

Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee - Board of Representatives

Mavina Moore, Co-Chair

Rob Roqueta, Co-Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: This meeting was held remotely

The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Moore and Roqueta, and Committee Member Reps. Campbell, Ley, Pollack and Walston. Absent or excused were Reps. Williams. Also in attendance were Reps. Sherwood and Summerville; Jonathan Gottlieb, Charter Oaks and Jenn Broadbin, Pacific House.

Co-Chair Roqueta called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designee(s)
1. <u>HCD31.084</u>	REJECTION; of an Allocation of \$2,000,000.00 to Charter Oak Communities to facilitate the Redevelopment of 43 Units of Affordable Housing at Oak Park Phase II. 07/31/2025 – Submitted by R.Blessing	FAILED 0-6-0

Jonathan Gottlieb of Charter Oak Communities, described the progress of Phase I and plans for Phase II, including 43 new units prioritized for returning residents, no rent increases, larger unit sizes, and flood mitigation measures. Questions from members addressed the availability of one-bedroom units, opportunities for community applicants, corrected signage for Courtney Nelthrop Way, and arrangements for member tours of Phase I.

A motion to reject Item No. 1 HCD31.084 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 0-6-0. (Reps. Roqueta, Moore, Campbell, Ley, Pollack and Walston opposed)

2. HCD31.085 REJECTION; of an Allocation of \$750,000.00 to Pacific FAILED 0-6-0

House, Inc. to Facilitate the Development of 15 units of

Affordable Housing at 66 Stillwater Avenue 07/31/2025 – Submitted by R.Blessing

Jennifer Broadbin of Pacific House explained the project would provide 15 permanent supportive housing units with on-site case management, consisting of 12 two-bedroom and 3 three-bedroom apartments. The \$750,000 allocation represents approximately 8% of the project budget.

A motion to reject Item No. 2 HCD31.085 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 0-6-0. (Reps. Roqueta, Moore, Campbell, Ley, Pollack and Walston opposed)

3. HCD31.086 REJECTION; of an Allocation of \$300,000.00 to Pacific FAILED 0-6-0

House, Inc to Continue the Rehabilitation of 19 units of Affordable Housing at Fairfield Commons. 07/31/2025 – Submitted by R. Blessing

Jennifer Broadbin described rehabilitation work on five properties totaling 19 units, including safety and code upgrades, compliance work, and construction of a case management office. The \$300,000 represents about 5% of the total \$5.7 million budget. Rep. Ley asked for clarification on total project costs, and Ms. Broadbin confirmed that the Stillwater Avenue project totaled \$8.9 million, and the Fairfield Commons project totaled \$5.7 million.

A motion to reject Item No. 3 HCD31.086 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 0-6-0. (Reps. Roqueta, Moore, Campbell, Ley, Pollack and Walston opposed)

4. HCD31.083 **REVIEW;** Increasing the percentage of the Annual Linkage Fees that are earmarked for deposit into the SAHTF.

07/09/2025 – Submitted by Rep. Rogueta

REPORT MADE

- Rep. Roqueta explained linkage fees currently dedicate 10% of building permit revenues to the fund, producing about \$800,000 in 2025. He noted linkage fees can support programs beyond construction, such as rental subsidies.
- Rep. Moore highlighted that funds could be used to assist seniors whose rent consumes much of their income.
- Rep. Ley supported increasing the percentage but noted inefficiency in requiring affordable housing developers to pay permit fees only to receive allocations back, suggesting those fees should be waived.
- Rep. Walston asked how nonprofit agencies (e.g., SilverSource) could administer rental assistance programs and who would determine allocations. Rep. Roqueta explained agencies would set eligibility rules and oversee administration once funds were approved.
- Rep. Campbell expressed concern that the city has been slow to act on housing initiatives and stated that delays in creating programs have been a recurring problem.
- Rep. Sherwood supported increasing the percentage to 15–18% and recommended introducing a formal ordinance amendment next month. She offered to co-sponsor such legislation.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Co-Chairs Moore and Roqueta

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