



# Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

## AGENDA

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.  
Berkeley, CA 94703

### Preliminary Matters

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

### 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**

4. Approve minutes from the 1/15/2020 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)
5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – All
6. Election of Low-Income Representatives
7. Presentation on the 2020 Census - Shahidah Lacy, Office of Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson
8. Lava Mae service delivery data – Staff (Attachment B)
9. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports — Staff (Attachment C)
  - a. East Bay Community Law Center – Consumer Justice Clinic

### **Other Discussion Items**

10. Review and discuss City of Berkeley Commission minutes – All
11. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee – Commissioners Sood, Romo, and Smith
12. Update on West Berkeley air quality – Commissioner Bookstein
13. Discuss making Berkeley a Sanctuary City for Black people – Commissioner Smith
14. Discuss Pedestrian Upgrades – Commissioner Bookstein (Attachment D)
15. Discuss Accessibility at the STAIR Center – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg (Attachments E and F)
16. Discuss report regarding homeless encampment in South Berkeley near Here/There sign – Commissioner Romo

17. Discuss encampments proposal – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
18. Discuss rent control recommendation – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Omodele
19. Discuss report on the South Adeline Corridor Plan – Commissioner Romo
20. Discuss gentrification presentation by guest speaker Willie Phillips – Commissioner Smith
21. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
22. Discuss lack of phone booths and charging stations in Berkeley – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
23. Discuss housing issues that impact the poor – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
24. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn
25. Discuss consequences of failed elevators in buildings – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
26. Discuss City grant writer procurement – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
27. Update on the closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele
28. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
29. Announcements
30. Future Agenda Items

## **Adjournment**

## **Attachments**

- A. Draft Minutes of the 1/15/2020 Meeting
- B. Lava Mae service delivery data
- C. East Bay Community Law Center – Consumer Justice Clinic Program and Financial reports
- D. Pedestrian Safety Letter draft
- E. STAIR email to Disability Commission secretary
- F. 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](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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#### Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call  
Present: Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim (7:15PM arrival), Romo, Sim (7:20PM arrival)  
Absent: None  
Quorum: 6 (Attended: 10)  
Staff Present: Rhianna Babka, Kristen Lee  
Public Present: Chasetta Miller
2. Public Comment  
None

#### Update/Action Items

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#### **Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business**

1. Approve minutes from the 11/20/2019 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to approve the 11/20/2019 meeting minutes with edits.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – None.
2. Update and possible action on the use of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) discretionary funding – Kristen Lee  
**Action:** M/S/C (Bookstein/Dunner) to approve the use of 2019 CSBG discretionary funding for Dignity on Wheels.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Kohn, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain – Sood, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg; Absent – None.
3. By-Laws update – Staff  
Staff provides an update on the status of the HWCAC By-Laws review.
4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair reminder – Staff  
Staff announces the election for the Chair and Vice Chair will occur at the February 19 meeting.
5. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports — Staff (Attachment B)
  - a. Multicultural Institute – Lifeskills Program  
Commissioners reviewed and discussed the program and financial reports for Multicultural Institute’s Lifeskills program.

#### **Other Discussion Items**

6. Discuss housing issues that impact the poor – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.
7. Discuss gentrification presentation by guest speaker Willie Phillips – Commissioner Smith  
Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.
8. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee – Commissioners Sood and Romo  
The Budget Review subcommittee will provide an update at the February 19 meeting.
9. Review and discuss City of Berkeley Commission minutes – All  
Commissioners discuss the minutes of the Disability Commission.
10. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn  
Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.
11. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.
12. Discuss tax bill transparency – Commissioner Sood (Attachment C)  
**Action:** M/S/C (Romo/Sim) to send Commissioner Sood's tax bill transparency item to City Council.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – None.
13. Discuss lack of phone booths and charging stations in Berkeley – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.
14. Discuss encampments proposal (Attachment D) – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg  
Commissioners discuss the encampment proposal as described by Commissioner Behm-Steinberg. The proposal will be an agenda item with attachment at the February 19 meeting.
15. Discuss rent control recommendation – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Omodele  
Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.
16. Presentation on the subject of making Berkeley a sanctuary city for Black people – Commissioner Smith (Attachment E)  
Commissioner Smith presents on the subject of making Berkeley a sanctuary city for Black people.  
  
**Action:** M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to extend the meeting to 9:10PM.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim, Romo, Sim; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – None.
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Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.

18. Discuss report on the South Adeline Corridor Plan – Commissioner Romo  
 Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.

19. Update on West Berkeley air quality – Commissioner Bookstein  
 Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.

20. Update on the closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele  
 Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.

21. Review latest City Council meeting agenda  
 Continued to 2/19/2020 meeting.

22. Announcements  
 None.

23. Future Agenda Items

Making Berkeley a sanctuary city for Black people; agenda approval prior to meeting start; census presentation; consequences of failed elevators in buildings; City grant writer procurement.

### Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Kohn/Behm-Steinberg) to adjourn the meeting at 9:15PM.

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

### Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 11/20/2019 Meeting
- B. Multicultural Institute Lifeskills Program Statement of Expense and Program Report
- C. Property Tax Transparency Council Item Draft
- D. Family Homelessness in Berkeley
- E. Berkeley: A Sanctuary City For Black People

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*January 15, 2020*  
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# Lava Mae Service Delivery

Site Dashboard

Survey Dashboard

## Site Dashboard

**Parking City** Berkeley     
 **Service Site Name** All     
 **Service** Multiple values     
 **Status** Multiple values     
 **Start Time** 5/30/2014 4:00:00 PM to 12/20/2019 5..

### Showers by Site

Service Site Name	Distinct Guests	Distinct Showers
Cedar	151.0	403.0
Progressive Baptist	65.0	160.0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>202.0</b>	<b>563.0</b>

### Surveyed Guests by Site

Service Site Name	Distinct Guests	Distinct Showers
Cedar	77.0	298.0
Progressive Baptist	46.0	124.0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>422.0</b>

## Repeat Shower Guests

Contact ID	Distinct Guests	Distinct Showers
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>86.0</b>	<b>447.0</b>

## Age Distribution

Contact Age (group)	Percentage
1 to 18	0.50%
19 to 24	2.97%
25 to 34	26.73%
35 to 44	21.78%
45 to 54	25.25%
55 to 64	17.82%
65+	4.95%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## ADA Requested

ADA Required	Percentage
False	100.0%



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Employment Status	
Unknown	40.54%
Other	5.41%
Out of work, currently looking	16.22%
Out of work, not currently looking	6.31%
Retired	1.80%
SSI	6.31%
Unable to work	8.11%
Working full-time	5.41%
Working part-time	9.91%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Veteran	
False	94.59%
True	5.41%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Housing Status (group)	
Other	1.80%
Permanent Housing	1.80%
Shelter	1.80%
Street	40.54%
Transitional	6.31%
Unknown	26.13%
Vehicle	21.62%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Evicted in Last Year	
False	79.28%
True	20.72%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Health Status	
Unknown	43.24%
1 - Poor	3.60%
2 - Fair	10.81%
3 - Good	22.52%
4 - Very good	13.51%
5 - Excellent	6.31%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Disability or Impairments	
False	77.48%
True	22.52%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Gender Identity	
Unknown	13.51%
Female	29.73%
Male	56.76%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Lgbtq	
False	95.50%
True	4.50%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Race/Ethnicity (group)	
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.70%
Asian	0.90%
Black or African American	26.13%
Hispanic or Latino	9.01%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1.80%
Other	6.31%
Unknown & Unknown or Declined	23.42%
White	29.73%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



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**Program: Consumer Justice Clinic**  
Agency: East Bay Community Law Center

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

Contract No: 010579

This Report Due: **Jul 30, 2019**

Agency: East Bay Community Law Center      Period of: **4th Qtr 2019**  
Program: Consumer Justice Clinic      Prepared By: Sharon Djemal  
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**1. CLIENT SUMMARY - QTR 4**

	QTR 4	YTD
A. Total New Clients Served by the Program (Berkeley and Non-Berkeley)	250	711
B. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:	25	108
C. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were <b>NOT</b> Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:		0
D. Total New Berkeley Clients Served:	25	108

**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
Asian ?	4	0	1		5	0
Black/African American ?	30	1	9		39	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ?	0	0			0	0
White ?	28	0	7		35	0
Combined Race Categories						
American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	0	0			0	0
Asian & White	0	0			0	0
Black/African American & White	2	0			2	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0	0		1	0	1
Other Combined Race Categories	9	9	6	1	15	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>TOTAL SERVED</b>	83		25		108	

**3. INCOME LEVEL**

Income Level - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
Poverty	17	3	20
Poverty to 30% of AMI (Ex. Low)	53	21	74
31-50% of AMI (Low)	9		9
51-80% of AMI (Moderate)	2	1	3
Above 80% of AMI	2		2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>108</b>

[View AMI Table](#)
**4. AGE**

Age - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
0-5	0		0
6-11	0		0
12-17	0		0
18-24	7		7
25-44	12	13	25
45-54	21	6	27
55-61	16	3	19
62 and Over	27	3	30
Unknown	0		0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>108</b>

**5. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS**

Other Characteristics - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
Female	49	13	62

Male	33	12	45
Other	1		1
Disabled	2	3	5
Homeless	17	11	28
Chronically Homeless	0	0	0
Female Head of Household	8	3	11

**6. SERVICE MEASURES**

Service Measures	Annual Goal		Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		Served YTD		% Served	
	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients	UOS	Total New Clients	UOS	Total Clients
***** Legal / Mediation Services *****														
1 Legal/Mediation Sessions	108	108	37	37	24	24	22	22	25	25	108	108	100%	100%
2	0	0									0	0		
3 Pro Per Assistance	0	0									0	0		

Service Measure Definitions: [Show](#)

**Quarter 1 Narrative (click to view)**

Legal services were provided to 37 clients during the 1st quarter as follows: 10 advice and counsels; 22 limited scope services; 4 information and referrals to other resources; and 1 client was retained for direct representation that is still ongoing. Legal issues addressed included those related to car problems, traffic tickets, contract disputes, consumer debt, inaccurate credit reports, debt collector lawsuit, identify theft, predatory scams, creditor harassment, student loans, and car insurance and repairs. Service provision included an in-depth assessment of the client's situation; consultations related to specific legal issues; advice and counsel; information and referrals to other resources; provision and guidance on self-help materials; writing demand/dispute/cease and desist letters; and phone calls advocating on behalf of the client.

**Quarter 2 Narrative (click to view)**

Legal services were provided to 24 clients during the 2nd quarter as follows: 11 advice and counsels; 12 limited scope services; and one case was opened and closed due to the client's decision to go another route for resolution. The ongoing case reported in the previous quarter was successfully settled without litigation. Legal issues addressed included those related to car problems, traffic tickets, contract disputes, consumer debt, debt collector lawsuit, creditor harassment, post-judgment issues, student loans, and car registration. Service provision included an in-depth assessment of the client's situation; consultations related to specific legal issues; advice and counsel; information and referrals to other resources; provision and guidance on self-help materials; writing demand/dispute/cease and desist letters; assistance with completion of applications, and phone calls advocating on behalf of the client.

**Quarter 3 Narrative (click to view)**

Legal services were provided to 22 clients during the 3rd quarter as follows: 6 advice and counsels; 13 limited scope services; and 3 cases were opened. The 3 cases and 4 limited scope receiving pro per services are still ongoing. Legal issues addressed included those related to car problems, traffic and parking tickets, consumer debt, debt collector lawsuit, creditor harassment, credit report issues, scams, student loans, and car registration. Service provision included an in-depth assessment of the client's situation; consultations related to specific legal issues; advice and counsel; information and referrals to other resources; provision and guidance on self-help materials; writing demand/dispute/cease and desist letters; assistance with completion of applications, and phone calls advocating on behalf of the client.

**Quarter 4 Narrative**

Legal services were provided to 25 new clients during the 4th quarter as follows: 10 advice & counsels; 14 limited scope services; & 1 new case was opened & is ongoing. Legal issues addressed included those related to car problems, traffic & parking tickets, consumer debt, debt collector lawsuits, homeless-related citations, & RV registration. Service provision included an in-depth assessment of the client's situation; consultations related to specific legal issues; advice & counsel; information & referrals to other resources; provision & guidance on self-help materials; writing demand & dispute letters; assistance with completion of applications; & phone calls advocating on behalf of the client. Of the 7 ongoing clients reported in Q3, one pro per & one case are still ongoing. The 3 pro pers received limited scope services including advice & counsel/dispute letters/documents sent & 2 cases received direct legal representation services.

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**7. OUTCOMES**

Outcomes	Annual Goal	Q1 Achieved Outcome	Q2 Achieved Outcome	Q3 Achieved Outcome	Q4 Achieved Outcome	Achieved Outcome YTD	% Achieved Outcome of Annual Goal	% Achieved Outcome of Total Served
1 Clients rights protected, restored or acquired	86	32	24	15	28	99	115%	92%
3 Participants achieved enhanced skills or knowledge	0					0		0%

**Quarter 1 Narrative (click to view)**

32 clients received services to ensure their rights were protected, restored, or acquired that included in-depth assessments and consultations; advice and counsel; provision of self-help materials; assistance writing demand/dispute/cease and desist letters; and phone calls advocating on the client's behalf. All services were successfully closed during this quarter.

**Quarter 2 Narrative (click to view)**

24 clients received services to ensure their rights were protected, restored, or acquired that included in-dept assessments and consultation; advice and counsel; provision of self-help materials; assistance writing demand/dispute/cease and desist letters; assistance with completing applications for fine assistance for traffic matters and other applications related to consumer legal issues. All services were successfully closed during this quarter.

**Quarter 3 Narrative (click to view)**

15 of the 22 clients who received services in Q3 resolved their matter and ensured their rights were protected, restored, or acquired that included in-depth assessments and consultation; advice and counsel; provision of self-help materials; assistance writing demand/dispute/cease and desist letters; assistance with completing applications for fine assistance for traffic matters and other applications related to consumer-related legal issues.

Please note that in Q2, one client should be added the the Achieved Outcome column as their case was settled without negotiation. The total amount should be 25 for Q2.

**Quarter 4 Narrative**

24 of the 25 new clients who received services in Q4 and 4 of the 7 ongoing clients resolved their matter and ensured their rights were protected, restored, or acquired through in-depth assessments and consultations; advice and counsel; provision of self-help materials; assistance writing demand/dispute/cease and desist letters; assistance with completing applications for fine assistance for traffic matters and other applications related to consumer-related legal issues.

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Date: 07/30/2019

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Date: 11/01/2019

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**CITY OF BERKELEY  
 COMMUNITY AGENCY STATEMENT OF EXPENSE  
 04/01/2019 TO 06/30/2019**

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Agency Name: East Bay Community Law Center Contract #: 010579  
 Program Name: Consumer Justice Clinic PO #: 115108

Funding Source : General Fund

Expenditure Category	Staff Name	Approved Budget	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Apr-Jun 2019	Total Expenditure	Budget Balance
Staff Attorney 6	Miguel Soto	\$7,400.00	\$1,849.50	\$1,849.50	\$1,849.50	\$2,416.00	\$7,964.50	-\$564.50
Staff Attorney 5	Kara Alba	\$6,800.00	\$1,699.50	\$1,699.50	\$1,699.50	\$1,133.00	\$6,231.50	\$568.50
CJC Program Coordinator	Jasmin Avina	\$6,100.00	\$1,525.50	\$1,525.50	\$1,525.50	\$1,525.50	\$6,102.00	\$-2.00
Contracts Officer	Shauna Fujimoto	\$840.00	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$210.00	\$840.00	\$0.00
Taxes/Benefits		\$5,708.00	\$1,426.50	\$1,426.50	\$1,426.50	\$1,430.50	\$5,710.00	\$-2.00
Rent		\$2,844.00	\$711.00	\$711.00	\$711.00	\$711.00	\$2,844.00	\$0.00
Indirect Costs		\$2,972.00	\$744.00	\$744.00	\$744.00	\$740.00	\$2,972.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$32,664.00</b>	<b>\$8,166.00</b>	<b>\$8,166.00</b>	<b>\$8,166.00</b>	<b>\$8,166.00</b>	<b>\$32,664.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Advances Received   
 Underspent/(Overspent)

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

Staff Attorney 5, Kara Alba, went on maternity leave in May.

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- 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.
- Personnel Expenditures reported in this statement are for staff identified in the executed contract budget and whose resume is on file with the City of Berkeley. If you are requesting funding for new staff that do not have a resume on file, please attach resume to this report.

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Dear Beth Thomas,

The HWACA Commission is enthusiastic about your up-coming project to enhance and improve various stretches of sidewalk/streets in Berkeley with new lighting, pedestrian support and accessibility. Our Commission is concerned with issues affecting Senior citizens, people with disabilities, and all those whose needs are marginalized due to race, economic challenges, and other causes.

A recent study by Berkeleyside on bicycle and pedestrian-related accidents suggested that speed, visibility, and failure to observe signage caused the majority of accidents ending on injury, and death.

Anecdotal information tells us that many people cannot afford bicycle lights or have had them stolen.

Black or other dark colors seem to be the color of choice for many, putting people at risk and challenging drivers' reflexes.

We offer the following suggestions to address these problems with the hope you may be able to include some of them now and more in the future.

Also, we propose a Citizen Education Program to be presented in the schools, Senior Centers, and in places of worship.

Reducing dangers:

- Special speed signs for bicyclists
- Increase in "traffic calming" devices
- Increase in four-way stop signs
- More crossings with blinking lights
- More traffic lights with left-turn signals
- More cameras at busy intersections
- Designated pick-up and drop-off zones for more apartment and business buildings, and bus stops
- Painting of all curb-cuts and traffic
- Island curbs - some now have new dangers in the height of the curbs and narrowness of the passageway

More ideas to enhance our City and its walkability:

- Pocket Parks, green spaces, and Opening corner visibility
- Charging stations for wheelchair users and phone charging.
- Wider sidewalks to allow for freer movement for those walking, those using walkers, canes, and wheelchairs
- Free "light sticks" that are also walking sticks for added balance
- Free light-reflecting vests

Safety regulation:

- Elimination of bicycles from crowded cross-town streets such as Ashby, Dwight Way, and Cedar Sts.
- Laws against young children riding tiny and small two-wheelers riding in the street
- Require all children's bicycles, wheelchairs, and adult bikes with buggies attached, children on board etc. to have reflective flags attached, which the City can provide
- Address scooter and skateboard hazards - please!

We understand you may have a similar list, in which case we offer our support and gratitude. We will be happy to work with you and other interested Commissions to pursue the above goals. Thank you for your time and attention,

Respectfully,

Denah S Bookstein, Vice-Chair,  
for the HWACA Commission

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