



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS**

**Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, June 7, 2023  
5:00 PM  
1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza  
Hearing Room 1

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Candice Elder, Alexis Lozano, Joey Harrison, Vice- Chair Janny Castillo and Chair Mark Walker (5)

VACANCIES: 4

STAFF PRESENT: Shaina Nursey-Ford and Chantal Reynolds

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order and convened at 5:10 p.m.

**2. Public Comment**

Five public speakers.

**3. Approval of Draft Minutes for the meeting of May 17, 2023**

A motion was made by Chair Walker and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to receive the informational update. Upon call of the vote the motion passed by **Ayes: Elder, Lozano, Harrison, Vice- Chair Castillo & Chair Walker**

**4. COH Budget Recommendations Survey Results and Approval**

Staff presented the Budget Recommendation Survey results. The commission then reviewed the top ranked recommendations to be forwarded to City Council as recommendations.

During the commission discussion, Commissioner Elder requested the commission look at the demographics of the 299 persons whose surveys were not counted to determine where the breakdown was so that the commission can address those issues in the future and improve the process.

Commissioner Lozano would like for the commission to look at the qualitative data i.e., survey respondent comments to look at how the commission can refine work and would like commission to continue to do this to get information from the public.

Chair Walker said he'd like the Budget recommendations to be use as a template by the Mayor and City Council where they'd use the recommendations as a reference throughout the year.

Vice Chair Castillo noted this will be one tool and that the commission should incorporate surveys on a schedule and incorporate suggestions from commissioners. She noted that surveys are one way to capture information and said they should use others ways as well.



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Commissioner Elder was reluctant to vote on something when there are looming questions that needed to be answered. Vice Chair Castillo said that they wanted to submit the letter to City Council by Friday, no later than Monday, but that if the commission was not comfortable moving forward with the recommendations, then the process would stop.

Chair Walker recommended that the commission move forward with recommendations and add whatever other recommendations commissioners would like to get the recommendations to council for review and to make reference to the recommendations. This way they'd hear the voice of the commission and the public. He noted that the commission could revisit the questions brought up in the meeting. Commissioner Elder agreed.

Vice Chair Castillo requested City Staff help draft a motion to add an additional recommendation.

Commissioner Lozano asked if there will be a format for how recommendations will be presented. She asked if they were just presenting the recommendations as is or will there be a supplemental memo about how data was collected and a value statement from commission on the need for continued funding over all and how this should be a priority for council.

Vice Chair Castillo said that they are taking notes to include during the drafting of the letter that will come from the commissioners.

Vice Chair Castillo requested staff help draft the language for the vote and Commission will draft letter to City Council and move forward by Friday.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Commissioner Harrison to adopt the nine proposed budget recommendations with an amendment to add survey recommendation number 23 which reads "Fund and utilize public and city-owned land and hotels for the development of deeply affordable units (temporary and permanent) for adult, family, transitional age youth (TAY), veterans, formerly incarcerated, disabled and seniors. prioritize development in transit corridors and seek out partnerships with government agencies, faith, health, and community-based organizations "; providing for a total of 10 funding recommendations.

The vote passed: (Ayes 5, Oppose 0, Abstentions 0)

Ayes: Elder, Lozano, Harrison, Vice- Chair Castillo & Chair Walker

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**4. Open Forum**

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**5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

A motion made by Chair Walker and seconded by Commissioner Elder to adjourn the meeting. Upon call of the vote the motion passed by **Ayes: Elder, Lozano, Harrison, Vice- Chair Castillo & Chair Walker –5**

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