



Community Health Commission  
Andy Katz, Chair  
Kassandra Bacon, Vice-Chair  
Kellie Knox, Staff Secretary

## Community Health Commission

Thursday, July 24, 2025, 6:30 – 9:00pm

### Meeting Location:

Judge Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center  
2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA 94703  
Phone: 510-981-5170

## AGENDA

### Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair
2. Roll Call by Secretary
3. Land Acknowledgement – Attachment 6
4. Announcements & Introductions
5. Public Comment

The public may comment virtually about any item **not** on the agenda. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

### Discussion and Action Items

Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

1. Approval of Draft Minutes from 06/26/2025 Regular Meeting - Attachment 1
2. Health Officer Introduction and Update – Dr. Noemi Doohan
3. Review of Work Plan
4. Environmental Health Audit Update to Council – scheduled for 7/22 agenda for Council.

### Future Agenda Items:

- Public Health division presentation and tour of WBFWC – Fall 2025

### Adjournment

### Attachments

1. Draft minutes from 06/27/2025 CHC Regular meeting
2. CHC 2024-2025 Work Plan
3. CHC Meeting Calendar 2025
4. City Council and Community Health Commission Timeline 2025
5. Land Acknowledgement

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The *next meeting* of the Community Health Commission is scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025 with a *deadline of Tuesday, September 16, 2025 for the public’s submission of agenda items*

*and materials for the agenda packet. Dates are subject to change.* Please contact the Commission Secretary to confirm.

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**Community Health Commission**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 26, 2025**

The meeting convened at 6:35 p.m. with Commissioner Katz presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Bacon, Salve and Katz.

**Absent:** Commissioner Spigner.

**Excused:** None.

**Staff present:** Kellie Knox

**Community Members:** Harriet Charney, Jenna Kreedman, Kati Khev, Jeremy Cantor.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**ACTION ITEM**

1. M/S/C (Salve/Bacon): Motion to adopt minutes from the May 22, 2025 meeting.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Bacon, Salve, Katz.

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent from vote:** Commissioner Spigner.

**Excused:** None.

**Motion Passed.**

**ACTION ITEM**

2. M/S/C (Salve/Bacon): Motion to elect Commissioner Katz to office of Chair.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Bacon, Salve, Katz.

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**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent from vote:** Commissioner Spigner.

**Excused:** None.

**Motion Passed.**

**ACTION ITEM**

3. M/S/C (Salve/Katz): Motion to elect Commissioner Bacon to office of Vice Chair.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Bacon, Salve, Katz.

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent from vote:** Commissioner Spigner.

**Excused:** None.

**Motion Passed.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Presentation and Discussion with JSI Research & Training Institute about the Community Health Improvement Plan draft.
2. Action: Minutes approved.
3. Action: Election of Officers

**Future Agenda Items**

Review of Work Plan  
Health Officer Introduction and Report  
Environmental Health Audit Update to Council  
Public Health division presentation and tour

This meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Minutes will be reviewed for approval on Thursday, July 24, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Knox, Commission Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Health Commission 2024-25 Work Plan

*Guiding Philosophy:* To look at health through an equity lens in order to address, ameliorate, and abolish health inequities in Berkeley while addressing and supporting public health efforts in collaboration with the City of Berkeley City Council, City of Berkeley Public Health staff, and community members.

## 1. Mission/Purpose:

1. Collaborate with the community, the City of Berkeley Health Officer Unit, Public Health Division, and Berkeley City Council to eliminate health inequity by:
  - a. Advocating to the City Council for policies that have the potential to improve the health of Berkeley residents and that can be implemented, monitored and evaluated.
  - b. Representing the diversity of the community through the diversity of this commission's membership.
  - c. Increasing public education to develop greater understanding and awareness of public health issues.
  - d. Advocating with the residents of Berkeley most affected by institutional, social, and organizational inequities and disparities.
  - e. Providing a public forum for all community members to share their public- health-related concerns and ideas
2. Achieve progress in attaining general good health for all Berkeley residents by being responsive to community needs and facilitating general health and safety.

## Overall issues to be addressed through a health equity lens.

- Be responsive to recommendations that will help Berkeley residents, care providers, and clinics cope with spending cuts to local, state, and federal funding.
- Continue to be a community advocate to City Council to address structural, institutional, and health inequities impacting all underserved populations, taking into account the social determinants of health.
- Work to have community health data measures documented in a timely manner and to promptly evaluate and act on novel data such as the Health Status Report.
- Increase healthy food security
- Advocate for the expansion of affordable housing
- Address the planned closure of Alta Bates Hospital
  - Promote the findings of the Health Impact Assessment regarding the closure of Alta Bates Hospital and efforts to maintain acute care services for Berkeley residents.
- Work to support policies and initiatives that advance UHC such as Medicare for All.

- Advise the City Council as HHCS and Public Health Division develop their strategic plans, Community Health Assessment, and Community Health Improvement Plan.

## **2. General steps and actions needed to meet priorities:**

1. Conduct outreach to encourage Berkeley community members to engage with the CHC.
2. Collaborate with other commissions to share resources and support recommendations.
3. Form focused/specialized ad-hoc subcommittees, as needed.

### **Basic Needs Security**

Focus on healthy food security and affordable/accessible housing.

- Advocate for policies to mitigate unhealthy food consumption.
- Advocate for affordability and accessibility of healthy foods by supporting programs in Berkeley that address these issues.
- Advocate for affordable housing and rent protections for Berkeley residents.
- Connect with community-based organizations and appropriate City of Berkeley departments to acquire information about available resources for Berkeley residents.

### **Chronic Disease Prevention**

Recommend interventions to address diabetes, obesity, heart diseases, and other chronic conditions highlighted by the Berkeley health status report

### **Health Equity**

Review the Health Status Report and engage with Public Health staff and community members to advocate for the implementation of strategies that will reduce health inequities:

- Work on cultural competency for health care providers
- Continue to support the development of the African American Holistic Resource Center
- Investigate and implement efforts to improve immigrant access to health care.

### **Ombudsperson Program for Long Term Care Facilities**

Continue to engage with and monitor city council actions related to the city council's referral on long-term care facilities.

# 2025 Commission Meeting Schedule

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Name of Commission: Community Health

Commission Secretary: Kellie Knox

Example

Month	Meeting Day	Meeting Date	Time
January 2025	Wednesday	2/10/2024	7:00 pm

Month	Meeting Day	Meeting Date	Time
January 2025	Thursday	1/23/2025	6:30 pm
February 2025	Thursday	2/27/2025	6:30 pm
March 2025	Thursday	3/27/2025	6:30 pm
April 2025	Thursday	4/24/2025	6:30 pm
May 2025	Thursday	5/22/2025	6:30 pm
June 2025	Thursday	6/26/2025	6:30 pm
July 2025	Thursday	7/24/2025	6:30 pm
August 2025	No Meeting		
September 2025	Thursday	9/25/2025	6:30 pm
October 2025	Thursday	10/16/2025	6:30 pm
November 2025	Thursday	11/20/2025	6:30 pm
December 2025	No Meeting		

<b>2025</b>			<b>Thursday 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Thursday 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Monday 2:30 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Thursday 5:00 PM</b>
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</b>	<b>Commission needs to take action by</b>	<b>Reports Due to Director</b>	<b>Dept. Reports Due to Clerk Day 33</b>	<b>Agenda Committee Packet to Print Day 19</b>	<b>Agenda Committee Meeting Day 15</b>	<b>Final Agenda Meeting - (Print Agenda on wed.) Day 13</b>	<b>Council Agenda Delivery Day 12</b>
<b>Winter Recess [December 11, 2024 through January 20, 2025]</b>							
Jan 21	11/28	12/5	12/19	1/2	1/6	1/8	1/9
Feb 11	12/19	12/26	1/9	1/23	1/27	1/29	1/30
Feb 25	1/2	1/9	1/23	2/6	2/10	2/12	2/13
Mar 11	1/16	1/23	2/6	2/20	2/24	2/26	2/27
Mar 18	1/23	1/30	2/13	2/27	3/3	3/5	3/6
Mar 25	1/30	2/6	2/20	3/6	3/10	3/12	3/13
<b>Spring Recess [March 26 through April 14, 2025]</b>							
Apr 15	2/20	2/27	3/13	3/27	4/1 (Tue)	4/2	4/3
Apr 29	3/6	3/13	3/27	4/10	4/14	4/16	4/17
May 6	3/13	3/20	4/3	4/17	4/21	4/23	4/24
May 20	3/27	4/3	4/17	5/1	5/5	5/7	5/8
Jun 3	4/10	4/17	5/1	5/15	5/20 (Tue)	5/21	5/22
Jun 17	4/24	5/1	5/15	5/29	6/2	6/4	6/5
Jun 24	5/1	5/8	5/22	6/5	6/9	6/11	6/12
Jul 8	5/15	5/22	6/5	6/19	6/23	6/25	6/26
Jul 22	5/29	6/5	6/19	7/3	7/7	7/9	7/10
Jul 29	6/5	6/12	6/26	7/10	7/14	7/16	7/17
<b>Summer Recess [July 30 through September 8, 2025]</b>							
Sep 9	7/17	7/24	8/7	8/21	8/25	8/27	8/28
Sep 16	7/24	7/31	8/14	8/28	9/2 (Tue)	9/3	9/4
Sep 30	8/7	8/14	8/28	9/11	9/15	9/17	9/18
Oct 14	8/21	8/28	9/11	9/25	9/29	10/1	10/2
Oct 28	9/4	9/11	9/25	10/9	10/14 (Tue)	10/15	10/16
Nov 4	9/11	9/18	10/2	10/16	10/21 (Tue)	10/22	10/23
Nov 18	9/25	10/2	10/16	10/30	11/3	11/5	11/6
Dec 2	10/9	10/16	10/30	11/13	11/17	11/19	11/20
<b>Winter Recess [December 3, 2025 through January 26, 2026]</b>							

VTO Affected Dates

Holiday Affected Dates

Religious Holiday Affected  
Date

REVISED - 12/20/2024

Reports not submitted by the deadlines listed will not be included on the agenda.

## **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

**The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County.**

**This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band.**

**As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay.**

**We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878.**

**As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.**