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Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:30 PM

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Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting of the Housing Advisory Commission will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, there will not be a physical meeting location available.

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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 4/27/2022 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) All
- 5. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment B) Staff
 - a. Family Violence Law Center program and financial reports

Other Discussion Items

- 6. <u>Discuss potential infrastructure and affordable housing bonds/taxes discussed by Council (Attachment C)</u>
- 7. <u>Discussion and possible action regarding a site visit to the Pathways facility Commissioner Behm-Steinberg</u>

- 8. <u>Subcommittee for prevention and ending of homelessness in Berkeley update</u> and possible action on communication to Council Commissioners Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele
- 9. Subcommittee on Alta Bates update Commissioners Bookstein, Omodele
- 10. <u>Discussion and possible action on communication to Council regarding Easy</u>
 Does It lapse in services Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
- Discussion and possible action regarding senior housing and programs Commissioner Bookstein
- 12. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
- 13. Announcements
- 14. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 4/27/2022 Meeting
- B. Program and financial reports from FVLC
- C. "Berkeley eyeing a big ballot measure in 2022 for streets, affordable housing", Berkeleyside

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DRAFT MINUTES

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call

Present: Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Omodele, Sood, Sim, Lippman

Absent: None.

Quorum: 4 (Attended: 6)

Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz.

Public Present: None.

- 2. Agenda Approval
 - a. Approved with no edits.
- 3. Public Comment
 - a. None

<u>Update/Action Items</u>

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Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

Approve minutes from the 3/23/2022 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to approve the minutes with edits.
 Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

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5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – All

Action: M/S/C (Bookstein/Lippman) to elect Commissioner Sood as chair. **Vote:** Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None: Abstain – None: Absent – None.

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to elect Commissioner Bookstein as vice chair. **Vote:** Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – None.

6. <u>Update and approve the 2018-2023 HWCAC Work Plan for submission to City Council (Attachment B) – All</u>

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to approve the 2018-2023 HWCAC Work Plan for submission to City Council with edits.

Vote: Ayes – Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – Behm-Steinberg; Absent – None.

- 7. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment C) Staff
 - a. Through The Looking Glass program and financial reports Commissioners review and discuss TTLG reports.

Other Discussion Items

- 8. <u>Discussion and possible action on communication to Council regarding Easy Does It lapse in services Commissioner Behm-Steinberg</u>
 Commissioners will review this recommendation at the following meeting.
- Discuss potential infrastructure and affordable housing bonds/taxes discussed by Council (Attachment D)
 Commissioner Behm-Steinberg believes this bond is a mistake. There is no
 - Commissioner Behm-Steinberg believes this bond is a mistake. There is no speaker as requested by Commissioner Behm-Steinberg.
- Discussion and possible action regarding a site visit to the Pathways facility <u>Commissioner Behm-Steinberg</u>

Commissioner Behm-Steinberg discusses ADA issues at Pathways. She will write a recommendation from the HWCAC on this topic and bring it to the following meeting.

11. <u>Subcommittee for prevention and ending of homelessness in Berkeley update</u> and possible action on communication to Council – Commissioners Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele

Commissioner Omodele discusses not seeing progress at addressing homelessness in Berkeley.

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Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to extend the meeting by ten minutes. **Vote:** Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain –None; Absent – None.

12. <u>Subcommittee on Alta Bates update – Commissioners Bookstein, Omodele</u>
Commissioner Omodele notes that COB is not being forthright with information on this topic. She discusses the need for pressure, a campaign or protest on this topic.

13. Review latest City Council meeting agenda

Commissioner Lippman reviews a Council discussion about reimagining public safety and says that this has bearing on human welfare and needs. The mayor is proposing actions to fund violence prevention, mental health services, and other public welfare services. Commissioner Bookstein says that Councilmember Taplin is asking for support for funds to be allocated to renovate a park in southwest Berkeley. Commissioner Bookstein announces a Holocaust remembrance day program in Berkeley for 2022.

14. Announcements

15. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Bookstein has an item regarding senior housing and programs.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to adjourn at 8:40PM.

Vote: Ayes - Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Lippman, Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes

- None; Abstain - None; Absent - None.

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City of Berkeley Community Agency CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS REPORT Contract No: 31900241

Agency:Family Violence Law CenterPeriod of:2nd Qtr 2022Program:Domestic Violence & Homeless Prevention (DVHP)Report Prepared By:Erin ScottPhone:(510) 208-0220 ext. 360E-mail:escott@fvlc.org

1. CLIENT SUMMARY - QTR 2	QTR 2	YTD
A. Total New Clients Served by the Program (Berkeley and Non-Berkeley)	649	1,650
B. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:	62	143
C. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were NOT Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:	5	5
D. Total New Berkeley Clients Served:	67	148

2. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

RACE - Unduplicated Count	Previous	s Periods	Repor	t Period	Year-To-Date	
	Non-	Hispanic	Non-	Hispanic	Non-	Hispanic
Single Race Categories	Hispanic	Ethnicity	Hispanic	Ethnicity?	Hispanic	Ethnicity
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	5	0	11	0	16	0
Black/African American	36	0	23	1	59	1
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	25	13	13	9	38	22
Combined Race Categories						
American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	0	0	1	0	1	0
Asian & White	1	0	0	0	1	0
Black/African American & White	1	0	2	1	3	1
American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Combined Race Categories	0	0	1	0	1	0
TOTALS	68	13	51	11	119	24
TOTAL SERVED	8	31	(62	14	43

3. INCOME LEVEL

Income Level - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
Poverty	31	18	49
Poverty to 30% of AMI (Ex. Low)	0	1	1
31-50% of AMI (Low)	50	42	92
51-80% of AMI (Moderate)	0	1	1
Above 80% of AMI	0	0	0
TOTALS	81	62	143

4. AGE

Age - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
0-5	0	0	0
6-11	0	0	0
12-17	1	0	1
18-24	17	9	26
25-44	37	33	70
45-54	10	13	23
55-61	7	3	10
62 and Over	9	4	13
Unknown	0	0	0
TOTALS	81	62	143

5. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Other Characteristics - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
Female	72	55	127
Male	9	7	16
Other		0	
Disabled	14	11	25
Homeless	5	7	12
Chronically Homeless	0	3	3

6. SERVICE MEASURES

		Annu	al Goal		Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	Serve	ed YTD	% S	erved
1 -	Service Measures	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients		# of Existing Clients		# of Existing Clients	 			Total New Clients	UOS	Total Clients
**	**** Legal/Advoca	су/Ме	ediatior	ı Ser	vices *	****									
	Legal/Mediation Sessions	50	20	197	30	239	30	28				436	58	872%	290%
1 1	Education / Training Sessions	350	125	125	74	138	74	67				263	141	75%	113%

Quarter 1 Narrative

Amy has been in a violent relationship for years, experiencing severe physical, verbal and emotional abuse from her husband. She comes from a different cultural background than her husband, which caused a rift with her family when she began dating him. Her family completely cut off communications with her and refused to allow her back unless she ended the relationship and gave her baby. She wants her marriage to work and wants her child to grow up in a home with both parents. She wants her home to feel safe and does not want to be the first in her family to get divorced. These factors have kept her in her marriage and prevented her from leaving her situation. After several conversations with her about her options, crisis counseling, case management and safety planning, she decided to put her safety first after an incident of DV and called the police. We have begun to work on prioritizing her health, her daughter and her goals first and trying to complete her education.

Quarter 2 Narrative

Karla contacted us for assistance because she is being harassed by her ex who she broke up with mid fall. Since the breakup her ex has incessantly harassed her and her new partner by phone calls, text and emails. She even blocked him from calling her, but he would just call from a private number to get her to answer his call or email her instead. He dropped in at her partner's home while she was there and told her that he had people keeping an eye on her. We assisted her in getting a restraining order and our advocate coordinated with staff at her school to assist her in safety planning moving forward to ensure that she could move forward from being stalked and finish her education.

7. OUTCOMES

0	utcomes	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 disputes or legal problems resolved	10	21	12			33	330%	22%
1	Clients remained stably housed	10	26	12			38	380%	26%
1	Clients rights protected, restored or acquired	10	27	14			41	410%	28%
2	Participants achieved enhanced skills or knowledge	65	81	62		·	143	220%	97%

Quarter 1 Narrative

In this quarter, FVLC served clients like Laura, who contacted us seeking protection from her adult son, Jason, who had been arrested after attacking and threatening to kill her, the culmination of at least a year of escalating abuse. A Crisis Intervention Specialist helped safety plan with Laura, evaluated Laura's housing and legal needs, and completed a legal intake. An FVLC attorney met with Laura over zoom and helped her prepare the forms to request a restraining order; FVLC also filed the paperwork so Laura would not have to. The attorney accomplished personal service of the Temporary Restraining Order at Santa Rita Jail through the Sheriff's Department and facilitated Jason's virtual appearance in court from Santa Rita Jail. The attorney also represented Laura in court, HWCAC, 5/18/22, pg. 9 of 14

obtaining a 5 year Restraining Order After Hearing. Laura was tearful but grateful for FVLC's help in navigating TTACHMENT B this difficult situation.

Quarter 2 Narrative

In this quarter, FVLC served Alexis, a blind client who contacted us seeking protection from her ex-boyfriend who was physically abusive throughout their relationship. When Alexis called FVLC for help, a Crisis Intervention Specialist helped Annie safety plan, evaluated Alexis's legal needs, and completed a legal intake over the phone. An FVLC attorney met with Alexis remotely and helped her prepare the forms to request a restraining order, and we met with Alexis at our office to have her sign the paperwork to accommodate her disability. FVLC met with the client to obtain a signature authorizing the Alameda Sheriff's Department to serve her ex, and we also submitted a Request for Accommodation with the court to notify them of Alexis's needs during her hearing. FVLC also worked with the Family Justice Center to ensure Alexis would be able to successfully access her court hearing via an onsite computer, providing the help Alexis needed and helping her overcome barriers to safety.

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	This Period	0	0	2	2	9	0	0	13
services I have received from	Prior Periods	0	1	3	0	9	1	0	14
this program.	Total	0	1	5	2	18		0	27
	% of Total	0%	4%	19%	7%	67%	4%	0%	100%
2. This program's staff treated	This Period	0	0	1	0	12	0	0	13
me with respect.	Prior Periods	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	14
	Total	0	0	1	0	26	0	0	27
	% of Total	0%	0%	4%	0%	96%	0%	0%	100%
3. This program helped me	This Period	0	0	2	2	9	0	0	13
make progress towards my goals.	Prior Periods	0	0	1	2	10	1	0	14
	Total	0	0	3	4	19	1	0	27
	% of Total	0%	0%	11%	15%	70%	4%	0%	100%
4. This program met my	This Period	0	0	1	4	. 7	1	0	13
needs.	Prior Periods	0	0	2	1	8	3	0	14
	Total	0	0	3	5	15	4	0	27
	% of Total	0%	0%	11%	19%	56%	15%	0%	100%
			Additional (Questions:					
5. As a direct result of	This Period	0	0	1	1	10	1	0	13
participating in the program	Prior Periods	0	0	1	0	11	2	0	14
my legal rights have been	Total	0	0	2	1	21	3	0	27
protected.	% of Total	0%	0%	7%	4%	78%	11%	0%	100%
6. As a direct result of	This Period	1	0	1	2	8	1	0	13
participating in the program,	Prior Periods	0	0	2	0	8	4	0	14
☐ I certify that the City of Berkeley has approved this	Total	1	0	3	2	16	5	0	27
	% of Total	4%	0%	11%	7%	59%	19%	0%	100%
7. Additional comments from consumers completing the survey									

Date Signed	01/28/2022
Approved By Date Signed	Mary-Claire Katz 02/07/2022

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CITY OF BERKELEY COMMUNITY AGENCY STATEMENT OF EXPENSE 10/01/2021 TO 12/31/2021

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

Agency Name: Family Violence Law Center Contract #: 31900241

Program Name: Domestic Violence & Homeless Prevention (DVHP) PO #: 22001091

Funding Course Consers Fun

Funding Source: General Fund

Expenditure Category	Staff Name	Approved Budget	Jul-Sep 2021	Oct-Dec 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Apr-Jun 2022	Total Expenditure	Budget Balance
Executive Director	Erin Scott	\$3,065.00	\$1,836.63	\$1,228.37			\$3,065.00	\$0.00
Crisis Intervention Specialisr	Tenisha Keys	\$41,760.00	\$11,472.91	\$10,239.69			\$21,712.60	\$20,047.40
Finance Director	Juliet Crosby	\$2,459.00	\$775.57	\$596.35			\$1,371.92	\$1,087.08
Taxes/Benefits		\$9,305.00	\$4,047.20	\$3,218.03			\$7,265.23	\$2,039.77
Books, Subscriptions and Reference		\$722.00	\$361.00	\$180.50			\$541.50	\$180.50
Indirect Costs		\$4,531.00	\$1,852.33	\$1,546.29			\$3,398.62	\$1,132.38
TOTAL		\$61,842.00	\$20,345.64	\$17,009.23			\$37,354.87	\$24,487.13

Advances Received \$30,921.00 Underspent/(Overspent) (-\$6,433.87)

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

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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.

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HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

Berkeley eyeing a big ballot measure in 2022 for streets, affordable housing

Mayor Jesse Arreguín and others are making the case for a new measure raising hundreds of millions of dollars for infrastructure and housing.

By Nico Savidge, Jan. 9, 2022, 8 a.m.



Crews work to improve University Avenue at the Berkeley Marina. The project was funded by Measure T1, an infrastructure bond voters approved in 2016. Credit: Kelly Sullivan

Berkeley leaders are poised to spend much of 2022 making the case for a ballot measure that could raise hundreds of millions of dollars to repair the city's aging infrastructure and address its shortage of affordable housing.

Most voters want Berkeley to fix crumbling streets and provide more housing for low-income and homeless residents, early city polling on the issue found — but there are signs the appetite for another new measure to fund those needs may be waning.

Just about all of the details of the potential measure will be worked out over the coming months. Among the most important questions: How much money will the city ask voters for? Will it propose a combined measure raising money for both housing and infrastructure, or could the issues be split into separate questions on the ballot? And will the new revenue be raised through a bond or another method, such as a parcel or sales tax?

Broadly, though, city officials have started making the case that Berkeley needs a measure orders of magnitude larger than those residents have approved in recent years.

"This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in our people and invest in our infrastructure," Mayor Jesse Arreguín said in an interview. "Just doing \$150 million or \$250 million is probably not enough to have the scale of impact we need."

"I think we have to think big, because the need is big," Arreguín added.



Construction at the new affordable housing development at 2012 Berkeley Way. Credit: Supriya Yelimeli

Between streets, sidewalks, civic buildings, stormwater systems and other pieces of local infrastructure,
Berkeley has identified \$1 billion worth of maintenance needs city-wide. A 2020 estimate projected the cost just of repairing Berkeley's roads — which rank among the worst in the Bay Area, according to the Metropolitan

Transportation Commission — will surpass \$300 million by next year.

Then there's the challenge of affordable housing. As the housing crisis has pushed less-wealthy residents out of Berkeley and onto its streets, the city has fallen far short of its goals for affordable housing construction in recent years — in part because organizations often struggle to patch together funding for projects. Arreguín said he also sees promise in the strategy of buying existing buildings to preserve their units as affordable housing and prevent displacement, but noted the options for financing those deals are limited.

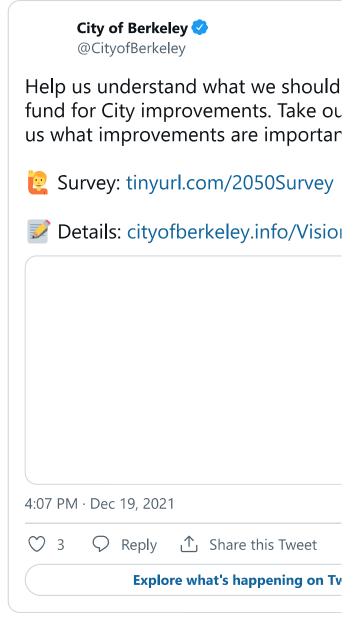


A file photo shows flooding at the Ashby Avenue on-ramp to Interstate 80. The low-lying roadway often floods during heavy rains. Photo: Jennifer Lazo

The city is soliciting responses through Wednesday to an online survey about local infrastructure, and plans to send a questionnaire to residents about a potential revenue measure this month. The City Council is set to discuss its priorities for a measure at a Jan. 20 meeting.

From there, city staff will develop a draft plan for the measure in February, which will be updated through the spring with more public outreach. The City Council is expected to vote in June on whether to place the measure on the ballot.

Berkeley voters have supported several measures to address the two issues in recent years, approving two infrastructure bonds, an affordable housing bond and a tax for homeless services since 2012.



To Isabelle Gaston, a former City Council candidate who opposed prior bond measures, asking for another big round of funding is "redundant" and "excessive."

"Berkeley really needs to live within its means," Gaston said.

Backers of a new revenue measure — who point to street repairs, upgraded park facilities and new affordable housing as successes made possible by those prior taxes and bonds — contend the continuing need shows those measures weren't ambitious enough. Arreguín called the \$30 million raised for local infrastructure through

2012's Measure M "a drop in the bucket," while Berkeley Public Works Director Liam Garland said the city's aging infrastructure "demands a bigger investment" than the \$100 million raised with 2016's Measure T1.

"What T1 has not been able to do is address the size and scale of the need," Garland said. "T1 has been great, and we need more."

Whether enough Berkeley voters agree could be another story, however.



Improvements to University Avenue at the Berkeley Marina were funded by 2016's Measure T1. City officials contend the infrastructure bond has been a success, but wasn't big enough to address the scale of Berkeley's needs. Credit: Kelly Sullivan

City-funded polling that was conducted in October and made public in a memo last month found a majority of

likely voters said they would be in favor of a hypothetical measure to fund both housing and infrastructure needs. But that support fell short of the two-thirds majority such a measure would likely need to pass. The share of respondents saying they would vote yes consistently hovered between 57% and 60%, with opposition ranging from 27% to 32%, when voters were asked about new taxes and bonds of varying sizes. The poll's sample size was 500 likely voters, and it had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

"There is going to be work to do to garner enough support to pass," Garland acknowledged.

Still, more than three-quarters of respondents said they considered "increasing affordable housing for low-income and homeless residents" to be a "very" or "extremely important" priority for the city, and 73% said the same about repairing streets.

While Arreguín said he understands voters' hesitation about raising taxes amid the pandemic, he contends Berkeley must push for the funding to shore up infrastructure and provide more affordable housing. And after getting voters to approve measure after measure in a "piecemeal" approach over the past decade, he said, part of the city's promise must be that "we're not going to come back for another bond for a while."

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