



## Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

### DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
6:30 PM

**PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND AT TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.**

#### **MEETING LOCATION #1**

2180 Milvia Street  
Berkeley, CA 94704

#### **MEETING LOCATION #2**

1447 Kains Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94702

#### **Preliminary Matters**

1. Roll Call  
Present: Behm-Steinberg, Cruz, Lippman  
Absent: None  
Quorum: 3 (Attended: 3)  
Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz  
Public Present: Maria Sol, Mina Lewenstein, Greg
2. Agenda Approval  
Move agenda item number 4 before agenda item number 1.
3. Public Comment  
None.

#### **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 2/7/2024 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All  
**Action:** M/S/C (Lippman/Behm-Steinberg) to approve the minutes from the 2/7/2024 regular meeting.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Cruz, Lippman. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.
2. Discussion and Possible Action on the FY25-FY28 Community Agency Request for Proposal (RFP) funding, timeline and process (Attachment B) – All  
No action taken.

3. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment C) — Staff
  - a. Multicultural Institute program and financial reports  
No action taken.

### **Other Discussion Items**

4. Discussion and possible action on the proposed merger of the HWCAC and Peace and Justice Commission – Behm-Steinberg  
**Action:** M/S/C (Behm-Steinberg/Lippman) to authorize a representative of the HWCAC to attend the Agenda & Rules Policy Committee and make a public comment regarding the merger and a letter from the CA State Dept. of Community Services to the BCAA warning of potential designation as a high-risk community agency due to long-term vacancies on the HWCAC.  
**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Cruz, Lippman. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.
5. Discussion of Fire Marshal's report and its implications - (Attachment D) – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg  
No action taken.
6. Discussion on Public Reverse Mortgage – (Attachment E) – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg  
No action taken.
7. Discussion and possible action on difficulties of attaining benefits local residents qualify for from approved providers - Commissioners Behm-Steinberg  
No action taken.
8. Discussion and possible action on holding hybrid Commission meetings (Attachment F) – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg  
No action taken.
9. Review latest City Council meeting agenda  
No action taken.
10. Announcements  
No action taken.
11. Future Agenda Items  
No action taken.

### **Adjournment**

**Action:** M/S/C (Cruz/Lippman) to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Cruz, Lippman. Noes –None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

### **Attachments**

- A. Draft Minutes of the 2/7/2024 Meeting

- B. Community Agency RFP applications and budgets
- C. Program and financial reports from Multicultural Institute
- D. Draft Council items regarding the reestablishment of hybrid commission meetings
- E. Reverse Mortgage Presentation
- F. City of Berkeley Fire Marshal's Report, FY 2024

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