



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

6:30 PM

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

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
 - a. Meeting Start Time: 6:35
 - b. Present: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol.
 - c. Absent:
 - d. Quorum: 3 (Attended: 5)
 - e. Staff Present: Kat Larrowe
 - f. Number of Public Present: 4
2. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Huchting/Sol): Motion to approve agenda as written
Vote: Ayes: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters
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Update/Action Items

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

4. Presentation from Andrea Pritchett, Founder of Copwatch

No action taken

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

1. Approve minutes from the 06/17/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All

Action: M/S/C (Herzer-Baptiste/Lippman): Approve 6/17/2026 regular meeting minutes with no modifications
Vote: Ayes: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman; Noes: None; Abstain: Sol; Absent: None
2. Election of low-income representatives – All

No action taken

Other Discussion Items

3. Discussion and possible action submitting an Opposition Letter regarding Surveillance Software Company Contracts to City Council (Attachment B)

Action: M/S/C (Huchting/Herzer-Baptiste): Create and appoint George Lippman and Taj Herzer-Baptiste to a subcommittee to review and respond to the City's Surveillance

Software Company Request for Proposal and draft a letter HWCAC commission review at the September 2026 meeting

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

4. Discussion and possible action to invite a representative from the Alameda County Supervisor's Office from District 5 to present on the process of Measure W funding for housing to Berkeley's homeless population

No action taken

5. Discussion and possible action to draft a City Council Report regarding funding opportunities for the Berkeley Community Physical Therapy Clinic

No action taken

6. Announcements

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjournment

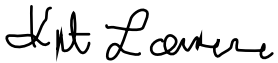
Action: M/S/C (Herzer-Baptiste/Gelsinger): Adjourn meeting at 8:29

Vote: Ayes: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman; Noes: None; Abstain: Sol; Absent: None

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 06/17/2026 regular meeting
- B. Draft Opposition to Surveillance Software Companies Letter to City Council

Approved on 9/16/2026:


Kat Larowe, Secretary