



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM
Present: Meany (until 9:30), Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, and Bookstein.
Absent: Wachspress, Feller, Jones.
Staff: Jacobs, Radu.
Council: None.
Public: 1.

2. Comments from the Public: 0.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from March 8 and April 26, 2023.

Action: M/S/C Meany/Kealoha-Blake move to approve the March 8 minutes as written.

Vote: Ayes: Meany, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, and Bookstein.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* Hynes. *Absent:* Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Marasovic move to approve the April 26 minutes as written.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Hynes, and Bookstein.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* Meany. *Absent:* Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

4. Agenda Approval.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Marasovic move to approve the agenda as written.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Hynes, Meany, and Bookstein.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Feller, Jones, Wachspress.

5. Land acknowledgement.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Acting chair report. Discussion.

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Discussion; no action taken.

7. Review programs, current and proposed, funded under Measure P and establish priorities for funding. Discussion and possible action.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the nexus programs using Measure P funding with the caveat that commissioners may ask staff for more specific information related to any of the nexus projects.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes.
Noes: Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany. *Abstain: None. Absent:* Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Motion failed.

Immediate Street Conditions and Hygiene

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the Coordinated Entry System (BACs HRC) with \$829,498 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain: None. Absent:* Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the Dorothy Day House Drop-In with \$182,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain: None. Absent:* Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund LifeLong Medical Care – Street Medicine with \$525,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain: None. Absent:* Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the BDIC Locker Program with \$50,000 of Measure P funding provided that the lockers are being fully utilized and are easily accessible.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. *Abstain: None. Absent:* Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund DBA – Homeless Outreach Worker with \$40,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.

Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the Downtown Streets Team with \$325,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the Homeless Response Team with \$920,085 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Hynes recommend that City Council continue to fund the portable toilets with \$96,000 of Measure P funding and we look forward to the Budget and Finance committee reviewing additional possible expenditures.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Permanent Housing

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the No Place Like Home – Scattered Unit Supportive Services with \$105,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Hynes recommend that City Council continue to fund the Hope Center – Mental Health Services with \$95,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Bookstein recommend that City Council continue to fund the Permanent Housing Subsidies / Shallow Subsidies with \$1,600,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Emergency Shelter

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Hynes recommend that City Council continue to fund the Dorothy Day House Shelter with \$566,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Marasovic recommend that City Council continue to fund the Pathways STAIR Center with \$2,499,525 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the YSA Tiny Homes with \$78,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Meany recommend that City Council continue to fund the Shelter at 1720 San Pablo Ave. with \$1,858,796 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Hynes recommend that City Council continue to fund the Inclement Weather Shelter with \$412,185 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Kealoha-Blake recommend that City Council fund the Old City Hall Sprinkler System with \$400,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Marasovic recommend that City Council fund the Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter (Winter Shelter) with \$350,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommend to City Council that the staff recommendation of \$220,000 allocated towards Reimagining Public Safety: Funding to Organizations for Respite from Gender/Domestic Based Violence be

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supplemented by an additional \$380,000 for a transitional house for persons fleeing domestic/gender based violence for both singles and families.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein, Meany.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Jones, Feller, Wachspress.


Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Bookstein recommend that City Council fund the 701 Harrison Transition – Site Security with \$88,000 of Measure P funding.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Hynes, Marasovic, Bookstein.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Meany, Jones, Feller, Wachspress.

8. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 5/10/23

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary:  _____