



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 21, 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 and Discussion: Agnes Cho, Senior Policy Advisor on Housing, Homelessness and Healthcare to Alameda County Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas with follow-up discussion
5. Discussion and possible action regarding an Opposition Letter regarding the Surveillance Software Company contracts' proposals (RFPs) to City Council (Attachment E) - Commissioner Huchting
6. Presentation on Co-Housing: Jack Sawyer (via Zoom)
7. Presentation from the Cycling Without Age documentary (on screen): Commissioner Sol
<https://www.pedalbornpictures.com/projects/cyclingwithoutage>

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

8. Approve minutes from the 09/16/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
9. Election of low-income representatives – All

10. Adopt 2027 Commission Meeting Dates (Attachment B) – All
11. Discussion and Possible Action: Information Report for Submission of 2025 – 2030 HWCAC Strategic Plan to City Council (Attachment C) – Staff
12. Review City of Berkeley funded agency program and financial reports (Attachment D) — Staff
 - a. Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP) – FY26 Q4 Reports

Other Discussion Items

13. Discussion of the Police Accountability Board's audit process (update from the Police Accountability meeting) - Commissioner Sol
14. Discussion and possible action to draft a City Council Report regarding funding opportunities for the Berkeley Community Physical Therapy Clinic which serves Medicaid members in Berkeley - Commissioner Huchting
15. Discussion and Possible Action: A Solidarity Grocery for Southside Berkeley Presentation and Recommendation to City Council (Attachment F) – Commissioner Herzer-Baptiste
16. Discussion and Possible Action: Form and Appoint Members to an Ad Hoc Committee focused on Community Impacts and Funding for Unhoused and Low-Income Residents – Commissioner Herzer-Baptiste
17. Discussion and Possible Action: Bicycle Aggression-Commissioner Sol
18. Discussion and Possible Action: Mayor's Town Hall on Homelessness – Commissioner Sol
19. Discussion and Possible Action: Safety and ADA Issues – Commissioner Sol
20. Announcements
21. Future Agenda Items
22. Adjournment

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 09/16/2026 regular meeting
- B. 2027 Commission Meeting Dates
- C. Information Report for 2025 – 2030 HWCAC Strategic Plan
- D. Community Agency Program and Financial Reports
- E. Draft Opposition to Surveillance Software Companies Letter to City Council
- F. A Solidarity Grocery for Southside Berkeley Presentation

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*Cynthia McClellan*

Cynthia McClellan, Secretary

## **Preliminary Matters**

1. Roll Call: 6:34
  - a. Meeting Start Time:
  - b. Present: Gelsinger, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol.
  - c. Absent: Herzer-Baptiste (unexcused)
  - d. Quorum: 3 (Attended: 5)
  - e. Staff Present: Kat Larrowe and Cynthia McClellan
  - f. Number of Public Present: 1
2. Agenda Approval  
**Action:** M/S/C (Lippman/Huchting): Approve agenda as written  
**Vote:** Ayes: Gelsinger, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Herzer-Baptiste
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.***

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

1. Approve minutes from the 07/15/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sol/Gelsinger): Accept the minutes from 7/15/26 HWCAC Meeting  
**Vote:** Ayes: Gelsinger, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Herzer-Baptiste
2. Election of low-income representatives – All  
**No Action Taken**
3. Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation for anticipated 2027 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Contract (Attachment B) – Staff  
**Action:** M/S/C (Lippman/Sol): Recommend City Council approve the CSBG 2027 contract  
**Vote:** Ayes: Gelsinger, Huchting, Lippman, Herzer-Baptiste, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None
4. Fiscal Year 2026 Community Services Block Grant Impact Review Presentation - Staff  
**No action taken**

## Other Discussion Items

1. Discussion and Possible Action: Submission of Opposition Letter regarding Flock Software Contracts to City Council (Attachment C) – Herzer-Baptiste & Lippman  
**No action taken**
2. Discussion and Possible Action: Outreach and Resource Connection to Community Needs following Copwatch Presentation at July 2026 HWCAC Meeting - Sol  
**No action taken**
3. Discussion and Possible Action: A Solidarity Grocery for Southside Berkeley Presentation and Recommendation to City Council (Attachment D) – Herzer-Baptiste  
**No action taken**
4. Announcements  
**No action taken**
5. Future Agenda Items  
**No action taken**
6. Adjournment  
**Action:** M/S/C (Lippman/Gelsinger): Adjourn meeting at 8:24pm  
**Vote:** Ayes: Gelsinger, Huchting, Lippman, Herzer-Baptiste, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

## Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 07/15/2026 regular meeting
- B. Community Services Block Grant Contract Memo
- C. Draft Opposition to Flock Software Contract Letter to City Council
- D. A Solidarity Grocery for Southside Berkeley Presentation

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

# Attachment B

## 2027 Commission Meeting Dates

Name of Commission: Human Welfare & Community Action

Commission Secretary: Kat Larowe (Interim) and Cynthia McClellan

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

| Month                | Meeting Date             | Time   |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| <b>January 2027</b>  | Wednesday<br>January 20  | 6:30pm |
|                      |                          |        |
| <b>February 2027</b> | Wednesday<br>February 17 | 6:30pm |
|                      |                          |        |
| <b>March 2027</b>    | Wednesday<br>March 17    | 6:30pm |
|                      |                          |        |
| <b>April 2027</b>    | Wednesday<br>April 21    | 6:30pm |
|                      |                          |        |
| <b>May 2027</b>      | Wednesday<br>May 19      | 6:30pm |
|                      |                          |        |
| <b>June 2027</b>     | Wednesday<br>June 16     | 6:30pm |

| Month                 | Meeting Date              | Time   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| <b>July 2027</b>      | Wednesday<br>July 21      | 6:30pm |
|                       |                           |        |
| <b>August 2027</b>    | No Meeting                |        |
|                       |                           |        |
| <b>September 2027</b> | Wednesday<br>September 15 | 6:30pm |
|                       |                           |        |
| <b>October 2027</b>   | Wednesday<br>October 20   | 6:30pm |
|                       |                           |        |
| <b>November 2027</b>  | Wednesday<br>November 17  | 6:30pm |
|                       |                           |        |
| <b>December 2027</b>  | No Meeting                |        |



Human Welfare and  
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## INFORMATION CALENDAR

December 15, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC)

Submitted by: Catherine Huchting, Chairperson, Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

Subject: HWCAC 2025 – 2030 Work Plan

### INTRODUCTION

At its February 19, 2025, regular meeting, the HWCAC adopted its 2025 -2030 Work Plan (Attachment 1).

### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

This plan demonstrates HWCAC's commitment to support customer-focused agencies that provide excellent, timely, easily-accessible services to the community.

At the February 19, 2025, HWCAC meeting, the commission adopted the 2025-2030 Work Plan. Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Huchting). Vote: Ayes – Bohn, Huchting, Lara Cruz, Lippman, Marisol, Sol. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – Behm-Steinberg (excused), Gaona.

### BACKGROUND

In 2016, City Council formally passed a recommendation directing Commissions to submit a work plan to define what type of work they plan to undertake and recommendations the Commissions may make (Commissions Workplans, Council Consent Item, July 19, 2016).

The City of Berkeley is a Community Action Agency (BCAA) and receives Community Services Block Grant funds (CSBG) to support anti-poverty programs. CSBG funds are part of the federal Department of Health and Human Services budget and are passed through the State of California's Community Services and Development Department to local CAAs. The HWCAC acts as the Board of the BCAA and is required to have a multi-year Strategic Plan that includes a workplan.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental sustainability and climate impacts associated with the adoption of this work plan.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The HWCAC will review the work plan annually and revise the plan as appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

There are no fiscal impacts in adopting this strategic/work plan.

CONTACT PERSON

Cynthia P. McClellan, Associate Management Analyst, HHCS, (510) 981-7689

Attachments:

1: 2025 – 2030 HWCAC Strategic Plan

## 2025 – 2030 HWCAC Strategic Plan

### **Vision**

Our vision is to address and eradicate the various systemic issues that have long plagued the most vulnerable communities in our city. The commission will lead in addressing these issues by working in collaboration with city officials/services, community organizations, and community members to provide robust support for the community's most marginalized groups. We envision a city that is solutions-oriented, based on outreach into these communities that listens to their needs. An essential component of this vision involves a focus on ensuring diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout our processes, while integrating the perspectives of commissioners representing these vulnerable communities.

### **Mission**

Our goal is to provide City Council with recommendations to support a fully integrated system of community services and policies that provide for residents in these vulnerable communities. Recognizing that these needs will shift as challenges are addressed and unforeseen challenges arise, we aim to be flexible and fluid to meaningfully respond as needs arise in the community.

Our legally mandated responsibility is to review grants made from Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) while also advising on Measure E funds. It is our intention to take an active advisory role in these reviews. We are unique among Berkeley commissions in our ability to review the performance of grantees and proposals to Council, reflecting the tripartite nature of the commission. Federal regulations require the inclusion of the voices of low-income people in selecting and overseeing programs that benefit them, particularly CSBG. We intend to fully review the aims of awarded grants, as well as the actual outcomes produced by those grants. We seek to unite the expertise of our members who have extensive backgrounds with educational, work, and lived direct experience of those who are or have been program clients.

### **Core Issues to be addressed by the HWCAC**

The HWCAC is unique in that it takes a more holistic view than that of commissions specialized on a single issue. Our recommendations will aim to holistically address the systemic issues that cannot be addressed in silos.

We acknowledge that we will not be able to address every issue but we will give a general overview of the areas of coverage which City code defines as "... concerned with community-wide and group interests rather than with needs of individual residents and embraces such areas, among others, as special needs of the family, children, youth and the aged, and the way in which people live and work together. (Ord. 7902-NS § 1, 2024):"

- a. Poverty and homelessness
- b. Health and safety, including access to basic medical care
- c. Disability and aging
- d. Ecology and food security (as in community garden allotments)
- e. Housing and density concerning emergency preparedness
- f. Transportation
- g. Childcare

- h. Gendered Violence
- i. Any activity which may enhance the lives of or protect threatened communities from predatory behavior, including but not limited to banking services; fraud prevention; job and educational training opportunities; and detox programs.

## **Target Populations**

- 1. General Funds: Low income (up to 80% of AML.) households that own or rent within the City of Berkeley.
- 2. CSBG Funds: Households that reside within the City of Berkeley whose household income is 200% or less of the poverty level

## **Objectives and Strategies**

- 1. Increase community outreach to invite individuals with lived experience to provide their views on the needs they need addressed.
- 2. Work with community members, staff, other commissions, and funded agencies to assess the quality of funded and city of Berkeley services and review them on a regular basis.
- 3. Continue reviewing progress reports from grantees, and welcoming the input of those with lived experience with these programs.
- 4. Center community input and lived experience to determine successes and limitations of each organization.
- 5. Partner and collaborate with other commissions to pass recommendations of mutual interest to address the needs of the community.
- 6. Address gaps in the continuum of care in funded programs.
- 7. Using the HWCAC's combined education, work experience, and lived experience, craft policy recommendations which will meaningfully service the community.
- 8. Promote the de-escalation of community tensions between people with perceived differences of interest.

## **Action Plan**

- 1. Agency Reviews
  - a. Review existing agency reports and provide staff with ideas on ways that the reports could help provide additional information.
  - b. Work with city staff to carry out site visits at least once every funding cycle.
  - c. Look for alternative sources of funding to help support agencies and staff.
  - d. Consider inviting all agencies to attend HWCAC meetings to discuss their programs and best practices and share community input.
- 2. Carry out an annual planning meeting in the first quarter of the calendar year to discuss the following items
  - a. Review of accomplishments from the prior year
  - b. Discuss and set commission priorities for the coming year
  - c. Review community services to ensure that community needs are being met
  - d. Review any recommendations for changes to commission bylaws
  - e. Discuss any updates to work/strategic plan

3. Working with other commissions
  - a. Establish liaisons for other commissions
  - b. Find ways to bring other commissions' input into council recommendations when possible and appropriate
  - c. Share information with other commissions as needed

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**CITY OF BERKELEY  
COMMUNITY AGENCY STATEMENT OF EXPENSE  
04/01/2026 TO 06/30/2026**

*Note: Any variation from the Approved Budget exceeding ten percent (10%) requires a Budget Modification Form.*

Agency Name: [Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program \(BORP\)](#) Contract #: [32500026](#)

Program Name: [Recreational Services for Disabled](#) PO #: [22000504](#)

Funding Source : General Fund

| Expenditure Category                                       | Staff Name                     | Approved Budget | Budget Mod Q4 | Revised Budget | Jul-Sep 2025 | Oct-Dec 2025 | Jan-Mar 2026 | Apr-Jun 2026 | Total Expenditure | Budget Balance |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <a href="#">Program Manager - Youth &amp; Adult Sports</a> | <a href="#">Molly Bloom</a>    | \$5,300.00      |               | \$5,300.00     | \$1,250.00   | \$1,350.00   | \$1,350.00   | \$1,350.00   | \$5,300.00        | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Program Manager - Adventures &amp; Outings</a> | <a href="#">Lori Gray</a>      | \$3,028.00      | \$20.00       | \$3,048.00     | \$762.00     | \$762.00     | \$762.00     | \$762.00     | \$3,048.00        | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Program Director - Adaptive Cycling</a>        | <a href="#">Leo Siecienski</a> | \$5,850.00      |               | \$5,850.00     | \$1,462.50   | \$1,462.50   | \$1,638.00   | \$1,287.00   | \$5,850.00        | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Program Manager - Adaptive Cycling</a>         | <a href="#">Noah Schaefer</a>  | \$4,680.00      | \$-79.20      | \$4,600.80     | \$900.00     | \$1,350.00   | \$1,393.20   | \$957.60     | \$4,600.80        | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Program Manager - Fitness</a>                  | <a href="#">Cynthia Noonan</a> | \$3,840.00      |               | \$3,840.00     | \$960.00     | \$960.00     | \$960.00     | \$960.00     | \$3,840.00        | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Program Manager - Kayaking</a>                 | <a href="#">Mia Feldbaum</a>   | \$3,432.00      | \$207.00      | \$3,639.00     | \$957.00     | \$990.00     | \$1,008.00   | \$684.00     | \$3,639.00        | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Program Associate - Sports &amp; Fitness</a>   | <a href="#">Jorge Macias</a>   | \$3,850.00      | \$36.56       | \$3,886.56     | \$952.56     | \$952.56     | \$990.72     | \$990.72     | \$3,886.56        | -\$0.00        |
| <a href="#">Taxes/Benefits</a>                             |                                | \$5,920.00      | \$-146.14     | \$5,773.86     | \$1,272.95   | \$1,470.96   | \$1,619.39   | \$1,410.56   | \$5,773.86        | -\$0.00        |
| <a href="#">Office Supplies</a>                            |                                | \$100.00        | \$6.91        | \$106.91       | \$106.91     | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$106.91          | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Program Expense</a>                            |                                | \$1,680.00      | \$280.67      | \$1,960.67     | \$853.05     | \$711.04     | \$271.58     | \$125.00     | \$1,960.67        | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Rent</a>                                       |                                | \$5,200.00      | \$-353.50     | \$4,846.50     | \$975.00     | \$2,292.00   | \$1,579.50   | \$0.00       | \$4,846.50        | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Communications</a>                             |                                | \$720.00        |               | \$720.00       | \$180.00     | \$180.00     | \$180.00     | \$180.00     | \$720.00          | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Insurance</a>                                  |                                | \$1,200.00      |               | \$1,200.00     | \$700.00     | \$500.00     | \$0.00       | \$0.00       | \$1,200.00        | \$0.00         |
| <a href="#">Utilities</a>                                  |                                | \$1,200.00      | \$27.70       | \$1,227.70     | \$535.45     | \$506.91     | \$126.71     | \$58.63      | \$1,227.70        | -\$0.00        |
| <a href="#">Indirect Costs</a>                             |                                | \$4,592.00      |               | \$4,592.00     | \$1,200.00   | \$1,200.00   | \$1,200.00   | \$992.00     | \$4,592.00        | \$0.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                               |                                | \$50,592.00     | \$0.00        | \$50,592.00    | \$13,067.42  | \$14,687.97  | \$13,079.10  | \$9,757.51   | \$50,592.00       | \$-0.00        |

Advances Received [\\$50,592.00](#)  
Underspent/(Overspent) [\\$0.00](#)

**Total Current Year (FY 2026) Allocation**

| Expenditure Category                   | Staff Name     | Approved Budget    | Budget Mod Q4 | Revised Budget     | Jul-Sep 2025       | Oct-Dec 2025       | Jan-Mar 2026       | Apr-Jun 2026      | Total Expenditure  | Budget Balance |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Communications                         |                | \$720.00           |               | \$720.00           | \$180.00           | \$180.00           | \$180.00           | \$180.00          | \$720.00           | \$0.00         |
| Indirect Costs                         |                | \$4,592.00         |               | \$4,592.00         | \$1,200.00         | \$1,200.00         | \$1,200.00         | \$992.00          | \$4,592.00         | \$0.00         |
| Insurance                              |                | \$1,200.00         |               | \$1,200.00         | \$700.00           | \$500.00           | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$1,200.00         | \$0.00         |
| Office Supplies                        |                | \$100.00           | \$6.91        | \$106.91           | \$106.91           | \$0.00             | \$0.00             | \$0.00            | \$106.91           | \$0.00         |
| Program Associate - Sports & Fitness   | Jorge Macias   | \$3,850.00         | \$36.56       | \$3,886.56         | \$952.56           | \$952.56           | \$990.72           | \$990.72          | \$3,886.56         | \$0.00         |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>                           |                | <b>\$50,592.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$50,592.00</b> | <b>\$13,067.42</b> | <b>\$14,687.97</b> | <b>\$13,079.10</b> | <b>\$9,757.51</b> | <b>\$50,592.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>  |

**Total Carryover (FY 2025) Allocation**

| Expenditure Category | Staff Name | Approved Budget | Budget Mod Q4 | Revised Budget | Jul-Sep 2025  | Oct-Dec 2025  | Jan-Mar 2026  | Apr-Jun 2026  | Total Expenditure | Budget Balance |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                      |            |                 |               | \$0.00         |               |               |               |               | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         |            | <b>\$0.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>     | <b>\$0.00</b>  |

**Reason For Current Budget Modification:**

Minor adjustments were made in staff and taxes/benefits line items due to normal small fluctuations in employee hours. Minor adjustments in office supplies, program expenses, facility rent and utilities were due to normal small variances in these line items. All line item variations were under 10%.

Upload of Resumes for New Staff (required):

- ✓ 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 1/2 share or contributions for Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment and State Disability insurance, and any related government contribution required were remitted as well.

Prepared By: [Julie Yates](#)Email: [jay@borp.org](mailto:jay@borp.org)Date: [08/31/2026](#)Authorized By: [Julie Yates](#)Email: [jay@borp.org](mailto:jay@borp.org)

Name of Authorized Signatory with Signature on File

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### Program: Recreational Services for Disabled

Agency: Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP)

## City of Berkeley Community Agency CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS REPORT

Contract No: **32500026**

This Report Due: **July 15, 2026**

Agency: **Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP)** Period of: **2nd Half 2026**  
 Program: **Recreational Services for Disabled** Prepared By: **Emily Seelenfreund**  
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### 1. CLIENT SUMMARY - Unduplicated Count

|                                                                                                                                | 1st Half | 2nd Half (New Participants Only) | FY 2026 (7/1/25 - 6/30/26) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| A. Total New Clients Served by the Program who live in Berkeley and/or Attend Berkeley Schools                                 | 178      | 26                               | 204                        |
| B. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income            | 86       | 22                               | 108                        |
| C. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were <b>NOT</b> Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income | 92       | 4                                | 96                         |

### 2. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

| RACE - Unduplicated Count                               | 1st Half     |                    | 2nd Half (New participants only) |                    | FY 2026 (7/1/25 - 6/30/26) |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
|                                                         | Non-Hispanic | Hispanic Ethnicity | Non-Hispanic                     | Hispanic Ethnicity | Non-Hispanic               | Hispanic Ethnicity |
| American Indian/Alaskan Native                          | 0            | 1                  | 0                                | 0                  | 0                          | 1                  |
| Asian                                                   | 18           | 0                  | 2                                | 0                  | 20                         | 0                  |
| Black/African American                                  | 10           | 0                  | 1                                | 0                  | 11                         | 0                  |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander                        | 45           | 12                 | 0                                | 0                  | 45                         | 12                 |
| White                                                   | 0            | 0                  | 15                               | 1                  | 15                         | 1                  |
| Combined Race Categories                                |              |                    |                                  |                    |                            |                    |
| Black/African American & Other Combined Race Categories | 0            | 0                  | 0                                | 0                  | 0                          | 0                  |
| Hispanic & Other Combined Race Categories               | 0            | 0                  | 0                                | 3                  | 0                          | 3                  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                           | <b>73</b>    | <b>13</b>          | <b>18</b>                        | <b>4</b>           | <b>91</b>                  | <b>17</b>          |
| <b>TOTAL SERVED</b>                                     | <b>86</b>    |                    | <b>22</b>                        |                    | <b>108</b>                 |                    |

### 3. INCOME LEVEL

| Income Level - Unduplicated Count | 1st Half  | 2nd Half (New participants only) | FY 2026 (7/1/25 - 6/30/26) |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Poverty                           | 2         |                                  | 2                          |
| Poverty to 30% of AMI (Ex. Low)   | 14        | 4                                | 18                         |
| 31-50% of AMI (Low)               | 58        | 14                               | 72                         |
| 51-80% of AMI (Moderate)          | 4         | 2                                | 6                          |
| Above 80% of AMI                  | 8         | 2                                | 10                         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                     | <b>86</b> | <b>22</b>                        | <b>108</b>                 |

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### 4. AGE

| Age - Unduplicated Count | 1st Half | 2nd Half (New participants only) | FY 2026 (7/1/25 - 6/30/26) |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Under 5                  | 0        | 0                                | 0                          |
| 5-12                     | 2        | 0                                | 2                          |
| 13-17                    | 2        | 0                                | 2                          |
| 18-24                    | 2        | 1                                | 3                          |
| 25-34                    | 13       | 3                                | 16                         |
| 35-44                    | 16       | 3                                | 19                         |
| 45-54                    | 6        | 2                                | 8                          |
| 55-64                    | 13       | 5                                | 18                         |

|               |           |           |            |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 65+           | 32        | 8         | 40         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>108</b> |

**5. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS**

| Other Characteristics - Unduplicated Count | 1st Half | 2nd Half<br>(New participants only) | FY 2026<br>(7/1/25 - 6/30/26) |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Female                                     | 39       | 11                                  | 50                            |
| Male                                       | 44       | 11                                  | 55                            |
| Other                                      | 2        | 0                                   | 2                             |
| Disabled                                   | 86       | 22                                  | 108                           |
| Homeless                                   | 0        | 0                                   | 0                             |
| Chronically Homeless                       | 0        | 0                                   | 0                             |
| Female Head of Household                   | 0        | 0                                   | 0                             |

**6. SERVICE MEASURES**

|                  | Annual Goal       |                                  | 1st Half |                     | 2nd Half |                            |                     | Served Year-to-Date<br>FY 2026 |                           | Projected vs<br>Actual |                       |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Service Measures | UOS:<br>Projected | Projected<br>New<br>Participants | UOS:     | New<br>Participants | UOS:     | Continuing<br>Participants | New<br>Participants | UOS:<br>Total                  | Total New<br>Participants | %                      | % New<br>Participants |
| Client Sessions  | 1,224             | 80                               | 1,120    | 86                  | 807      | 40                         | 22                  | 1,927                          | 108                       | 157%                   | 135%                  |

**Service Measure Definitions:**

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |    |                                                    |    |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------------|----|
| Client Sessions | 1224                                                                                                                                                                                                | 80 | Clients accessed previously inaccessible services  | 80 |
| Client Sessions |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |    | Clients demonstrate improved functioning           | 50 |
| Client Sessions |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |    | Participants achieved enhanced skills or knowledge | 50 |
| Client Sessions | BORP provides a multitude of sports and recreation activities for Berkeley clients with disabilities. Estimated annual participant sessions (UOS) to be delivered for each activity is shown below. |    |                                                    |    |
|                 | Adaptive Cycling & Kayaking at Aquatic Park, open hours Th and Saturday 10am-4pm and Tuesday evenings                                                                                               |    |                                                    |    |

[1st Half Narrative \(click to view\)](#)**2nd Half Narrative**

Continued weekly sports/rec programs (kayaking, cycling, power soccer, pickleball, in-person fitness classes, wheelchair basketball, goalball, rugby); 22 new, 40 continuing participants. Programs took place at James Kenney, Berkeley Adult School, BORP Cycling/Kayaking Center (Aquatic Park), and Ed Roberts Campus. BORP also launched an adaptive micromobility loan program from the Ed Roberts Campus.

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**7. OUTCOMES**

|                                                      | Annual Goal | 1st Half<br>Achieved<br>Outcome | 2nd Half<br>Achieved<br>Outcome | Achieved<br>Outcome<br>FY 2026<br>(7/1/25 - 6/30/26) | % Achieved<br>Outcome of<br>Annual Goal | % Achieved<br>Outcome of<br>Total Served |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1 Clients accessed previously inaccessible services  | 80          | 86                              | 22                              | 108                                                  | 135%                                    | 53%                                      |
| 1 Clients demonstrate improved functioning           | 50          | 86                              | 22                              | 108                                                  | 216%                                    | 53%                                      |
| 1 Participants achieved enhanced skills or knowledge | 50          | 86                              | 22                              | 108                                                  | 216%                                    | 53%                                      |

[1st Half Narrative \(click to view\)](#)**2nd Half Narrative**

22 new participants achieved outcomes. 'Great for my mental health.' 'It has been an amazing thing to be a part of and support for many years.'

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**Upload Attachments:** (Up to 10 documents can be attached)[Click here to go to the Upload Documents page](#) (Your report will be saved)**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        | 1       | 5     | 46             | 0              | 0                                 | 52                        |
|                                                                        | Prior Periods | 0                 | 0        | 0       | 0     | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                         |
|                                                                        | Total         | 0                 | 0        | 1       | 5     | 46             | 0              | 0                                 | 52                        |
|                                                                        | % of Total    | 0%                | 0%       | 2%      | 10%   | 88%            | 0%             | 0%                                | 100%                      |
| 2. This program's staff treated me with respect.                       | This Period   | 0                 | 0        | 0       | 5     | 44             | 1              | 0                                 | 50                        |
|                                                                        | Prior Periods | 0                 | 0        | 0       | 0     | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                         |
|                                                                        | Total         | 0                 | 0        | 0       | 5     | 44             | 1              | 0                                 | 50                        |
|                                                                        | % of Total    | 0%                | 0%       | 0%      | 10%   | 88%            | 2%             | 0%                                | 100%                      |
| 3. This program helped me make progress towards my goals.              | This Period   | 0                 | 0        | 3       | 10    | 36             | 4              | 0                                 | 53                        |
|                                                                        | Prior Periods | 0                 | 0        | 0       | 0     | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                         |
|                                                                        | Total         | 0                 | 0        | 3       | 10    | 36             | 4              | 0                                 | 53                        |
|                                                                        | % of Total    | 0%                | 0%       | 6%      | 19%   | 68%            | 8%             | 0%                                | 100%                      |
| 4. This program met my needs.                                          | This Period   | 0                 | 0        | 2       | 12    | 35             | 2              | 0                                 | 51                        |
|                                                                        | Prior Periods | 0                 | 0        | 0       | 0     | 0              | 0              | 0                                 | 0                         |
|                                                                        | Total         | 0                 | 0        | 2       | 12    | 35             | 2              | 0                                 | 51                        |
|                                                                        | % of Total    | 0%                | 0%       | 4%      | 24%   | 69%            | 4%             | 0%                                | 100%                      |
| Additional Questions:                                                  |               |                   |          |         |       |                |                |                                   |                           |
| 5. Additional comments from consumers completing the survey            |               |                   |          |         |       |                |                |                                   |                           |

**Select any additional questions (10 Max)**

|                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to maintain my independence.                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program my overall health and wellness has improved.                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to remain housed.                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in this program my housing situation has improved.                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have an increased understanding of community resources and supports. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have enhanced skills and/or knowledge.                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to achieve my educational goals.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to reach my employment goals.                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I feel more connected to my community.                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I feel less isolated.                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program my legal rights have been protected.                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I am better able to take care of my own needs.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in this program I feel more financially secure.                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program,                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I certify that the City of Berkeley has approved this question as written                                                 |

Report Submitted by: Emily Seelenfreund

Date: 07/29/2026

Accepted by: Kat Larrowe

Date: 09/01/2026

**Report modified by:**

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Dear Mayor Ishii and Berkeley City Council Members,

It is the responsibility of the Berkeley Human Welfare and Community Action Commission to “advise the City Council on all matters affecting the social welfare of the community and its citizens (Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78.080).

The City Council has stated its intention to extend its program of public surveillance to include additional automated license plate readers (ALPRs), Pan-Tilt-Zoom video cameras, surveillance drones, integration of private video footage, and AI investigative software. These technologies pose great risk to our mission of promoting human welfare.

We are writing to voice our strong opposition to mass surveillance by the city government.

Sources including the National Association of Social Workers and the United Nations agree that social justice is indispensable to social welfare. Public safety, a key element of social welfare, is an important example of the need for continued struggle for a social justice orientation. Even the BPD’s Surveillance Technology Acquisition Report for mass surveillance acknowledges that:

Some underlying data sources [that would be central to the AI investigative software] reflect historical patterns of police contact, which in Berkeley and elsewhere have not fallen evenly across communities. A tool that makes those records easier to query can, if used carelessly, reinforce those patterns.<sup>1</sup>

Much attention has focused on the record, particularly of the Flock Group, in allowing ALPR data to flow to immigration agencies, such as ICE. This back-door access by Trump's illegal and immoral mass deportation campaign violates the spirit of Berkeley’s hard-won Sanctuary City ordinances. Other major ALPR vendors including Axon and Motorola/Vigilant serve as data brokers to Homeland Security, ICE, and Customs and Border Protection.

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<sup>1</sup> “Surveillance Technology Ordinance Submissions for Community Video Streams and Investigative Software, Pursuant to Council Direction of May 7, 2026,” Buddenhagen/Louis, 32-33, <https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2026-06/2026-06-30%20Item%2046%20Surveillance%20Technology%20Ordinance.pdf>

Such collaboration, which is illegal under Berkeley's Sanctuary City Contracting Ordinance, feeds what amounts to a federal government war against immigrants. This war has killed over 60 civilians, including deaths in detention. The deportation machine has reached Berkeley with two forcible detentions recorded over the summer of 2026. A great fear has gripped immigrant communities in Berkeley, and an upsurge of opposition to government surveillance has resulted.

There is a larger impact on social welfare of the expansion of mass surveillance, by which we mean government or corporate capture of images of the general public, without a warrant or any suspicion of criminal conduct.

Supporters of mass surveillance often argue that civilians have "no reasonable expectation of privacy" in public. However, federal courts are increasingly holding that use of ALPR networks may violate the Fourth Amendment.<sup>2</sup> In an October 1 ruling in an Oklahoma case, Judge Sara Hill wrote:

The Court acknowledges that people, in at least a broad sense, do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in their movements on a public roadway. But by virtue of how ALPR technology works, Alaniz and other officers using these systems have access to a continuously updated location history for all vehicles caught on ALPR cameras within the network. This is a type of indiscriminate mass surveillance. It is not targeted on a single individual....It is a tool that collects information about all vehicles that pass by any network-connected camera at all times, and it serves up the information to law enforcement on demand.

Mayor and Council, we are aware that you have been advised of this risk to the community, and the legal and financial liability it may bring to the City.

It is our judgment, as a human welfare commission, that the mitigations promised in the Surveillance Acquisition Report specifically for Investigative Software are inadequate and unsatisfactory for the following reasons.

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<sup>2</sup> "Federal Judge Rules a Flock Search Was 'Indiscriminate Mass Surveillance' and Unconstitutional," Koebler, *404 Media*, Oct. 2, 2026, <https://www.404media.co/federal-judge-rules-a-flock-search-was-indiscriminate-mass-surveillance-and-unconstitutional/?ref=daily-stories-newsletter>

1. The practice of over-policing in Black and other communities of color in Berkeley is not a thing of the past. This commission is rooted, as mandated under federal law, within low-income communities, and we hear evidence of unequal policing regularly. We do not trust, and recent testimony at Council indicates residents do not trust, local police to appropriately handle this massive increase in government surveillance powers.
2. As Judge Hill wrote in the same decision, a prior court ruling from 1983 that relied on the “no reasonable expectation of privacy” argument existed in the context of much simpler technology, rather than a “large-scale, dragnet-type surveillance system like the ALPR technology.” In addition to the sheer size of the ALPR network, the development of AI has thrust us into a futuristic world closer to robotic policing than to the cop on a beat.
3. The expansion of surveillance undermines Berkeley’s promise of reimagining public safety, which requires constitutional policing, and a humane and progressive approach to crime reduction. It would be far preferable to consult with the community on their evaluation of the reimagining public safety program and how to get it back on track.
4. Despite promises of data security by the surveillance vendors and the police, the federal government is likely to find a way into our residents’ private information.

The Council is aware that a federal judicial warrant would override any City policies or contract language with the vendor. A warrant issued by the FISA court under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act is secret, so the Council would be unaware of the intrusion. The same vulnerabilities are present even if the City operated its own cameras and stored the data on its own servers.

Please do not adopt these technologies, which will target our residents and visitors which result in illegal searches, which violate our civil liberties. Now is not the time to add drones, PTZ cameras, and investigative software to the existing Flock ALPRs.

We oppose a vote to address the selection of a mass surveillance technology service until after newly elected Council members are seated - **and not in a**

***lame duck session.*** We urge the Council to schedule the vote after the new council members are seated in December.

Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Huchting  
Chair, Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

A PROPOSAL FOR CITY COUNCIL

# A Solidarity Grocery for Southside

*The equity companion to Berkeley's Telegraph food-access strategy*

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Presented to the Human Welfare & Community Action Commission

Taj Herzer-Baptiste, Commissioner · [Meeting date]

## THE PROBLEM

# Southside has a food-access gap the market alone won't close

**Council already acted on the supply side.**

In January 2026 Council adopted a zoning amendment (Ord. 7,996-N.S.) lifting the alcohol-sales ban in the Telegraph Commercial district. The stated goal: Southside lacks a full-service grocery store, and the old rule deterred grocers from locating there.

**But a market-rate grocer answers availability — not affordability.**

For low-income residents, students, and seniors, a new store on Telegraph does not by itself make food reachable on a tight budget.

## THE STRATEGY SO FAR

**Zoning change (done)**

Removed a barrier so a private grocer will consider Telegraph.

**What it reaches**

General shoppers who can pay retail prices.

**What it misses**

Households in precarity — the affordability layer.

## THE MODEL

# The épicerie sociale: a grocery store, not a food line

A French social-welfare model: a subsidized, self-service store where eligible shoppers choose their own groceries and pay a small fraction of retail. It preserves dignity and choice, and pairs food access with a social-work touchpoint.

**1****Retail, not relief**

Shoppers browse and pay — no pre-packed parcels.

**2****10–30% of price**

Clients pay a small share of the supermarket cost.

**3****Referral-based**

Social workers screen and refer; access is time-limited.

**4****Food + support**

A social counselor connects shoppers to other help.

## WHY IT WORKS FOR PRECARITY

# The same groceries, at a reachable price

At Montpellier's social groceries, shoppers pay only a fraction of retail — the affordability layer a market store can't provide.

# 15–30%

*of real cost is what students pay at Rayon 34, Montpellier's youth-focused social grocery.*



## PROOF OF CONCEPT

# Montpellier runs a network of social groceries

## GENERAL

## L'EPSO

- ~140 referred families shop weekly, self-service
- Prices set at 10–30% of supermarket cost
- City & county social workers handle referrals
- Supplied via the Hérault food bank

## STUDENTS

## Rayon 34

- Opened 2025 for students in precarity
- City provides the 90 m<sup>2</sup> premises; food bank runs it
- Motivated by ~1 in 3 young people skipping meals
- Groceries at 15–30% of real cost

## THE BERKELEY FIT

# It completes the strategy Council already started

## ZONING CHANGE • ADOPTED

## Market grocer for the general population

Answers availability. Reaches shoppers who can pay retail.

## SOLIDARITY GROCERY • PROPOSED

## Affordability layer for households in precarity

Answers affordability. Reaches students, seniors, low-income residents.

## Berkeley already has the ingredients

### Local precedent

Berkeley Student Food Collective, a co-op grocery at 2440 Bancroft.

### Supply partner

Alameda County Community Food Bank for sourcing.

### Access rails

Ecology Center CalFresh / Market Match; Berkeley Food Pantry.

## HOW THE CITY SHOWS UP

# A low-exposure role: enabler, not operator

Montpellier's city government does not run the stores. It convenes and enables — which keeps the financial and operational risk off the General Fund.

1

## City

Provides or brokers a space; convenes partners; refers via social workers.

2

## Food bank

Sources and supplies inventory at low or no cost.

3

## Nonprofit operator

Runs day-to-day operations, staffing, and the social-work function.

*Berkeley analogue: the City lends siting help and a referral pipeline; a food bank and a community operator do the rest.*

## PAYING FOR IT

# Fundable without a General Fund ask

HWCAC already weighs anti-poverty allocations. That gives the commission a natural, credible funding argument to bring to Council.

## CSBG

Frame a pilot as a Community Services Block Grant—eligible anti-poverty program — HWCAC's core remit.

## Grants & philanthropy

Foundation and food-security grants; a startup-cost model like Montpelier's.

## In-kind partnership

Food-bank inventory and a donated or low-cost space cut the cash need.

## THE ADVISORY PATH

# How HWCAC moves this to Council

1

## Adopt a recommendation

Agendize, then adopt a short commission report by roll-call vote so it transmits as an official communication.

2

## Refer for feasibility

Ask Council to refer to the City Manager: siting, eligibility design, operator, and funding.

3

## Pair with Health

A companion item from the Community Health Commission frames food access as health and signals consensus.

4

## Attach the money

Name CSBG / grant pathways so it arrives as a fundable pilot, not a General Fund request.

**Timing note:** the zoning ordinance is closed and Councilmember Lunaparra is not seeking reelection — so this needs a carrying councilmember and a fresh HWCAC-initiated referral, not an amendment to her item.

## THE ASK

# Recommended motion & next steps

**DRAFT MOTION**

*“That HWCAC recommend Council refer to the City Manager a feasibility study for a subsidized ‘solidarity grocery’ serving Southside and student populations — modeled on Montpellier’s épiceries sociales — as the affordability companion to the adopted Telegraph grocery zoning change, and identify CSBG and grant funding pathways.”*

**IMMEDIATE STEPS**

- Circulate a one-page concept memo to commissioners
- Agendize as an action item for the next meeting
- Coordinate a companion item with CHC
- Line up a carrying councilmember for the referral

ADAPT, DON'T COPY

# A design to adapt — not a program to import

France's model leans on national structures (the ANDES network and mandated municipal social-action offices) that don't map onto Berkeley one-to-one.

What is portable is the design: a dignity-preserving retail format, referral-based eligibility, and food bundled with case management — delivered through Berkeley's existing food-bank and CalFresh infrastructure.

*Availability was step one. Affordability is the commission's to carry.*