



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:30 PM

Berkeley City Hall – Cypress Room – 2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting, however, if you are feeling sick, please do not attend the meeting in person. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to hhcshwcac@berkeleyca.gov.

Public comment policy: Members of the public may speak on any items on the Agenda and items not on the Agenda during the initial Public Comment period. Members of the public may also comment on any item listed on the agenda as the item is taken up. Members of the public may not speak more than once on any given item. The Chair may limit public comments to 3 minutes or less.

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 6:36PM
Present: Gelsinger, Huchting, Sol, Lippman
Absent: None
Quorum: 3 (Attended: 4)
Staff Present: Kat Larrowe & Jiro Arase
Public Present: 2

2. Agenda Approval
Action: M/S/C (Sol/Lippman) Approve agenda as written
Vote: Ayes - Gelsinger, Huchting, Sol, Lippman. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters
- Public Speakers: 1

Update/Action Items

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

4. Community Service – Helping the Helpers presentation from Denise Jones, Berkeley Drop-In Center
No action taken

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

5. Approve minutes from the 02/18/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Huchting) Adopt minutes as written
Vote: Ayes - Gelsinger, Huchting, Sol, Lippman. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None. .
6. Election of low-income representatives – All
Action: M/S/C (Huchting/Sol) Elect Taj Herzer-Baptiste as a low-income commissioner to the HWCAC
Vote: Ayes - Gelsinger, Huchting, Sol, Lippman. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.
7. Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Overview Presentation (Attachment B) – Staff
No action taken
8. Review City of Berkeley funded agency program and financial reports (Attachment C) — Staff
 - a. Easy Does It (EDI) FY25 – Q4 program report and Q4 financial report
No action taken

Other Discussion Items

9. Discussion and possible action on commission recruitment and outreach efforts – All
No action taken
10. Discussion and possible action of policy proposals to City Council regarding homelessness – All
No action taken
11. Discussion and possible action to address potential funding gaps for services aimed at low-income residents – All
No action taken
12. Discussion and possible action to create a plan to collaborate with other City of Berkeley commissions on homelessness – All
No action taken
13. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
No action taken
14. Announcements
No action taken
15. Future Agenda Items
No action taken


16. Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Huchting) Adjourn meeting at 8:30pm

Vote: Ayes - Gelsinger, Huchting, Sol, Lippman. Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 02/18/2026 regular meeting
- B. Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Presentation
- C. Program and financial reports from Easy Does It
- D. Review City Council Meeting Agenda <http://www.cityofberkeley.info/citycouncil>

Minutes Approved on 4/22/26 

Commission Secretary: Kat Larrowe