



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

COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR AGENDA

Wednesday, October 15, 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 September 2025 (Attachment A)
5. Approval of order of agenda

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Presentation

None

Staff report

Introduction of new Aging Services Manager, Rhianna Babka

Discussion / Action Items

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. Report from Senior Ambassador Outreach working group, Orrick, Davila, Newbery, and Evans
3. Filling vacancy for Commission on Aging, Lavault
4. 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. North Berkeley Senior Center Advisory Council presenter to come to a COA meeting

Adjournment

Information Items

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COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 17, 2025
1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: (8) Davila, Lavault, Newbery, Evans, Collins, Orrick, Porter, Yamaguchi

Absent:

Excused Absence:

Staff Present: (2) Darlene Bronson, Donnaracia Scurry

Public: (12)

2. Public Comment (10)

Presentation

None

Staff Report

Introduction of new Aging Services Manager, Rhianna Babka

Discussion

1. Ceramics class letter at South Berkeley Senior Center, Lavault
2. Report from Senior Ambassador Outreach working group, Orrick, Davila, Newbery, and Evans
3. Filling vacancy for Commission on Aging, Lavault
4. Proposal for presentation by Senior and Disability Action, nonprofit in SF, Orrick
5. Cycling without Age, Orrick/Newbery
6. SF Chronicle, article, KQED Forum Show on Aging
7. Older driver safety and DMV policies, find a relevant guest for presentation, Lavault
8. Introduction of new Aging Services Manager, Rhianna Babka at next meeting

Action Items

1. Motion passed unanimously for a 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

Commissioners adjourned at 3:09p.m.

Minutes Approved on:

Darlene Bronson, Commission Secretary