



Commission on the
Status of Women

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Wednesday, July 17, 2024 – 7:00pm

North Berkeley Senior Center

1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

AGENDA

Mayor Arreguin:

Tiffaney Boyd

Rashi Kersarwani:

Alyssa Plese

Terry Taplin:

Vacant

Ben Bartlett:

Kameka Goodwin

Kate Harrison

Shirley Posey

Sophie Hahn

Vice-Chair Radha Seshagiri

Susan Wengraf:

Chair-Carole Marasovic

Rigel Robinson:

Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeno

Mark Humbert

Linda Oliver

All items are for discussion and possible action.

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Land Acknowledgment.
3. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda.
4. Approval of the Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action.
5. Approval of the June 19, 2024 minutes. Discussion and Possible Action.
6. Discussion on Commission Approach to Young Women/Girls with Mental Health Issues and Suicide Prevention. Discussion and Possible Action.
7. Discussion on AI and Impact for Women on Housing and Public Benefits. Possible Recommendation. Discussion and Possible Action.
8. Begin to Develop Commission Work Plan for the Coming Year. Discussion and Possible Action.
9. Adjourn

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**Commission on the Status of Women
Regular Meeting – June 19, 2024
DRAFT- MINUTES**

The meeting convened at 7:15pm with Chairperson Marasovic presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Goodwin, Posey, Ortiz-Cedeno, Marasovic

Absent: Seshagiri, Oliver

Leave of Absence: Plese, Boyd

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Comments from the Public

- Public attendance: 0
- Public comments: 0

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Action Items:

**Item # 1:
Approval of Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action.**

M/S/C: Posey, Goodwin

Ayes: Ortiz-Cedeno, Posey, Goodwin, Marasovic

Absent: Seshagiri, Oliver

Leave of Absence: Boyd, Plese

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**Item # 2:
Approval of the Minutes from May 15, 2024 COSOW Meeting. Discussion and Possible Action.**

M/S/C: Ortiz-Cedeno, Marasovic

Ayes: Ortiz-Cedeno, Posey, Goodwin, Marasovic

Absent: Seshagiri, Oliver

Abstain:

Leave of Absence: Boyd, Plese

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Item # 3:

Reconsider Amending Minutes from January 17, 2024 COSOW Meeting. Discussion and Possible Action

M/S/C: Marasovic, Posey

Ayes: Ortiz-Cedeno, Posey, Goodwin, Marasovic

Absent: Seshagiri, Oliver

Leave of Absence: Boyd, Plese

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Item # 4:

Proposed Recommendation to Council Regarding Drafting and Distribution of Materials to Inform Older Homeowners, Many of Whom are Older Woman, and Minority Homeowners Vulnerable to Exploitation from Realtors, Appraisers, Mortgage Lender, Speculators, and Others. Discussion and Possible Action.

Chair will edit the recommendation based on the input provided by the commissioners. Once completed the Chair will provide the final version to the secretary to be emailed to all commissioners and placed into OnBase for the review of Council.

M/S/C: Ortiz-Cedeno, Posey

Ayes: Ortiz-Cedeno, Posey, Goodwin, Marasovic

Absent: Seshagiri, Oliver

Leave of Absence: Boyd, Plese

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Item # 5:

Proposed Letter on Support for Families Displaced from Golden Gate Fields. Discussion and Possible Action.

Final edit will be made by the Chair based on the recommendations of the commissioners. Once completed the Chair will send final version via-email to commission secretary to be forwarded to the Council.

M/S/C: Marasovic, Ortiz-Cedeno

Ayes: Ortiz-Cedeno, Posey, Goodwin, Marasovic

Absent: Seshagiri, Oliver

Leave of Absence: Boyd, Plese

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Item # 6:

Meeting Protocol. Discussion and Possible Action

No Action Taken

M/S/C:

Ayes:

Absent:

Leave of Absence:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary
Commission on the Status of Women**

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.