



Housing Advisory Commission

**HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, November 2, 2023**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

<b>Regular Meeting</b> <b>Thursday, November 2, 2023</b> <b>7:12 pm</b>	<b>South Berkeley Senior Center</b> 2939 Ellis Street Mike Uberti, Secretary HAC@berkeleyca.gov
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**1. Roll Call**

Present: Sarah Bell (arrived 7:23), Truman Braslaw, Nico Calavita, Xavier Johnson, Mari Mendonca, Keyanna Ortiz-Cedeño, Debbie Potter, and Leah Simon-Weisberg.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mike Uberti and Jenny Wyant.

Commissioners in attendance: 8 of 8.

Members of the public: 3.

Public Speakers: 1.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

**3. Agenda Approval**

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Mendonca) to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Bell (unexcused).

**4. Public Comment**

There was one speaker during public comment.

**5. Approval of October 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Action: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Ortiz-Cedeno) to approve the October 5, 2023 minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Braslaw, Johnson, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: none. Abstain: Calavita and Mendonca. Absent: Bell (unexcused).

**6. Receive Presentation from City of Berkeley Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded subrecipient: Center for Independent Living Residential Access Program**

Public Comment: 1

**7. Discussion and Possible Action to Property Transfer and Funding for the MLK House Request for Proposals (RFP)**

Public Comment: 3

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Calavita) to recommend City Council:

1. Approve the transfer of MLK House from Resources for Community Development to Insight Housing, including obligations under the existing loan and regulatory agreements;
2. Reserve an additional \$822,014 from the Housing Trust Fund program to accompany the property's 2021 HTF reservation of \$1,178,974 for a total of \$2,000,988 to support Insight Housing's renovation of the property; and
3. Waive Sections I.A.1 and IV.C.1 of the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Guidelines.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.

**8. Discussion and Possible Action on Fair Access and Transparency for Rental Housing Applications Ordinance**

Public Comment: 1

Action: M/S/C (Mendonca/Johnson) to recommend Council refer the Housing Advisory Commission's draft Fair Access and Transparency for Rental Housing Applications ordinance to the City Council and Rent Stabilization Board's 4x4 Joint Task Force Committee on Housing for further review and action.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2024 Housing Advisory Commission Meeting Calendar**

Action: M/S/C (Braslaw/Ortiz-Cedeño) to adopt the 2024 Housing Advisory Commission meeting calendar.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.

**10. Discussion and Possible Action to Form a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Funding Community Agencies Subcommittee**

Public Comment: 1

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Simon-Weisberg) to appoint Commissioners Braslaw, Mendonca, Potter to a subcommittee and Simon-Weisberg as an alternate to review and advise the Housing Advisory Commission on Community Agency RFP applications until April 1, 2024.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.

**11. Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)**


**12. Announcements/Information Items**

**13. Future Items**

**14. Adjourn**

Action: M/S/C (Johnson/Bell) to adjourn meeting at 10:00 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Bell, Braslaw, Calavita, Johnson, Mendonca, Ortiz-Cedeño, Potter, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.

Approved: , Mike Uberti, Secretary