



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

May 31, 2023

1. **Roll Call:** 7:00 PM
Present: Meany, Hynes, Kealoha-Blake, Feller, Jones, and Marasovic.
Absent: Bookstein, Wachspress (Leave of absence).
Staff: Jacobs.
Council: None.
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2. Comments from the Public: 0.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2023.

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany move to approve the May 10 minutes as amended.

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

4. Agenda Approval.

No action taken.

5. Land acknowledgement. Discussion and possible action.

Discussion; no action taken.

6. Acting chair report. Discussion.

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 Marasovic/Feller recommend that the \$2.7 million in programs that were reverted to Nexus Funding be reverted back to general fund so that sufficient monies are available in the reserve which can be used for new programs as needed to be funded by Measure P in this coming budget year.

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Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic.
Noes: Meany, Hynes, Jones. *Abstain:* Feller. *Absent:* Bookstein, Wachspress
(Leave of absence).

Motion failed.

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Feller recommend to City Council the staff recommendation to fund the Nexus Funding programs for \$2.7 million.

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

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Marasovic recommend that in future funding cycles for nonprofits that council give due consideration for cost of living increases.

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

Action: M/S/C Feller/Marasovic recommend that City Council use \$50,000 of Measure P funding to be used towards developing a countywide directory of services website that includes homeless services, substance abuse services, and mental health services.

Vote: Ayes: Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Jones, and Feller.
Noes: Meany. *Abstain:* Hynes. *Absent:* Bookstein, Wachspress (Leave of absence).

Action: M/S/C Marasovic/Meany recommends to City Council to refer to staff to develop and implement a plan for a Berkeley based crisis stabilization center.

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

Action: M/S/C Hynes/Marasovic move to approve the “Recommendations for Use of Measure P Monies for FY 2024” report as written with the motions made on May 31, 2023.

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


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8. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 6.7.23

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: 

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