Berkeley Homeless Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2026

1. **Roll Call:** 7:12 PM
   Present: Marasovic, Bookstein, Espinosa, Shergill, Solberg, Levy, & Kealoha-Blake.
   Absent: Segal.
   Staff: Jacobs.
   Council: None.
   Public: 3.

2. Reading of the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Public Comment: 1.

Action Items:

4. Approval of the Agenda.

   Action: M/S/C Levy/Shergill move to approve the agenda as written.

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

5. Approval of the minutes from the September 2, 2026 meeting. Discussion and possible action.

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

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

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.

   Action: M/S/C Solberg/Marasovic move to write a letter stating that we recommend that the city not pass the preschool camping ban of 600 feet from schools resolution amendment because we believe that it will primarily result in the homeless population to camp and congregate in downtown, the north Berkeley business

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district, the south side, and/or the hills because those are the only areas where there are not preschools and/or day cares. Instead, we should establish good neighbor camping standards. Whether or not this measure is passed, it remains imperative that the city establishes a similar program to the Horizon model.

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

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.

   No action taken.

8. Preliminary training on commission recommendations to Council. Discussion only.

   No action taken.

9. Selection of date for December special HSPE meeting. Discussion and possible action.

   Discussion. No action taken.

10. Staff report on direction for upcoming budget recommendations. Discussion only.

    No action taken.

11. Chair report. Discussion only.

    No action taken.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

Minutes Approved on: _____

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: _____