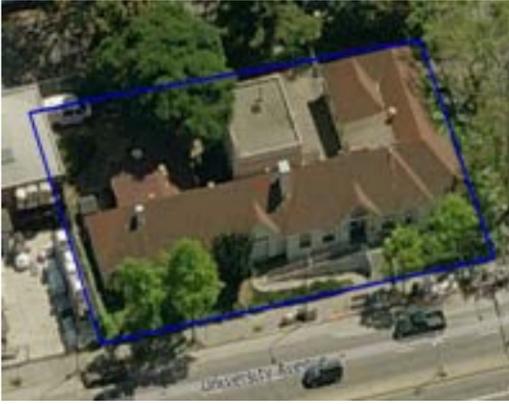
Land Area	1.54 AC (67,082 SF)	Construction Type	Wood Frame
Building FAR	1.40	Zoning	HOTEL
Primary Corridors	Interior	Parcel	056-1967-016-01
Hotel Location Type	Urban		

Transportation

Parking Details	95 Surface Spaces; Ratio of 0.84/Room		
Traffic Volume	18,624 on 7th St (2025); 9,312 on University Ave (2025); 7,987 on University Ave (2025); 3,787 on Addison St (2025); 3,451 on 5th St (2025); 21,258 on 10th St (2025); 5,040 on 5th St (2025); 17,558 on San Pablo Ave (2025)		
Transit/Subway	North Berkeley		19 min walk
	North Berkeley Station		19 min walk
Commuter Rail	Berkeley		5 min walk
	Emeryville		6 min drive
Airport	Metro Oakland International		23 min drive
	San Francisco International		36 min drive
Walk Score [®]	Walker's Paradise (96)		
Transit Score [®]	Good Transit (60)		

LOCATION NAME		IMAGE	STREETNUM	STREETNAME	STREETSUFEX	BLDGSQFT	LOTSQFT	OWNERNAME
AFRICAN AMERICAN HOLLISTIC CENTER (PLANNED)	1890 Alcatraz, initially planned to be renovated, is now planned for demolition and replaced with a new structure. The current structure has been red tagged and therefore cannot be used due to significant structural issues. Construction to begin late 2026 with anticipated completion in 2028.		1890	ALCATRAZ	AVE	4425	9403	CITY OF BERKELEY
PARKING LOT ON NORTH EASTERLY CORNER OF ADELINE AND ALCATRAZ	Currently used by SAHA for parking. No formal lease or license agreement for SAHA's use has been issued.		2931	ALCATRAZ	AVE		5831	CITY OF BERKELEY
PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY PARCEL 3 (aka BLACK REPERTORY GROUP THEATER)	Berkeley Cultural Arts Center, parcel 3 of 3, was built and constructed by City. The Black Repertory Group has used and occupied the building since construction was completed in 1986. New agreement between City and BRG is currently being negotiated.		3209	ADELINE	ST	0	5936	CITY OF BERKELEY
PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY PARCEL 2 (aka BLACK REPERTORY GROUP THEATER)	Berkeley Cultural Arts Center, parcel 2 of 3, was built and constructed by City. The Black Repertory Group has used and occupied the building since construction was completed in 1986. New agreement between City and BRG is currently being negotiated.		3205	ADELINE	ST	0	5355	CITY OF BERKELEY

<p>PERFORMING ARTS FACILITY PARCEL 1 (aka BLACK REPERTORY GROUP THEATER)</p>	<p>Berkeley Cultural Arts Center, parcel 1 of 3, was built and constructed by City. The Black Repertory Group has used and occupied the building since construction was completed in 1986. New agreement between City and BRG is currently being negotiated.</p>		<p>3201</p>	<p>ADELINE</p>	<p>ST</p>	<p>24150</p>	<p>5806</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>BART ROW (ADELINE AT ALCATRAZ)</p>	<p>Parcel where BART trains enter and exit underground tunnel south of Ashby BART Station.</p>		<p>3012</p>	<p>ADELINE</p>	<p>ST</p>		<p>5553</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>FIRE WAREHOUSE STORAGE LOT</p>	<p>Vacant lot next to the 9th Street Bike Trail currently used by Berkeley Fire Department for training and storage of special firehoses to bring water directly from the Bay to the Berkeley Hills.</p>		<p>2642</p>	<p>ASHBY</p>	<p>AVE</p>		<p>8725</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>SPIRAL GARDENS (SFROW PROPERTIES)</p>	<p>Spiral Gardens is a community food security nonprofit organization that offers food, herbs, and other beneficial plants at affordable prices to the community. They have an agreement through PRW for use of the land.</p>		<p>2850</p>	<p>SACRAMENTO</p>	<p>ST</p>		<p>12423</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>

<p>TELEGRAGH CHANNING GARAGE AND SHOPS</p>	<p>Formerly known as Sather Gate Garage, this City garage with ground floor retail space was seismically upgraded in 1997. The garage currently has one vacant 1400 sf storefront space that could be utilized for homeless programming, whereas other city garages currently do not.</p>		<p>2431</p>	<p>CHANNING</p>	<p>WAY</p>	<p>189867</p>	<p>32685</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>COMMUNITY GARDEN (SFROW)</p>	<p>This parcel of the City's Santa Fe Right of Way properties is currently used as a community garden. This lot is NOT planned to be part of the new Santa Fe ROW park, a state grant funded project.</p>		<p>2442</p>	<p>BANCROFT</p>	<p>WAY</p>		<p>38526</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>ANN CHANDLER PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER (Leased)</p>	<p>830 University is leased to Lifelong Medical and Berkeley Free Clinic. Lease expires in late 2028.</p>		<p>830</p>	<p>UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>AVE</p>		<p>14821</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>VACANT LAND</p>	<p>Small vacant lot acquired by City in 1968.</p>		<p>1901</p>	<p>HENRY</p>	<p>ST</p>		<p>1552</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>

<p>VACANT LAND</p>	<p>Small vacant lot where historic Kenney Cottage was stored. It was used for housing trailers during COVID and is currently being used to store City vehicles.</p>		<p>1281</p>	<p>UNIVERSITY AVE</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>3611</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>UNIVERSITY AVENUE CENTER (RETAIL OFFICE BUILDING)</p>	<p>1011 University is a retail and office space building purchased in 2017. Retail space fronting on University (4,000 sqft) is currently empty. The rear first floor is Meals on Wheels current location. The Public Health Officer Unit is on the second floor. This building is roughly 13,000 square feet.</p>		<p>1011</p>	<p>UNIVERSITY AVE</p>		<p>18094</p>	<p>10400</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>UNIVERSITY AVENUE CENTER (WAREHOUSE AND HISTORIC MOBILIZED WOMEN OF BERKELEY BUILDING) - 1001 WAREHOUSE, 1007 COMMUNITY CENTER</p>	<p>This parcel has two buildings. 1001 University is a warehouse previously approved by Council for use as a shelter. Currently Berkeley Food Network occupies the building. 1007 University is a historic building built by the Mobilized Women of Berkeley for use as a community center. Beginning in 2010 it was Bauman College, a cooking and nutrition school. 1007 is currently used and occupied by Fire Training until Summer 2026. Currently</p>		<p>1001</p>	<p>UNIVERSITY AVE</p>		<p>16470</p>	<p>20804</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>

<p>UNIVERSITY AVENUE CENTER CITY PARKING LOT</p>	<p>This parcel includes the ADA accessible ramp for UAC and surface parking lot adjacent to 1001, 1007, and 1011 University Avenue.</p>		<p>1925</p>	<p>9TH ST</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>6500</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>OLD RDA LEASED LAND</p>	<p>One of two parcels leased to Abrams, Millikan & Kent for 65 years (1986-2051) for \$1 per year. Tenants have right of first refusal should the City decide to sell the property. This is a land only lease.</p>		<p>1819</p>	<p>FOURTH ST</p>			<p>3750</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
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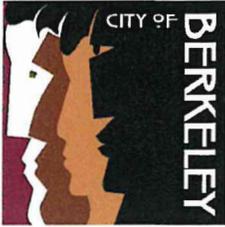
<p>RDA LAND with house</p>	<p>This single family house is currently housing program location for Insight Housing.</p>		<p>1654</p>	<p>FIFTH</p>	<p>ST</p>	<p>1500</p>	<p>5300</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>RDA VACANT LAND</p>	<p>This location was previously approved by City Council for use as a Housing development site primarily to benefit people experiencing homelessness. The community garden formerly on the site has been inactive for more than five years.</p>		<p>1631</p>	<p>FIFTH</p>	<p>ST</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>5525</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>PARCEL</p>	<p>Southeasterly corner of Le Conte Avenue and La Loma Avenue. Parcel appears to be partially occupied by a neighboring privately owned apartment building.</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>LE CONTE</p>	<p>AVE</p>	<p></p>	<p>2498</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>

<p>HARRISON HOUSE</p>	<p>Ursula Sherman Village, commonly known as Harrison House Shelter, is operated by Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) on behalf of the City of Berkeley. Housing and services are made available to eligible applicants for up to 6 months.</p>		<p>701</p>	<p>HARRISON</p>	<p>ST</p>	<p>6486</p>	<p>6000</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>HARRISON HOUSE (711 HARRISON USED)</p>	<p>Ursula Sherman Village, aka Harrison House</p>		<p>1100</p>	<p>FOURTH</p>	<p>ST</p>	<p>3158</p>	<p>18276</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>HARRISON HOUSE (711 HARRISON USED)</p>	<p>Ursula Sherman Village, aka Harrison House. This parcel also includes a parking lot next to the railroad tracks that was used for trailers during COVID.</p>		<p>1100</p>	<p>FOURTH</p>	<p>ST</p>		<p>24622</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>

<p>KARL LINN COMMUNITY GARDEN</p>	<p>Community garden dedicated to Karl Linn in 1993. Linn is credited with establishing the EcoHouse next to the garden, conceptualizing the transformation of the Ohlone Greenway into an interpretive exhibit of the natural and cultural history of Berkeley.</p>		<p>1305</p>	<p>HOPKINS</p>	<p>ST</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>1349</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>KARL LINN COMMUNITY GARDEN</p>	<p>Parcel of Linn garden adjacent to the EcoHouse.</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>HOPKINS</p>	<p>ST</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>2155</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>VACANT LAND</p>	<p>Parcel is essentially a landscaped median at a hard curve in Tamalpais Road across from Tamalpais Path. A neighboring home may be partially located on this parcel.</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>TAMALPAIS</p>	<p>RD</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>3011</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>

<p>VACANT LAND (SUTTER BETWEEN YOLO AND EUNICE)</p>	<p>Parcel is a large landscaped area adjacent to large single family houses in the Berkeley Hills.</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>SUTTER</p>	<p>ST</p>		<p>8260</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>NORTHBRAE TUNNEL APPROACH</p>	<p>Parcel includes landscaped area and right of way approach to Northbrae Tunnel.</p>			<p>HOPKINS</p>	<p>ST</p>		<p>9831</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>VACANT LAND</p>	<p>Parcel is very large landscaped area adjacent to 1138 Sterling where large single family home and its garage with living unit on neighboring lot in the Berkeley Hills. Lot appears to be maintained as an expansion of private properties' rear yard.</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>TWAIN</p>	<p>AVE</p>		<p>2820</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>

<p>VACANT LAND (THE UPLANDS)</p>	<p>Commonly known as Round Park, this area is not a public park but rather a landscape area at the terminus of Parkside Drive in The Uplands, a wealthy historic neighborhood.</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>PARKSIDE</p>	<p>DR</p>		<p>16767</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY</p>	<p>Landscaped wide median separating different legs of Hillcrest Road</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>HILLCREST</p>	<p>RD</p>		<p>4427</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>
<p>VACANT LAND</p>	<p>20,000+ square foot lot between 686 and 660 Euclid Ave, partially fenced in by one or more private homeowners. Located on a steep slope surrounded by private residences.</p>		<p>0</p>	<p>EUCLID</p>	<p>AVE</p>		<p>20861</p>	<p>CITY OF BERKELEY</p>



Human Welfare and Community
Action Commission

Communication
July 23, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Human Welfare Community Action Commission (HWCAC)

Submitted by: Jose Lara Cruz, Chair, HWCAC

Subject: Homeless Sweeps

Hon. Mayor Ishii, Berkeley City Council members:

The Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC) writes to express our vehement opposition to the way that the homeless sweeps have been conducted throughout Berkeley.

As a Commission mandated to advise the council on all matters affecting the social welfare of the community, we wish to voice our dissatisfaction with the City's response to homelessness across the City. In particular, we are outraged by the handling of the dispersal of the encampment at 8th and Harrison Streets on June 4th and Ohlone Park on July 9th. The City's prioritization of sweeps is causing physical, medical, and psychological harm among the community and is ill advised. Alternate options should be explored.

We take seriously the need for safety and security throughout our communities. In order to fulfill this mandate of the City, the necessary steps need to be taken to account for the health and safety of the members of the community living on the streets. There is a need for increased transparency on how and even why these sweeps are being conducted.

As U.S. District Court Judge Chen ruled, the City created "a serious due process problem" by giving only 20 minutes notice before the sweep at 8th and Harrison. There needs to be sufficient notice to the community on when these sweeps are going to happen. This very short notice is grossly insufficient for safe compliance.

The Commission wishes to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for Council's referral of the Alternative Housing Sites review to the City Manager. This positive step is long overdue. We expect this study can put Berkeley on the path to solutions that will meet the needs of not only the unhoused, but of all stakeholders including neighbors, businesses, park users, and others.

There is, however, a dissonance with repeatedly evicting unhoused community members, while at the same time initiating a humane and smart approach to shelter and housing for the unhoused. It is hard to

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understand the guiding moral or policy principle at work. These divergent approaches give the impression of a municipal government working at cross purposes.

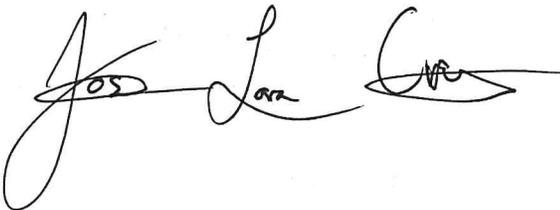
This year, in short order, unhoused people moved to Old City Hall; when that was closed, to Civic Center Park; when that was fenced off, to Ohlone Park, which is now also closed. This process is satisfying to no one. It is extremely difficult for those on the street, including elders, women, and those with multiple disabilities, with few resources, at threat of losing their identification, medications, phones, and a bit of community. It also does not address the quality of life issues of unhoused residents.

The City must take the appropriate steps to ensure the social welfare of all its residents, including those in the unhoused community. The Commission believes several steps need to be taken in order to find a humane solution to the current situation. This must include the decriminalization of homelessness, specifically with the elimination of the "sidewalk ordinance" and the public nuisance clause found in the Encampment Policy Resolution to Promote Healthy and Safe Neighborhoods and Related First Reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 14.48 of the Berkeley Municipal Code.

Additionally, we find it imperative that all sweeps are halted until alternative safe sites are identified and made available. There needs to be an expedited, transparent process for identifying safe sites throughout Berkeley. In the meantime, unhoused individuals should be provided access to necessary hygienic services, such as porta potties, clean water, and trash receptacles. There should also be a safe location for those that live in RVs/vehicles to park without legal harassment.

We recommend that Council, or the mayor, create a consultative council representing community members/organizations, staff and council members, and commissions to oversee and advise on homelessness, encampments, and other issues of the humane treatment of the unhoused.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Lara Cruz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jose" being the most prominent.

Jose Lara Cruz
Chair
Human Welfare and Community Action Commission