

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD,  
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069  
5:30PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Adolphson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm and read the Land Acknowledgement.

**A. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Borelli

Commissioner Eyres

Commissioner Palmieri

Commissioner Steele

Commissioner Wyville

Vice-Chair Williams

Chair Adolphson

ABSENT:

ALSO Christine Safriet, Acting Director of Human Services

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 July 22, 2025.

**ACTION:** Approved the Agenda as of Tuesday, July 22, 2025, **motion by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Eyres, and approved by roll call vote.**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Human Services Commission is requested to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025, Human Services Commission meeting.

**ACTION:** Approved the minutes as amended of Tuesday, July 8, 2025, **motion by Commissioner Borelli, seconded by Commissioner Wyville, and approved by roll call vote.**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ANNE BAGASOA** - Community Services Commissioner in South Pasadena and a volunteer with World Harvest, spoke in strong support of the organization's proposal for West Hollywood's food and nutrition program.

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR: None.**

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. **2025-2026 SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FUNDING  
RECOMMENDATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The Human Services Commission reviewed and considered staff recommendations for social services contracts for October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2028 contract cycle and held a public hearing for the community to provide feedback on the recommendations.

Recommendations:

- 1) Receive staff recommendations for social services contracts and hold a public hearing.
- 2) Recommend the City Council approve \$8,292,336 in social services contracts.

Public Comment:

**MORGAN CLARK** (APAT/Trans Advisory Council) Urged support for the West Hollywood Street-based Transitional Engagement Program (STEP) street-based housing program, highlighting immediate housing linkage and wraparound services for trans and queer individuals.

**YOLA DORE** (Disabilities Advisory Board) Advocated full funding for core agencies like JFS, APLA, CES, the LGBT Center, and food providers, citing major impacts on disabled and LGBTQ+ communities.

**ANGEL ANDERSON** (Seeds of Hope) Shared that Plummer Park's food distribution supports hundreds weekly, but risks collapse without City support as AmeriCorps funding ends.

(Seeds of Hope) Shared the extensive logistics and growing demand at Plummer Park. He urged the City to fund to sustain the work.

**EUGENE MAYSKY** (CES) Emphasized the importance of tenant associations and organizing to prevent harassment and eviction. Requested continued funding.

**STEVEN TRAPASSO** (Seeds of Hope) Thanked staff and asked for full funding to expand integrated food and health services.

**ASH PATEL** Supported increased harm reduction access, noting fentanyl testing saves lives.

**PAUL CHAVEZ** (WeHo Life, LGBT Center) Requested full funding and added staff to maintain harm reduction efforts, which face cuts from other sources.

**CHRIS CLARKIN** (WeHo Life, LGBT Center) Requested full funding and added staff to maintain harm reduction efforts, which face cuts from other sources.

**KATHY WATT** (Van Ness Recovery House) Advocated for job readiness and GED support for people in recovery, linking employment to long-term stability.

**OSHRI HAKAK** (WEST LOS ANGELES) Shared a personal family story to highlight the need for stigma-free youth education and early mental health support.

**ROBERT BOLLER** (Project Angel Food) Highlighted their long-time service delivering meals to critically ill residents and thanked the City for support.

**JEFF BAILEY** (APLA Health) Clarified program eligibility and budget concerns, noting steep County funding cuts and cost of evidence-based treatment.

**KRISSIA SERPAS** (World Harvest) Spoke to World Harvest's positive impact on health and stability through food distribution. Thanked staff for their visit.

**VANESSA GUTIERREZ** (Tarzana Treatment Center): Explained that most clients use insurance, not City funds. Asked for reconsideration of contract termination.

**DIANE WYNN & LINDSEY CORCORAN** (Laurel CACT Magnet): Requested to fund their proposal to support socio-emotional needs of immigrant students and families.

**ERIN RYAN** (NAMI Westside Los Angeles) Highlighted youth-focused mental health programs and emphasized the need to fight stigma through education. She requested to reconsider funding NAMI.

**ANDY SACHER** (WeHo Works, JVS SoCal) Asked to avoid funding cuts, noting they are the City of West Hollywood's only full-time vocational services provider.

**MARJORIE GILBERG** (NCJWLA) Spoke in support of the Thriving in Place proposal. She emphasized the strong community need for rental subsidies and thanked the City for its continued partnership.

**GINA BIGHAM** (Trans Lounge, LGBT Center) Advocated for restoring funding to Trans Lounge to provide safe, affirming space for trans individuals.

**JOEY BACHRACH** (Rainbow Hill) Requested increased funding for LGBTQ+ affirming mental health treatment, emphasizing cultural competency and affordability.

**CLAUDIA ABUNDIS** (TransLatin@ Coalition) Advocated for the TRUE program, which provides life-saving housing, financial, and emotional support. Requested to support the TRUE program.

**VALERIA MORAN CAMPUS** (TransLatin@ Coalition) Spoke in support of the TRUE Program.

**ALEXANDRA MAGALLON** (TransLatin@ Coalition) Urged intentional inclusion of TGI individuals in City services and surveys and emphasized

the importance of funding LGBTQ+ programs led by and for the community.

**MARCELL MITCHELL** (Ascencia) Thanked the Commission and confirmed commitment to housing and retention services for unhoused residents.

**KIERA POLLOCK** (LGBT Center) Requested additional funding to maintain meals and staffing amid rising demand and federal cuts.

**PARKER AGUIRRE** (MONTEBELLO) Spoke in support of the TransLatin@ and the TRUE Program.

**CAIN ELLIOT** (LOS ANGELES) Spoke in support of the TransLatin@ and the TRUE Program.

**BAMBY SALCEDO** (LOS ANGELES) Spoke in support of TransLatin@ Coalition. She urged them to fully fund their proposal to continue supporting.

**RUSSELL YBARRA** (Capital Drugs): Spoke in support and urged to consider funding Capital Drugs to provide pharmacy-based HIV prep testing.

**JACQUELINE CHAVEZ** (Community Bridge Housing) Explained their no-barrier housing model and asked for reconsideration of reduced funding.

**TERRY GODDARD** (APLA Health) Thanked the City for long-term partnership and continued support for housing services.

**JOHNANNA WALLACE** (TransLatin@ Coalition) Spoke in support of the TransLatin@ and the TRUE Program. She urged to fully fund their proposed program.

**ASHLEY WEINBERGER** (LACADA) Read a statement from a team member. Mikey Kativo thanked the team for the recommendation and expressed eagerness to serve the West Hollywood community with substance use outreach.

**DAVID FLORES** (LGBT CENTER) Spoke in support of the TransLounge program and urged reconsideration of funding for their program.

**ACTION:** Motion to amend the staff's recommendation by **Commissioner Steele**, seconded by **Commissioner Palmieri**, to:

- Fund Van Ness Recovery House at \$75,000
- Fund Defense Diagnostics at \$60,000 (in addition to staff's \$10,000)
- Fund Capital Drugs at \$50,000
- Redirect Rainbow Labs' proposed \$30,000 to Rainbow Hill
- Reduce Community Bridge Housing to \$60,000 (removing staff's proposed surplus of \$38,818)
- Offset additional funding by reducing Healthcare in Action's allocation by \$176,182

**Motion passed 6–1 with Commissioner Borelli voting no.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**6. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- **Commissioner Wyville** thanked staff.
- **Commissioner Eyres** also thank staff and to everyone who applied during this RFP cycle.

- **Commissioner Borelli** clarified his “no” vote was solely due to the funding for Defense Diagnostics. He is in support of everything else in the motion.
- **Commissioner Palmieri** thanked all and for those who came out to support.
- **Commissioner Steele thanked** fellow commissioners for such thoughtful dialogue and to staff.
- **Vice Chair Williams** thanked staff for taking extra time, particularly for conducting site visits. She added that Commissioner Steele was doing former Commissioner Steven Davis proud with all her calculations.
- **Chair Adolphson**, echoed gratitude as well, she thanked staff, applicants, and fellow commissioners for making this process so smooth.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission adjourned at 8:18 pm to its next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5&6.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ON THIS 12<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

Signed by:  
  
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SARAH ADOLPHSON,  
CHAIRPERSON

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STAFF LIAISON

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