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## **City & County of San Francisco Homelessness Oversight Commission (HOC) Meeting**



### **Meeting Minutes**

Homelessness Oversight Commission (HOC) Special Meeting

Meeting Date: Friday, February 16, 2024

2:00pm

1 Dr. Carlton B. Good Place  
Room 416, City Hall

Members of the Homelessness Oversight Commission will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every action or discussion item. In addition to in-person public comment, the Commission will hear up to 10 minutes of remote public comment on each action or discussion item.

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**Deputy City Attorney**

Adam Radtke

**Order Of Business:**

1. **Call to Order**

**Vice Chair Dufty**-called the meeting to order at 2:45pm and read the Ramatush Oholone Land Acknowledgement.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Vice Chair Bevan Dufty  
Katie Albright  
Dena Aslanian Williams  
Christin Evans  
Joaquin Whit Guerrero  
Sharky Laguana

Absent: Chair Jonathan Butler Excused

Present: Executive Director Shireen McSpadden

Present: Deputy City Attorney Adam Radtke

3. **Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices**

**Commission Secretary** made the prohibition of sound producing devices announcement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**ITEMS 4 THRU 6 ARE ACTION ITEMS THAT REQUIRES COMMISSION APPROVAL**

**4) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED HSH BUDGET FOR FY 24-25 AND FY 25-26.**

**5) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS TO THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPRESSING THE COMMISSION'S POSITION REGARDING FUNDING CUTS REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSED HSH BUDGET FOR FY 24-25 AND FY 25-26.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Sherilyn Adams**- expressed support and appreciation to the department or putting forward a budget that does not include direct cuts. Sherilyn asked the Commission to be bold in their efforts to encourage no cuts or reductions in services, and to continue to support young people who are experiencing homelessness.

**Charles Deffarges** – asked the Commission to be advocates by pushing against cuts, and thanked the Commission and staff, and is looking forward to future conversations.

**RJ Sloan** – stated that they had two mental health breakdowns and was homeless on the streets of San Francisco. RJ said that being locked up in Physic wards or jail didn't help. Housing is health care.

**Lauren Hall** – stated that budget cuts will force DISH to be selective and restrictive with who receives services. Lauren encouraged the Commission to support opposing the budget cuts.

**Race Anderson** – knows first hand how critical cutting the budget for HSH will be and encourages more funding rather than cutting funding.

**Cody Kenne on behalf of Susan Lefever** – stated that supportive housing has offered them security and peace of mind. Additionally, supportive housing offers food programs and other programs that are vital to success.

**Javier Bremond** – thanked the work that has been done and for creating an equitable budget with attention to detail. Javier does not approve of program cuts and said additional funding for homeless programs is needed.

**Lukas Illa** – wants to amplify and that understanding the lived experience is above all the most important and hopes that the Commission takes this to heart when looking into its budget.

**Yessica Hernandez** – urged the Commission to not approve of budget cuts and to add more funding if they can.

**Tyler Kyser** – stated that homelessness is a racial justice issue. The majority of homeless in San Francisco are minorities and that is unacceptable. Ty stated stop hoarding the Prop C funds and put the money to that which it

was intended.

**Alisha Zhao** – shrinking the HSH programing budget dedicated to families from 10% to 9% might seem like a small percentage, but it will have reverberating effects on the family service system and the city at large, and lead to thousands of more children becoming homeless with the loss of state prevention funds across the city.

**Anya Worley Zigmann** – urged the Commission to reject cuts to essential homeless services. It’s rare that budget cuts will cause people to die but this will happen if the proposed budget cuts is approved. Anya stated that this is not the time to tighten the belt when our communities are just barely getting by as it is.

**Janet Moody** – stated that they had a mental break down. Supportive housing took them in and gave them a place to stay. If San Francisco says that their priority is helping the homeless, how can they cut funds to supportive housing. It makes no sense.

**Miguel Carrera** – stated that in 1994 he was homeless on the streets of San Francisco and the Coalition on Homelessness helped him. If that support wasn’t there, he would not have made it. Now Miguel is asking the Commission to oppose budget cuts.

**Marnie Regen** -asked the Commission to read the 5-goals of HSH’s strategic plan and recognize how budget cuts will prevent reducing youth and family homelessness. HSH’s budget must be expansive and inclusive of all populations and interventions so we can truly realize home by the bay outcomes for all.

**A caller** – thanked and appreciated the work that is being done to support the most vulnerable and is thankful to the HOC for supporting a resolution that was specifically created for the needs of TAY.

**Shiba Bandedbba** -wants to continue to support and invest in the services and programs that work to help the city’s most vulnerable populations.

**On motion to approve the HSH budget for FY2024-25 and FY2025-26**

AYES-Dufty  
Albright  
Aslanian-Williams  
Laguana

Nay- Evans  
Guererro

Absent: Butler

Action: HSH proposed budget approved.

On motion to approve the resolution proposed by Chair Butler for Mayor London Breed with proposed amendments.

AYES-Dufty  
Albright

Aslanian-Williams  
Evans  
Guerrero  
Laguana

Absent: Butler

Action: Resolution with amendments approved.

**6. ADJOURN-4:04 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Badasow  
HOC Commission Secretary

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