HOMELESS SERVICES PANEL OF EXPERTS
REVISED REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 4, 2026 – 7:00 PM
North Berkeley Senior Center, Dining Room
1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709

Mayor Ishii: Carole Marasovic, Chair	**Rashi Kesarwani:** Jessee Espinosa	**Terry Taplin:** Denah S. Bookstein
Ben Bartlett: Paul Kealoha-Blake	**Igor Tregub:** Jerome Solberg	**Shoshana O'Keefe:** Vacant
Brent Blackaby: Steven Segal	**Cecilia Lunaparra:** Anais Shergill	**Mark Humbert:** Alan Levy, Vice Chair

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Public comment for items not on the agenda limited to 2 minutes. No exchange with commission permitted.

Public comment for items on the agenda taken as items arise.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of the land acknowledgment.
3. Public comment for items not on the agenda (limited to 2 minutes).

Action Items:

4. Approval of the agenda. Discussion and possible action.
5. Approval of the minutes from the September 2, 2026 meeting. Discussion and possible action.
6. Possible letter of recommendation to Council addressing Council item regarding ban of camping near pre-schools and day care facilities. Discussion and possible action.

7. Possible recommendation/report to Council recommending that Council refer to staff to identify a location from earlier identified City-owned sites, from previous list City staff provided, and explore Berkeley properties slated for tax auction scheduled around May 2027, to identify a site where unhoused persons can be housed with program services. Such site shall be based on the former Horizon model based previously at 742 Grayson. Discussion and possible action.
8. Preliminary training on commission recommendations to Council. Discussion only.
9. Selection of date for December special HSPE meeting. Discussion and possible action.
10. Staff report on direction for upcoming budget recommendations. Discussion only.
11. Chair report. Discussion only.
12. Adjourn.

Attachments:

1. Land acknowledgment.
2. September 2, 2026 minutes.

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Josh Jacobs, Homeless Services Coordinator, Homeless Services Panel of Experts
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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. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.

Berkeley Homeless Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2026

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM
   Present: Marasovic, Espinosa, Shergill, Segal, Solberg, Levy, & Kealoha-Blake.
   Absent: Bookstein.
   Staff: Jacobs.
   Council: None.
   Public: 7.

2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Public Comment: 1.

Action Items:

4. Approval of the Agenda.

   Action: M/S/C Espinosa/Kealoha-Blake move to approve the agenda as written.

   Vote: *Ayes:* Marasovic, Espinosa, Shergill, Solberg, Segal, Levy, & Kealoha-Blake. *Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

5. Presentation (virtual) with Q and A from Spokane PD Sgt. Arthur "Richie" Plunkett on "Bridging the Gap of Homelessness with a Co-Response Unit, Spokane, Washington model". Discussion only.

   Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Shergill move to extend the meeting to 9:30 pm.

   Vote: *Ayes:* Marasovic, Espinosa, Shergill, Solberg, Segal, Levy, & Kealoha-Blake. *Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

6. Leslie Berkler, director of Women's Daytime Drop-In Center and Bridget House, on changes, and evolving needs, in women's and family's homeless services. Discussion only.

   Discussion. No action taken.

7. Approval of minutes from July 2, 2026 meeting. Discussion and possible action.

   Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Shergill move to approve the minutes as written.

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Vote: *Ayes:* Marasovic, Espinosa, Shergill, Solberg, Segal, Levy, & Kealoha-Blake. *Noes:* None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.

8. Chair report. Discussion only.

   Discussion. No action taken.

9. Adjustments in Measure P revenue and allocations; staff report on adjustments since last HSPE funding recommendations and HSPE role in adjustments. Discussion only.

   Discussion. No action taken.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Minutes Approved on: _____

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: _____