



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
6:00 PM

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Approval
3. Public Comment

Update/Action Items

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Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Approve minutes from the 12/9/2020 Special Meeting (Attachment A)
5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
6. Adopt 2021 Meeting Schedule (Attachment B) - Staff
7. Public Hearing Date – Staff
8. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports — Staff (Attachment C)
 - a. Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program – Recreational Services for Disabled

Other Discussion Items

9. Review and discuss City of Berkeley Commission minutes – All
10. HWCAC Commission Meeting Discussion and Training – Commissioner Kohn

11. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee recommendation regarding cannabis tax revenue – Commissioners Sood and Romo
12. Update on Accessibility at the STAIR Center – Staff (Attachments D and E)
13. Discuss report regarding homeless encampment in South Berkeley near Here/There sign – Commissioner Romo
14. Discuss Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act – Commissioner Yun
15. Discuss Citywide Restroom Assessment - All
16. Discuss encampments proposal – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
17. Discuss rent control recommendation – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Omodele
18. Discuss report on the South Adeline Corridor Plan – Commissioner Romo
19. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
20. Discuss lack of phone booths and charging stations in Berkeley – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
21. Discuss housing issues that impact the poor – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
22. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn
23. Discuss consequences of failed elevators in buildings – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
24. Discuss City grant writer procurement – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
25. Update on the closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele
26. Update on HWCAC recommendation to Council regarding Assessment of Vacant Properties – Commissioner Sood
27. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
28. Announcements
29. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 12/9/2020 Meeting
- B. 2021 Meeting Dates

- C. Program and financial reports from Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program
- D. STAIR email to Disability Commission secretary
- E. Local Adoption of Emergency Amendments to the 2016 California Building Code Governing Emergency Housing
https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2018/06_June/Documents/2018-06-12_Item_42_Local_Adoption_of_Emergency_Amendments.aspx

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SPECIAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

6:30 PM

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call

Present: Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun

Absent: Smith

Quorum: 6 (Attended: 8)

Staff Present: Rhianna Babka, Mary-Claire Katz

Public Present: Denah Bookstein, Carlos Hill

2. Agenda Approval

Action: M/S/C (Kohn/Omodele) to move agenda item number six before agenda item number four for discussion.

Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith.

3. Public Comment

None

Update/Action Items

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Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Approve minutes from the 2/19/2020 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to approve minutes from the 2/19/2020 Regular Meeting

Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith.

5. Approve 2021 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funding Contract (Attachment B) – All/Staff

Action: M/S/C (Dunner/Romo) to approve the 2021 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding contract

Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith.

6. Election of Low-Income Representatives

Action: Motion to elect Denah Bookstein as a Representative of the Poor.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith.

Action: Motion to elect Carlos Hill as a Representative of the Poor.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith.

Other Discussion Items

7. Discussion and Possible Action to adopt a Commission Work Plan for FY20/21 (Attachments C, D) – All/Staff

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Yun) to adopt a Commission Work Plan for FY20/21

Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Romo, Sim, Yun; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Smith.

8. Announcements

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 8:30PM

Attachments

- A. 2/19/20 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. 2021 CSBG Funding Contract
- C. Dee Williams, City Manager – Commission Meetings During COVID-19 Emergency
- D. Draft FY20/21 HWCAC Work Plan

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2021 Commission Meeting Dates

Name of Commission: Human Welfare & Community Action

Commission Secretary: Mary-Claire Katz

Meeting Location: Zoom Meetings

2021 Meeting Dates

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
January 2021	No Meeting	
February 2021	Wednesday February 24	6:00 PM
March 2021	Wednesday March 17	6:00 PM
April 2021	Wednesday April 21	6:00 PM
May 2021	Wednesday May 19	6:00 PM
June 2021	Wednesday June 16	6:00pm

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
July 2021	Wednesday July 21	6:00pm
August 2021	No Meeting	
September 2021	Wednesday September 15	6:00 PM
October 2021	Wednesday October 20	6:00pm
November 2021	Wednesday November 17	6:00 PM
December 2021	No meeting	



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Program: Recreational Services for Disabled
 Agency: Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP)

**City of Berkeley
 Community Agency
 CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS REPORT**

Contract No: 3190022

This Report Due: **Jan 31, 2021**

Agency: Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP) Period of: **1st Half 2021**
 Program: Recreational Services for Disabled Prepared By: Julie Yates
 Phone: 510-225-7031 E-mail: jay@borp.org, rick@borp.org

1. CLIENT SUMMARY - 1st Half

	1st Half	YTD
A. Total New Clients Served by the Program (Berkeley and Non-Berkeley)	432	432
B. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:	51	51
C. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were NOT Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:	2	2
D. Total New Berkeley Clients Served:	53	53

2. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

RACE - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods		Report Period		Year-To-Date	
	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity?	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity
Single Race Categories						
American Indian/Alaskan Native ?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian ?	0	0	4	0	4	0
Black/African American ?	0	0	5	0	5	0
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ?	0	0	0	0	0	0
White ?	0	0	38	2	38	2
Combined Race Categories						
American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	0	0	1	0	1	0
Asian & White	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black/African American & White	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Combined Race Categories	0	0	1	0	1	0
TOTALS	0	0	49	2	49	2
TOTAL SERVED	0		51		51	

3. INCOME LEVEL

Income Level - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
Poverty	0	8	8
Poverty to 30% of AMI (Ex. Low)	0	2	2
31-50% of AMI (Low)	0	30	30
51-80% of AMI (Moderate)	0	5	5
Above 80% of AMI	0	6	6
TOTALS	0	51	51

[View AMI Table](#)

4. AGE

Age - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
0-5	0	0	0
6-11	0	2	2
12-17	0	0	0
18-24	0	1	1
25-44	0	11	11
45-54	0	3	3
55-61	0	16	16
62 and Over	0	18	18
Unknown	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	51	51

5. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Other Characteristics - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD

Female	0	19	19
Male	0	32	32
Other	0	0	0
Disabled	0	51	51
Homeless	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless	0	0	0
Female Head of Household	0	0	0

6. SERVICE MEASURES

Service Measures	Annual Goal		1st Half		2nd Half		Served YTD		% Served		
	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients	UOS	# of Existing Clients	New Clients	Total UOS	Total New Clients	UOS	Total Clients
**** Disability Services ****											
1 Client Sessions	1,200	100	634	51				634	51	53%	51%

Service Measure Definitions: [Hide](#)

Client Sessions	Sports and recreation activities are offered as group sessions multiple times per week and sessions range from 1-8 hours in length. Specific days/hours for each activity type is listed under question B.9.
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1st Half Narrative

BORP provided 260 sports and recreation activities for people with disabilities during the report period, including Youth Sports virtual activities, Adaptive Cycling activities, Adventures & Outings virtual trips, and virtual fitness, dance and yoga classes. We served a total of 53 Berkeley participants during the report period including 51 individuals with disabilities and 2 family members, providing a total of 634 client sessions to Berkeley residents. (Note: We were not able to collect statistics on the 2 family members.) With the ongoing COVID-19 shelter orders, we are continuing to serve the community through virtual programming and outdoor cycling at Aquatic Park, however, due to the shelter orders, our indoor sports programs and gym facilities remain closed and no transportation services are being provided at this time.

You have 157 characters left.

7. OUTCOMES

Outcomes	Annual Goal	1st Half Achieved Outcome	2nd Half Achieved Outcome	Achieved Outcome YTD	% Achieved Outcome of Annual Goal	% Achieved Outcome of Total Served
1 Clients accessed previously inaccessible services	100			0	0%	0%
1 Clients demonstrate improved functioning	50			0	0%	0%
1 Participants achieved enhanced skills or knowledge	50			0	0%	0%

1st Half Narrative

BORP will be conducting the program satisfaction survey at the end of the contract year. We will include outcomes and survey results with the 2nd half program report.

You have 834 characters left.

8. PROGRAM SATISFACTION SURVEY

Question		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Does Not Apply	I Do Not Understand This Question	Total Number of responses
1. I am satisfied with the services I have received from this program.	This Period								0
	Prior Periods								0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of Total								
2. This program's staff treated me with respect.	This Period								0
	Prior Periods								0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of Total								
3. This program helped me make progress towards my goals.	This Period								0
	Prior Periods								0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of Total								
4. This program met my needs.	This Period								0
	Prior Periods								0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	% of Total								

Additional Questions:

5. Additional comments from consumers completing the survey

Select any additional questions (10 Max)

<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to maintain my independence.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program my overall health and wellness has improved.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to remain housed.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in this program my housing situation has improved.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have an increased understanding of community resources and supports.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have enhanced skills and/or knowledge.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to achieve my educational goals.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I have what I need to reach my employment goals.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I feel more connected to my community.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I feel less isolated.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program my legal rights have been protected.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program I am better able to take care of my own needs.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in this program I feel more financially secure.
<input type="checkbox"/> As a direct result of participating in the program, <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that the City of Berkeley has approved this question as written

Update Questions

Report Submitted by: Julie Yates Date: 01/28/2021

Accepted by: Mary-Claire Katz Date: 01/28/2021

Report modified by:

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Initially submitted: Jan 28, 2021 - 16:41:32

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**CITY OF BERKELEY
COMMUNITY AGENCY STATEMENT OF EXPENSE
10/01/2020 TO 12/31/2020**

Note: Any variation from the Approved Budget exceeding ten percent (10%) requires a Budget Modification Form.

Agency Name: [Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program \(BORP\)](#) Contract #: 31900227
 Program Name: [Recreational Services for Disabled](#) PO #: 22000504

Funding Source : [General Fund](#)

Expenditure Category	Staff Name	Approved Budget	Jul-Sep 2020	Oct-Dec 2020	Jan-Mar 2021	Apr-Jun 2021	Total Expenditure	Budget Balance
Administrative Director	Julie Yates	\$6,240.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00			\$3,120.00	\$3,120.00
Program Coordinator 2	Jonathan Newman	\$8,400.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00			\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
Program Coordinator 3	Lori Gray	\$3,840.00	\$960.00	\$960.00			\$1,920.00	\$1,920.00
Program Coordinator 4	Leo Siecienski	\$7,500.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00			\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00
Taxes/Benefits		\$5,520.00	\$1,410.90	\$1,407.94			\$2,818.84	\$2,701.16
Office Supplies		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$100.00
Program Expense		\$7,600.00	\$1,209.35	\$1,128.34			\$2,337.69	\$5,262.31
Rent		\$3,912.00	\$975.00	\$975.00			\$1,950.00	\$1,962.00
Communications		\$480.00	\$120.00	\$120.00			\$240.00	\$240.00
TOTAL		\$43,592.00	\$10,585.25	\$10,501.28			\$21,086.53	\$22,505.47

Advances Received [\\$21,796.00](#)
 Underspent/(Overspent) [\\$709.47](#)

Explain any staffing changes and/or spending anomalies that do not require a budget modification at this time:

Upload of Resumes for New Staff (required): [Go to Document Upload page](#)

- Expenditures reported in this statement are in accordance with our contract agreement and are taken from our books of account which are supported by source documentation.
- All federal and state taxes withheld from employees for this reporting period were remitted to the appropriate government agencies. Furthermore, the employer's share or contributions for Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment and State Disability insurance, and any related government contribution required were remitted as well.

Prepared By: [Julie Yates](#) Email: jay@borp.org Date: 01/28/2021
 Authorized By: [Julie Yates](#) Email: jay@borp.org
 Name of Authorized Signatory with Signature on File

Approved By: Mary-Claire Katz 01/28/2021 Project Manager Date	Examined By: _____ CSA Fiscal Unit Date	Approved By: _____ CSA Fiscal Unit Date
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From: Mary BehmSteinberg [mailto:marybehmsteinberg@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 5:22 PM

To: Katz, Mary-Claire <MKatz@cityofberkeley.info>

Subject: Copy of letter to Dominika about Pathways

Mary BehmSteinberg <marybehmsteinberg@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 21, 10:11 AM

Hi Dominika,

I hope this finds you well. I toured the Stair Center before I left town last Wednesday, and I was really disturbed by what I saw and heard there. I wish I had remembered to bring a camera and tape measure, because simply slapping an ADA accessibility label and a wheelchair icon on something doesn't make it so. These aren't nit-picky things: they are actually causing damage to peoples' mobility equipment and preventing them from using the bathrooms at all at times. I wanted to get this done as quickly as possible, so please excuse the lack of better editing.

The catalyst for this is doors without push buttons, though that is far from the only serious problem. While there are ramps to get into the buildings, without push buttons on the doors, you still can't safely access the buildings. Other people on the tour kindly opened them for me, and staff were certainly friendly and personable, but the group became quite diffuse, and the first time I tried to open one of those doors myself, I found out how heavy it was, and that it slams shut the minute you let go of it. My shoulder is still cursing at whoever signed off on this being accessible. I wondered how someone with a wheelchair might handle that. I soon found out--as well as finding out that while staff was very friendly and personable to me, and promised to work on my suggestions, their responses to the people who actually live there are allegedly quite different.

I was allowed to take a look in each of the dorm rooms. There were a couple people home in one of them, and while staff were busy with the other visitors' questions, I got to chat with them for a few minutes. One was in a chair and said he couldn't walk, the other was a single mother who, as an aside from access issues, had been separated from her son. The lady's son has a job and is couchsurfing, and Stair is trying to push her into a shared housing arrangement with a stranger instead of her own family, who wasn't brought to the Stair Center with her. She said she's just using it for a roof over her head while she looks for housing herself, since staff isn't responding to her needs.

Art Saldana was the man in the wheelchair, and he told me he can't walk. He informed me that his chair has been damaged more than once by those doors slamming on the control mechanism. Easy Does It can't always just run over for an instant fix, and even if they could, it is horrifying that someone would have to risk bodily injury to use the facilities, and from a budget standpoint, it is beyond stupid to keep paying for repair fees that should never have been necessary in the first place, had common sense accessibility been in place. So when someone in a powerchair is even able to wrangle the door open and it slams shut, it damages the joysticks on the chairs, leaving the person without any means of reaching the bathrooms or showers. Art told me he had asked repeatedly for a backup manual chair to be available, and BACS staff ignored him. He also stated that staff would use the ramps as a place to leave

things out of convenience, so access was often blocked anyway. When I mentioned this to staff, they were open to getting another chair and tried to make it seem like they were doing a great job from having obtained a chair for Art in the first place, but I wondered why it took someone like me, who isn't a client, to have them make that promise when there had been such humiliating problems happening there that they had been informed of, repeatedly. One of them said "Oh, you've been talking to Art. He's my favorite. We get along great." Funny, but that's not what Art said.

Art also said he was told that they were allowed to bring electrical appliances that were less than 13" high, and that he had brought a new microwave that he bought himself. They said it was a fire hazard, which I understand, but he claims they took it away and won't tell him where it is. He doesn't think he'll get it back when he moves.

Art has a speech impediment, and I had problems understanding everything he said, so I wanted him to write me a note to confirm that I had heard him correctly on all points. He promised to do so. He told me that BACS had placed him in an accessible place, then stopped paying for it and moved him to two other places, both with access issues. I would like to sit down with him and write things down to confirm that I understood him right, but if staff is doing things like this and what the single mother mentioned above was saying, they need to be removed.

The bathrooms themselves also had accessibility issues. The only gender neutral bathroom is in the office. Sadly, simply hanging a sign on the door with a wheelchair icon and an ADA accessible sign doesn't make it so. There was maybe 12" of clearance between the front of the toilet and a shelf they put in front of it to hold toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Even without the walker, I would be concerned people would hit their knees on it. Staff first made excuses that that's really a staff bathroom, and clients only come in there to talk about housing options, but anyone with even rudimentary training in access issues would know that people in chairs frequently have neurological issues that make easy and immediate access to a bathroom essential. Not having an accessible bathroom also precludes BACS from hiring staff with mobility issues, and clearly, they need someone with that expertise. They promised to move the shelf, but even if they do, I don't think there's adequate room to turn a chair in there. I'd like to go back with a camera and a tape measure when I'm not constrained by time and find out.

The showers I saw also had a hard lip on them that was at least an inch high, presumably to block water getting out, and I was having a hard time imagining how someone who couldn't get up would be able to get in and out by themselves.

As an aside, there were no gender neutral shower facilities, and the only gender neutral toilet was in the office, not accessible, and not available at night. Staff stated that gender non-binary and trans people were just expected to use the facilities for the gender they most identify with. Men and women are kept together in the dorms. which is a recipe for fear in a place that has had fights break out.

There were also problems they hadn't even considered with access to medications.

*If you need to refrigerate a medication you need 24 hour access to, the only possible place right now is in the communal refrigerators in the dining area. Insulin-dependent diabetes is a good example of how this could be a recipe for disaster. There are only a handful of insulin types, and people frequently reuse

their own needles (I did when I was uninsured, I can see people doing it if they're running low and not able to get out to resupply). Grabbing someone else's bottle is a recipe for spreading contagion.

*Marinol/Dronabinol is a Big Pharma synthetic THC that is prescribed instead of cannabis for some people and must be refrigerated or it melts. Anyone who knew what that was and had access to it might be tempted to steal someone's prescription for a little recreational fun. The same is obviously true for things like opioids.

*There is no locking storage next to beds for things like needles, or other prescriptions (like opioids, which could also be targeted for recreational theft) that have to be available 24/7. Again, if someone needs cannabis for neurological issues, those issues are often worse at night, when circulation slows down. Nausea from digestive disorders and chemo can also necessitate 24-hour access. Where can someone store it where they don't have to worry about being shaken down by someone who just wants to get high?

*I didn't see any sharps containers. Staff told me they were behind the trash cans in the dorms, but I didn't get a chance to go back and confirm that, and for obvious reasons, I'm not just ready to take staff's word for it at this point.

Other problems that came to light via Carole Marasovic but aren't necessarily access-related included violence in overcrowded conditions. It's also worth noting that men, women, and trans people are all expected to bunk in the same rooms, and that according to staff, 75% or so of Stair residents are male. Carole had a lot of very useful input on this and regularly follows the incident reports. One such fight involved someone using a lead pipe as a weapon. Talking about problems I encountered at Stair yesterday, one activist on condition of anonymity told me that one of the reasons people don't want to accept shared placements is that staff is completely insensitive to who people are being paired with, and one person allegedly turned down a placement because they were trying to pair the client with someone who assaulted them. As the example of the single mother mentioned above would seem to illustrate, they certainly have no problem with separating families.

Carole had a lot of very useful questions regarding this visit that I'd like to hear more about. We got separated during the visit, and I haven't been able to sit down with her yet and compare notes for a larger report. I will be sending her my notes, but have already gone over the broad strokes with her. This is not looking good for expansion before some very fundamental problems are addressed.

I will be refining this report further as I follow up at the Stair Center, hopefully with an architect with expertise on ADA issues (I have someone in mind who I hope will be available and has no bias or connection with city politics). The bottom line is that I see a lot of reasons for people not to feel safe here, and I'm hearing a lot of excuses for what never should have been designed this way in the first place. I hope that these things can be rectified in a timely manner.

Thanks so much for all you do—I know how difficult all of this is, and I realize that options are limited with the available funding. All the more reason that hiring a professional grant-writing team to go after our share of the \$4.5 billion dollars pledged regionally by Big Tech to provide VLI housing and combat homelessness is so essential. Priorities like permanent subsidies and keeping Dorothy Day House open shouldn't have to compete with each other and leave us all arguing over crumbs, and it is scandalous to me that we aren't aggressively pursuing that money so that we can make places like Dorothy Day

earthquake safe and no one has to take their life in their hands to access it. There's no excuse for not doing everything we can to gain resources in a humanitarian crisis.

As long as we're discussing access and poverty, I'm hard pressed to understand why, after the HWCAC already recommended it, we aren't using the Ed Roberts Campus for emergency shelter as well. There is no greater need among people with disabilities than from those who are already struggling just to survive on the streets, and it is embarrassing to me personally to live in the so-called home of the disability rights movement and have the poorest and most desperate among us left behind by the very institutions that are supposed to be looking out for our best interests. Repeated calls and showing up in person have not gotten me calls back or a response. When I show up in person and wait in line (which is very difficult for me to do at present), I'm told by the front desk that they only want to deal with people registering for some event or other, and I should just leave a message (which is of course, never responded to). If it's a matter of inadequate funding for sufficient staff, then they should be speaking up and advocating for this issue even as they make their case for more resources. To ignore it and ignore advocates (who are part of their cohort, and have not gotten personal help when necessary from them either) seems really unconscionable to me, but I remain open to dialog (if anyone ever bothers even acknowledging my requests for coffee, information, help, etc.!).

Thank you for all your time and hard work on this--I know there are far more access issues in the city than are reasonable for one person to have to address, and I also realize that the city took far too much time to hire you at all, so I know you're playing catch up. I hope that with clear, frank, communication on all sides, people in leadership roles can address the challenges we're facing head-on, without deflection, and engage in a productive, collaborative process with stakeholders that gives everyone the respect they deserve and the services they need.

Thanks again for all you do. I look forward to speaking with you further soon.

N105.1 General. Manufactured homes, mobilehomes, multifamily manufactured homes, **commercial modulars**, recreational vehicles, and park trailers used as emergency transportable housing shall comply with all applicable requirements in the Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2; and Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2.

SECTION N106 **TENTS AND MEMBRANE STRUCTURES**

N106.1 General. Tents and membrane structures shall not be used to house occupants for more than 7 days unless such tents and membrane structures are maintained with tight wooden floors raised at least 4 inches (101.6 mm) above the ground level and are equipped with baseboards on all sides to a height of at least 6 inches (152.4 mm). Tents and membrane structures may be maintained with concrete slabs with the finished surface at least 4 inches (101.6 mm) above grade and equipped with curbs on all sides at least 6 inches (152.4 mm) high.

A tent or membrane structure shall not be considered a suitable sleeping place when it is found necessary to provide heating facilities in order to maintain a minimum temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees Celsius) within such tent or membrane structure during the period of occupancy.

Tents and membrane structures shall comply with Chapter 31 of the California Fire Code and shall not be erected for a period of more than 180 days within a 12 month period. Tents and membrane structures shall be limited to one level located at the level of Fire Department vehicle access road or lane. Tents and membrane structures complying with Chapter 31 of the California Fire Code shall not be subject to additional provisions of Section N112 of this Appendix.

Tents and membrane structures used for sleeping purposes shall be equipped with single station battery powered smoke alarms installed in accordance with Section 907.2.11 of the California Fire Code.

SECTION N107 **ACCESSIBILITY**

N107.1 General. Emergency housing shall comply with the applicable requirements in Chapter 11B and/or the US Access Board Final Guidelines for Emergency Transportable Housing.

Note: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (US Access Board) issued the Final Guidelines for Emergency Transportable Housing on May 7, 2014. The final guidelines amended the 2004 ADA Accessibility Guidelines (2004 ADAAG) and the 2004 Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Accessibility Guidelines (2004 ABAAG) to specifically address emergency transportable housing units provided to disaster survivors by entities subject to the ADA or ABA. The final rule ensures that the