

Commission on Aging
Odile Lavault, Chair
Darlene Bronson, Commission Secretary

COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR AGENDA

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
North Berkeley Senior Center
Gooseberry Room
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair, Lavault
2. Roll Call by Secretary, Bronson
3. Public Comments

The public may comment about any item not on the agenda. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item.

4. Approval of minutes from October 2025 (Attachment A)
5. Approval of order of agenda

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Presentations

1. BRSD's FY26 Program Plan update- Mary Triston, Transportation Coordinator
2. North Berkeley Senior Center Advisory Council – What We Do- Susan Hoffman Secretary

Staff report

Please note: The Commission on Aging is adjourned for winter recess and will reconvene in January 2026.

Discussion / Action Items

1. Letter of concern: Enforcing Lease Laws at the Berkeley Bay Front (Attachment B)
2. Report from the Fact-Finding Committee on the closure of the ceramics class in the context of the closure of the South Berkeley Senior Center, - Newbery, Orrick, Porter, Davila, Lavault
3. Cycling without Age, - Orrick/Newbery

Commissioner reports

None

Items for Ongoing Discussion

1. Safety & identify homebound seniors in Berkeley
2. Older drivers' safety and DMV policies, find a relevant guest for presentation.
3. Filling vacancy for Commission on Aging, Lavault

Adjournment

Information Items

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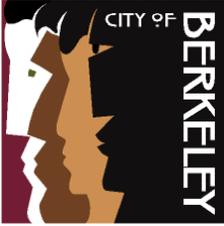
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COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: (7) Davila, Lavault, Newbery, Evans, Orrick, Porter, Yamaguchi

Absent:

Excused Absence: Collins

Staff Present: (2) Darlene Bronson, Donnaracia Scurry

Public: (1)

2. Public Comment (0)

Presentation

None

Staff Report

Introduction of new Aging Services Manager, Rhianna Babka

Discussion

1. Report from the Fact-Finding Committee on the closure of the ceramics class in the context of the closure of the South Berkeley Senior Center, Newbery, Orrick, Porter, Davila, Lavault
2. Filling vacancy for Commission on Aging, Lavault
3. Cycling without Age, Orrick/Newbery

Action Items

None

Commissioners adjourned at 3:01p.m.

Minutes Approved on:

Darlene Bronson, Commission Secretary

Attachment B

October 14, 2025
From Clifford Fred
Berkeley Calif.

To The Berkeley Commission on Aging
Please Enforce Leash Laws At The Berkeley Bay Front

Hello Commission Members,

Please direct City Staff and the Police Department to vigorously enforce leash laws at the Berkeley Bay Front, including Cesar Chavez Park, the vicinity around the Yacht Club, around Shorebird Park, and elsewhere.

I am a senior citizen who enjoys walking around Berkeley Bay Front, enjoying the views and breathing the ocean air. However, almost every time I visit any location at the Bay Front, I am harassed by unleashed dogs. More and more people are allowing their large and aggressive dogs to run off leash and unattended at the Berkeley Bay Front.

More and more people allow their dogs to run wild at the Berkeley Waterfront and at public parks throughout the city, while glued to their cell phone and oblivious as to where their dogs are. Where is law enforcement?

Why isn't there more signage? Many acres of the north side of Cesar Chavez Park is an unleashed dog area. Isn't that enough?

I'm not referring to little fluffy, but to more and more unleashed pit bulls, rottweilers, German shepherds and the like.

Local residents should have the right to enjoy our Bay Front without being menaced by large and aggressive dogs.

The Bay Front needs more and larger signage on leash laws, and regular law enforcement of leash laws. And please enforce the six-foot maximum on leashes. Dogs on long leashes can be dangerous to people enjoying our parks as well.

The problem of unleashed dogs exists and is getting worse at every Berkeley park I visit. But the Waterfront would be a good place to start for serious law enforcement and better signage.

You would be doing Berkeley's many senior citizens a real service by taking the lead on this issue.

Thank you,
Clifford Fred
Berkeley Calif.