ATTACHMENT A

Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
6:30 PM
Berkeley City Hall – Cypress Room – 2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 6:35
   a. Meeting Start Time: 6:40 PM
   b. Present: Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol.
   c. Absent: Gelsinger, (unexcused)
   d. Quorum: 3 (Attended: 4)
   e. Staff Present: Kat Larrowe and Cynthia McClellan
   f. Number of Public Present: 3

2. Agenda Approval
   Action: M/S/C (Herzer-Baptiste/Huchting) Approve agenda as written and move item #5 after item #7, postpone item #15 to November meeting
   Vote: Ayes: Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gelsinger

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 1

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

4. Presentation and Discussion: Agnes Cho, Senior Policy Advisor on Housing, Homelessness and Healthcare to Alameda County Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas with follow-up discussion
   No action taken

5. Discussion and possible action regarding an Opposition Letter regarding the Surveillance Software Company contracts' proposals (RFPs) to City Council (Attachment E) - Commissioner Huchting
   Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Herzer-Baptiste): Approve Surveillance Opposition Letter to be sent be Council/Mayor with editorial changes made in the meeting, "add January 2025 on page 2" and correct any typographical errors
   Vote: Ayes: Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gelsinger

6. Presentation on Co-Housing: Jack Sawyer (via Zoom)
   No action taken

7. Presentation from the Cycling Without Age documentary (on screen): Commissioner Sol https://www.pedalbornpictures.com/projects/cyclingwithoutage
   No action taken

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

8. Approve minutes from the 09/16/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
   Action: M/S/C (Herzer-Baptiste/Lippman/): Approve minutes from September 16, 2026, with the amendment Commissioner Taj Herzer-Baptiste was present (originally marked as unexcused-arrived late)
   Vote: Ayes: Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gelsinger

9. Election of low-income representatives – All
   No action taken

10. Adopt 2027 Commission Meeting Dates (Attachment B) – All
    Action: M/SC (Herzer-Baptiste/Sol) Approve 2027 Commission Meeting Dates calendar as written
    Vote: Ayes: Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gelsinger

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Information Report for Submission of 2025 – 2030 HWCAC Strategic Plan to City Council (Attachment C) – Staff
    Action: M/S/C (Herzer-Baptiste/Sol) Approve submission of the Information Report to Council
    Vote: Ayes: Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Gelsinger

12. City of Berkeley funded agency program and financial reports (Attachment D) — Staff
    a. Review Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP) – FY26 Q4 Reports
    No action taken

Other Discussion Items

13. Discussion of the Police Accountability Board's audit process (update from the Police Accountability meeting) - Commissioner Sol
    No action taken

14. Discussion and possible action to draft a City Council Report regarding funding opportunities for the Berkeley Community Physical Therapy Clinic which serves Medicaid members in Berkeley - Commissioner Huchting
    No action taken

15. Discussion and Possible Action: A Solidarity Grocery for Southside Berkeley Presentation and Recommendation to City Council (Attachment F) – Commissioner Herzer-Baptiste
    No action taken

16. Discussion and Possible Action: Form and Appoint Members to an Ad Hoc Committee focused on Community Impacts and Funding for Unhoused and Low-Income Residents – Commissioner Herzer-Baptiste
    No action taken

17. Discussion and Possible Action: Bicycle Aggression-Commissioner Sol
    No action taken

18. Discussion and Possible Action: Mayor's Town Hall on Homelessness – Commissioner Sol
    No action taken

19. Discussion and Possible Action: Safety and ADA Issues – Commissioner Sol
    No action taken

20. Announcements
    No action taken

21. Future Agenda Items
    No action taken

22. Adjournment
    Action: M/S/C (Huchting/Herzer-Baptiste) Adjourn meeting at 8:33pm
    Vote: Ayes: Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: Lippman; Absent: Gelsinger

Attachments
A. Draft minutes of the 09/16/2026 regular meeting
B. 2027 Commission Meeting Dates
C. Information Report for 2025 – 2030 HWCAC Strategic Plan
D. Community Agency Program and Financial Reports
E. Draft Opposition to Surveillance Software Companies Letter to City Council
F. A Solidarity Grocery for Southside Berkeley Presentation

Supplemental Attachment
G. District 5 Measure W Overview Presentation

Approved: _____
Cynthia McClellan, Secretary