



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

6:30 PM

2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 6:35pm
Present: Huchting, Lippman, Sol
Absent: None
Quorum: 2 (Attended: 3)
Staff Present: Kat Larrowe
Public Present: 2
2. **Agenda Approval**
Action: M/S/C (Sol/Lippman) Approve agenda with the modification to move the Community Service presentation from Hope McDonnell, Berkeley Suitcase Clinic item up to item #4
Vote: Ayes - Huchting, Lippman, Sol. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.
3. **Public Comment**
None

Update/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Approve minutes from the 01/21/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Huchting) Approve January 2026 minutes as written
Vote: Ayes - Huchting, Lippman, Sol. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.
5. Election of low-income representatives – All
Action: No action taken
6. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair – All
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Sol) Nominate Catherine Huchting as Chair.
Vote: Ayes - Huchting, Lippman, Sol. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.
Action: M/S/C (Huchting/Sol) Nominate George Lippman as Vice Chair.
Vote: Ayes - Huchting, Lippman, Sol. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.
7. Review City of Berkeley funded agency program and financial reports (Attachment B) — Staff
 - a. Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP) FY25 – Second half program and Q4 financial report
Action: No action taken

Other Discussion Items

8. Community Service presentation from Hope McDonnell, Berkeley Suitcase Clinic
Action: No action taken

9. Discussion and possible action on draft HWCAC letter to City Council on police operations (Attachment C)
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Sol) To approve the draft letter with edits, and any additional minor edits as necessary by the chair, and submit for the secretary to send the letter to Council for the next possible Council Meeting.
Vote: Ayes - Huchting, Lippman, Sol. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

10. Discussion and possible action of policy proposals to City Council regarding homelessness – All
Action: No action taken

11. Discussion and possible action to address potential funding gaps for services aimed at low-income residents – All
Action: No action taken

12. Discussion and possible action to create a plan to collaborate with other City of Berkeley commissions on homelessness – All
Action: No action taken

13. Discussion and possible action on commission recruitment and outreach efforts – All
Action: No action taken

14. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
Action: No action taken

15. Announcements
Action: No action taken

16. Future Agenda Items
Action: No action taken

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Huchting) Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm
Vote: Ayes - Huchting, Lippman, Sol. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 01/21/2026 regular meeting
- B. Program and financial reports from BORP
- C. Draft Letter to City Council on Police Operations
- D. Review City Council Meeting Agenda at City Clerk Dept. or <http://www.cityofberkeley.info/citycouncil>

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