



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

6:30 PM

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

Preliminary Matters

1. **Roll Call:**
 - a. Meeting Start Time: 6:39 pm
 - b. Present: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol.
 - c. Absent: None
 - d. Quorum: 3 (Attended: 5)
 - e. Staff Present: Alexis Lozano
 - f. Number of Public Present: 4
2. Agenda Approval
Action: M/S/C (Lipman/Sol): Motion to approve the 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
 - a. Number of Public Speakers: 1

Update/Action Items

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

4. Presentation from BRIGITTE NICOLETTI from East Bay Community Law Center
No action taken.
5. Presentation from JOHN JANOSKO, Community Organizer and Activist
No action taken.

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

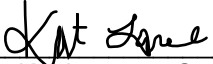
1. Approve minutes from the 05/20/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Huchting/Sol): Motion to approve with the amendment of name change in two places (Item #2 Agenda Approval and #2 Approve Minutes).
Vote: Ayes: Gelsinger, Sol and Huchting; Noes: None; Abstain: Herzer-Baptiste and Lippman; Absent: None.
2. Election of low-income representatives – All
No action taken.
3. Review City of Berkeley funded agency program and financial reports (Attachment B) — Staff
 - a. Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative FY25 – Q4 program report and Q4 financial report
No action taken.

Other Discussion Items

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Review CSBG Community Needs Assessment, Community Action Plan, and City of Berkeley Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan (Attachment C-E)
No action taken.
5. Discussion and possible action on commission recruitment and outreach efforts – All
No action taken.
6. Discussion and possible action of policy proposals to City Council regarding homelessness – All
No action taken.
7. Discussion and possible action to address potential funding gaps for services aimed at low-income residents – All
No action taken.
8. Discussion and possible action to create a plan to collaborate with other City of Berkeley commissions on homelessness – All
9. **No action taken.**
10. Review latest City Council meeting agenda or updates on recent City Council votes
11. **No action taken.**
12. Announcements
No action taken.
13. Future Agenda Items
No action taken.
14. Adjournment
Action: M/S/C (Huchting/Herzer-Baptiste): Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.
Vote: Ayes: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, Sol; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 05/20/2026 regular meeting
- B. Program and financial reports from Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative
- C. CSBG 2026-2027 Community Needs Assessment and Community Action Plan
- D. City of Berkeley Community Health Assessment
- E. City of Berkeley Community Health Improvement Plan

Approved by: 
Kat Larowe, Secretary