

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025
PLUMMER PARK - ROOMS 5 & 6
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
6:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Adolphson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and read the Land Acknowledgement.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Borelli

Commissioner Eyres

Commissioner Palmieri

Commissioner Wyville

Vice-Chair Williams

Chair Adolphson

ABSENT: Commissioner Steele

ALSO Christine Safriet, Acting Director

PRESENT: Teree Carter, Human Services Manager

Derek Murray, Social Services Supervisor

Maribel Ulloa, Social Services Program Administrator

DeeA'na Saunders, Social Services Program Administrator

Michelle Liberman, Social Services Program Administrator

Isaac Arredondo, Social Services Program Administrator

Amy Valdepeña, Commission Secretary, Human Services Specialist

- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Adolphson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the meeting

agenda for June 10, 2025.

ACTION: Approved the Agenda of Tuesday, June 10, 2025, **motion by Commissioner Eyres seconded by Vice-Chair Williams and approved by roll call vote, noting the absence of Commissioner Steele.**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025, Human Services Commission meeting.

ACTION: Approved the minutes of May 13, 2025, **motion by Commissioner Borelli to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wyville, and approved by roll call vote, noting the absence of Commissioner Steele.**

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

ROGER BOLLER, PROJECT ANGEL FOOD, shared that the organization has the capacity to take on more clients for its medically tailored meal program and is working with agencies to reduce waitlists.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024-2025 MID-YEAR REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

The Human Services Commission received a Mid-Year Report presentation from staff member Derek Murray on Social Services programs for the 2024–2025 contract year. The accompanying demographic report detailed client

data, including age, gender, transgender identity, ethnicity, and household language. Program Administrators Maribell Ulloa, Isaac Arredondo, DeeA'na Saunders, and Michelle Liberman also shared success stories illustrating the impact of partner agencies.

Commissioners addressed various topics, such as service disruptions due to the LA fires, fee for service contracts, waitlists for home-delivered meals, outreach, and the impact of Federal budget cuts

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. SERVICE PROVIDER ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNITY NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

The Human Services Commission received a presentation from Aaron Celious of the Maroon Society on the Service Provider Assessment of Community Needs and Priorities. The assessment focused on six key service areas: homelessness, children and families, prevention, community safety, food and nutrition, and older adults.

Commissioners discussed the importance of volunteers and asked about the role of the City.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. PREPARATION FOR THE EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The Human Services Commission received training from staff on the review of the proposals received through the 2025-2028 Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

Commissioners were all in consensus to extend the meeting.

Commissioners asked about the recusal process and were directed to the City Clerk.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT: None.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Teree Carter informed the Commission that the City's FY26 budget will be discussed and adopted at the June 23rd City Council meeting. She announced the launch of the division's residential survey on social service needs [it went live on Wednesday, 6/11].

Christine Safriet shared updates on the Holloway Interim Housing Program timeline and reported on the Council Special Study Session regarding the City's approach to homelessness.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

JOE GREEN, West Hollywood resident and co-chair of the LA County Commission on HIV, highlighted the launch of *OurCommunityIsUnderAttack.org*, a coalition effort led by Men's Health Foundation, TransLatin@ Coalition, and other LGBTQ+ organizations. He shared that the June HIV Commission meeting is canceled, and July's meeting will focus on significant bylaw changes, which includes eliminating the City of West Hollywood's institutional seat on the Commission.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wyville wished all a Happy PRIDE Month and supports the sober events mentioned by Commissioner Palmeri.

Commissioner Eyres provided attendance reports. She volunteered at the City's Pride booth and highlighted its success. She suggested giving away pet promotional items next year.

Commissioner Borelli provided attendance reports and provided public comment at the Homeless Subcommittee and the 6/9 City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Palmeri expressed concern about sober events. He shared his experiences and urged the City to support more spaces for the recovery community.

Vice-Chair Williams thanked staff for assisting an unhoused older adult. She also met with the community cats program and recognized the work they do. She praised the City’s participation in Weho Pride, highlighting the three City floats and the atmosphere of love and support. She welcomed the new division manager, Teree Carter.

Chair Adolphson acknowledged Pride Month and joined in welcoming the new division manager.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:24pm to its next regular meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THIS 8th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Signed by:
Sarah Adolphson
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SARAH ADOLPHSON,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:
Signed by:
Teree Carter
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STAFF LIAISON

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