



Housing Advisory Commission

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting Thursday, March 5, 2026 7:07 pm	South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis Street Snow Zhu, Secretary HAC@berkeleyca.gov
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1. Roll Call

2. Present: Valeria Chupina (alternate for Alfred Twu), Sarah Bell, Syrak Micael, Rebecca Mirvish, Debbie Potter, David Shere, and Leah Simon-Weisberg.

Absent: Karen Haycox (excused) and Alfred Twu (excused).

Staff Present: Jiro Arase, Kelly DeWolfe, Kathryn Larrowe, and Snow Zhu.

Commissioners in attendance: 7 of 8

Members of the public: 5

Public Speakers: 1

3. Land Acknowledgement

4. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Shere) to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Chupina, Micael, Mirvish, Potter, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Haycox.

5. Public Comment

There was one speaker during public comment.

6. Approval of February 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Micael) to approve the February 5, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes with the following amendments to Item 7:

- Correction to the spelling of Commissioner Twu's name
- Replace the words "add to" with "edit Item 6 on" for the motion "add to the list of legislative priorities: Support rent relief and eviction moratorium and eviction protections during emergencies."
- Replace the words "add to" with "edit Item 2 on" for the motion "add to the list of legislative priorities: Creation of funding for affordable housing projects, including co-ops, land trusts, social housing, public housing, and affordable homeownership"

- Replace the word “add” with “edit Item 7” and the word “to” with “on” for the motion “to add as a high priority item to the list of legislative priorities: Support legislative efforts to reduce the voter threshold for passage of affordable housing bonds to 50% + 1.”

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Micael, Mirvish, Potter, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None.
Abstain: Chupina. Absent: Haycox.

7. Receive Presentation and Potential Action to Approve Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Federal Program Year (PY) 2026 (FY 2027)

Public Speakers: 1

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Mirvish) to recommend City Council approve the Annual Action Plan for Federal Program Year 2026 (FY 2027).

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Chupina, Micael, Mirvish, Potter, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Haycox.

8. A Unified, Flexible Local Density Bonus Program

Public Speakers: 1

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

- a. City of Berkeley’s 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform (2/24/2026)

8. Announcements/Information Items

9. Future Items

10. Adjourn

Action: M/S/C (Shere/Potter) to adjourn at 9:03 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Chupina, Micael, Mirvish, Potter, Shere, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Haycox.

Approved:



Snow Zhu, Secretary