



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

6:30 PM

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

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: 6:34
 - a. Meeting Start Time:
 - b. Present: Gelsinger, Herzer-Baptiste, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol.
 - c. Quorum: 3 (Attended: 5)
 - d. Staff Present: Kat Larrowe and Cynthia McClellan
 - e. Number of Public Present: 1
2. Agenda Approval
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Huchting): Approve agenda as written
Vote: Ayes: Gelsinger, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Herzer-Baptiste
3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

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

1. Approve minutes from the 07/15/2026 regular meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Sol/Gelsinger): Accept the minutes from 7/15/26 HWCAC Meeting
Vote: Ayes: Gelsinger, Huchting, Lippman, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Herzer-Baptiste
2. Election of low-income representatives – All
No Action Taken
3. Discussion and Possible Action: Recommendation for anticipated 2027 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Contract (Attachment B) – Staff
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Sol): Recommend City Council approve the CSBG 2027 contract
Vote: Ayes: Gelsinger, Huchting, Lippman, Herzer-Baptiste, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None
4. Fiscal Year 2026 Community Services Block Grant Impact Review Presentation - Staff
No action taken

Other Discussion Items

1. Discussion and Possible Action: Submission of Opposition Letter regarding Flock Software Contracts to City Council (Attachment C) – Herzer-Baptiste & Lippman
No action taken
2. Discussion and Possible Action: Outreach and Resource Connection to Community Needs following Copwatch Presentation at July 2026 HWCAC Meeting - Sol
No action taken
3. Discussion and Possible Action: A Solidarity Grocery for Southside Berkeley Presentation and Recommendation to City Council (Attachment D) – Herzer-Baptiste
No action taken
4. Announcements
No action taken
5. Future Agenda Items
No action taken
6. Adjournment
Action: M/S/C (Lippman/Gelsinger): Adjourn meeting at 8:24pm
Vote: Ayes: Gelsinger, Huchting, Lippman, Herzer-Baptiste, and Sol. Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Attachments

- A. Draft minutes of the 07/15/2026 regular meeting
- B. Community Services Block Grant Contract Memo
- C. Draft Opposition to Flock Software Contract Letter to City Council
- D. A Solidarity Grocery for Southside Berkeley Presentation

Approved: Kat Larrowe 10/21/26
Kat Larrowe, Secretary