



Community Health Commission  
Andy Katz, Chair  
Kellie Knox, Staff Secretary

**Community Health Commission**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 23, 2026**

The meeting convened at 6:48 p.m. with Commissioner Katz presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Breckwich Vasquez, Charney, Herzer-Baptiste, Katz, Marasovic, and Reese.

**Absent:** Commissioner Bacon.

**Excused:** None.

**Staff present:** Kellie Knox

**Community Members:** Morgan Mettler; Manel Kappagoda

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**ACTION ITEM**

3. M/S/C (Herzer-Baptiste/Breckwich Vasquez): Motion to approve the draft minutes from meeting on February 26, 2026

**Ayes:** Commissioners Breckwich Vasquez, Charney, Herzer-Baptiste, Katz, and Reese.

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** Commissioner Marasovic.

**Absent from Vote:** Commissioner Bacon.

**Excused:** None.

**Motion Passed.**

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**ACTION ITEM**

4. M/S/C (Herzer-Baptiste/Breckwich Reese): Motion to approve the draft minutes from meeting on March 26, 2026

**Ayes:** Commissioners Breckwich Vasquez, Charney, Herzer-Baptiste, Katz, and Reese.

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** Commissioner Marasovic.

**Absent from Vote:** Commissioner Bacon.

**Excused:** None.

**Motion Passed.**

**ACTION ITEM**

12. M/S/C (Marasovic/Charney) Motion to extend the meeting to 9:15pm in order to address budget recommendations before adjourning.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Breckwich Vasquez, Charney, Herzer-Baptiste, Katz, Marasovic, and Reese.

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None

**Absent from Vote:** Commissioner Bacon.

**Excused:** None.

**Motion Passed.**

**ACTION ITEM**

7. M/S/C (Marasovic/Breckwich Vasquez): Motion to authorize a letter to the City Council conveying the following recommendations:

1. Retain the Heart-to-Heart Program in Public Health Division with 1FTE or alternatively, consider transition of the program to a community-based organization;
  2. Retain Public Health Emergency Preparedness with 1 FTE to provide coordination, leadership, and services delivery; and
  3. Express deep concern about how cuts will affect the unhoused population and the long-term behavioral health services needs in our community;
- And establish an ad hoc committee of Commissioners Katz, Breckwich Vasquez and Herzer-Baptiste to consult with the Commission Chair to finalize the letter.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Breckwich Vasquez, Charney, Herzer-Baptiste, Katz, Marasovic, and Reese.

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent from Vote:** Commissioner Bacon.

**Excused:** None.

**Motion Passed.**

**Discussion and Action Items**

1. Public Health Officer Report – Not available.
2. CHC Chair's Report – Discussion.
3. Approval of Draft Minutes from 02/26/2026 Regular Meeting – Action.
4. Approval of Draft Minutes from 03/26/2026 Regular Meeting – Action.
5. Environmental Health Restaurant Inspection Audit Update – Discussion.
6. Proposal to Resume Operations of BEAR Program – Discussion.
7. City Manager's FY 2027 & 2028 Proposed Budget Balancing Plan – Discussion and Motion.
8. Community Health Improvement Plan – Discussion.
9. Commission Workgroups -No Discussion or Action.
10. Election of Vice Chair – No Discussion or Action.
11. Work Plan review -No Discussion or Action.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- PH Program Presentations
- MIH/CP pilot and CARE/Health One presentation
- Briefing on Housing funding by Homeless Panel of Experts or Housing Action Committee
- Environmental Justice/Safety Elements Presentation Plan – July or September
- California Institute of Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) Presentation Request May - Denied
- Work Plan – June
- Proposal to Resume Operations of BEAR Program – June
- Environmental Health Restaurant Inspection Audit Update – next update

This meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes will be reviewed and approved on Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kellie Knox, Commission Secretary \_\_\_\_\_