



Housing Advisory Commission

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting Thursday, January 9, 2025 7:33 pm	South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street Anna Cash, Secretary HAC@berkeleyca.gov
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1. Roll Call

Present: Sarah Bell, Kera Binns, Karen Haycox, Mari Mendonca, Debbie Potter, David Shere, Leah Simon-Weisberg, and Alfred Twu.

Absent: Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeño (unexcused).

Staff Present: Barb Amaro, Jiro Arase, Rhianna Babka, Anna Cash, Lourdes Chang, Kat Larowe, and Jenny Wyant.

Commissioners in attendance: 8 of 9

Members of the public: 12

Public Speakers: 9

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Twu/Simon-Weisberg) to approve the agenda, removing item 6 and moving item 11a to follow item 7.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Binns, Haycox, Mendonca, Potter, Shere, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ortiz- Cedeño (unexcused).

4. Public Comment

There were two speakers during public comment.

5. Approval of December 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Haycox/Bell) to approve the December 2, 2024 Special Meeting minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Binns, Haycox, Mendonca, Potter, Shere, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ortiz-Cedeño (unexcused).

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Single Family Home Rehabilitation (SFR) Loan Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2028

Public Speakers: 2

Action: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Haycox) to:

- 1) Support staff's recommendation to continue to fund the Single-Family Rehabilitation (SFR) Programming including the City's Senior & Disabled Rehabilitation Loan Program (SDRLP) at current levels as approved in the FY25-FY28 Request for Proposal as it supports a balanced Single-Family Rehabilitation program, and approve a SDRLP pilot program aimed at creating streamlined implementation from FY26 to FY28, with the primary goals of using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and CalHome funding more effectively, increasing the number of low-income homeowners served annually, and maintaining essential CDBG Program Income that could be reinvested in the City's public facility projects; and
- 2) Recommend to HHCS staff to consult with the Office of Energy and Sustainable Development (OESD) of the Planning & Development Department in order to identify complementary funding sources, particularly for solar panels.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Binns, Haycox, Mendonca, Potter, Shere, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ortiz-Cedeño (unexcused).

7. Public Hearing on the City of Berkeley's Draft Program Year 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan

Public Speakers: 2

8. Discussion and Possible Action: 2024 Statewide Housing Legislation Update

Public Speakers: 3

9. Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)

10. Announcements/Information Items

11. Future Items

12. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C (Shere/Simon-Weisberg) to adjourn at 9:55 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Binns, Haycox, Mendonca, Potter, Shere, Simon-Weisberg, and Twu.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ortiz-Cedeño (unexcused).

Approved: _____, *Anna Cash*, Anna Cash, Secretary