

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING SUMMARY

Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee

March 28, 2024

Hearing Room 416, City Hall

9:45 AM – 11:36 AM

### Committee Members

Julia D’Antonio

Jennifer Friedenbach

Bonnie Preston

Scott Walton

Shanell Williams

Members of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee attended this informational meeting in-person. The agenda, video recording, audio recording, and caption notes are posted at:

[https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/player/clip/45755?view\\_id=209&redirect=true](https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/player/clip/45755?view_id=209&redirect=true)

Supporting materials including presentations and reports are posted at: <https://www.sf.gov/meeting/march-28-2024/our-city-our-home-oversight-committee-regular-meeting>

The meeting did not have a quorum. As such, the official meeting was canceled, and members did not take any action. Members listed as present below conducted an information meeting only. The meeting’s content included informational presentations and committee dialogue. The members present did not take official public comment as the meeting was informational, but members of the public did provide comments to the Committee by email in advance of the meeting, and this comment is included in these notes.

The following members attended the informational meeting:

Vice Chair D’Antonio: Present

Member Friedenbach: Present

Member Preston: Absent (excused)

Member Walton: Present

Chair Williams: Absent (not excused)

### 1) **Land Acknowledgement**

Vice Chair D’Antonio read the land acknowledgement:

**We acknowledge that we are** on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders, and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

### 2) **Presentation of OCOH Revenue Update**

Carol Lu from the Budget Analysis Division of the Controller's Office provided a presentation on the Homelessness Gross Tax Revenue Update linked [here](#).

There was brief discussion around the upcoming budget recommendations timeline including the scheduled brainstorming sessions and finalization of recommendations for the April regular meeting.

Radhika Mehlotra, Homelessness Policy Specialist of the Controller's Office, flagged a few logistical items for the Committee to consider going forward in the recommendation process:

- The City Attorney gave the official guidance that without quorum a meeting cannot be held.
- Vice Chair D'Antonio's employment at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Youth Center and Clinic requires her to recuse herself from any discussions, recommendations, and voting that could potentially benefit 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Youth Center. This includes any category of funds that could potentially be granted, reduced, or sustained for TAY.
- Translation services will be available at the April regular meeting for Spanish and Cantonese. Any other language requests can be arranged, if needed.

### 3) **Mayor Phase Budget Proposals from Departments**

Christine Rolan, Budget Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH), provided the presentation on HSH's FY24-26 OCOH Fund budget proposal, linked [here](#).

Member Friedenbach noted the importance of pushing for the Mayor to backfill shortfalls for Permanent Supportive Housing for adults, families, and TAY. There was discussion around the total amount budgeted for Family Housing over a 5-year period and what HSH budgets as the monthly subsidy rate for family units.

Member Walton thanked Ms. Rolan for the presentation and noted the importance of including the out years in the Committee's considerations because what may look like underspending in current years will actually help sustain large shortfalls anticipated in the outyears.

Emily Gibbs, Deputy Finance Officer at the Department of Public Health (DPH), provided the presentation on DPH's FY24-26 OCOH Fund budget proposal, linked [here](#).

Member Friedenbach expressed appreciation for the work of DPH and added that there is a need to work with the Mayor's Office to sustain programs rather than cutting them. Member Walton acknowledged the importance of data analytics, especially as the Committee moves forward in a tight budget climate and hard decisions may have to be made around sustaining programs.

### 4) **Public Comment via email prior to March 28 Meeting**

As the meeting was not called to order, the Committee did not take public comment. However, members of the public provided public comment via email regarding Agenda Item 5 - *Mayor Phase Budget Proposals from Departments*. Public comments for this agenda item are below:

3/26/24 Shiba Bandeeba M.Ed, Policy Associate, Center for Social Justice

Subject: Shiba Bandeeba Public Comment for Item 5

Dear Chair Williams and Committee Members,

My name is Shiba Bandeeba. I am a Policy Associate at GLIDE in our Center for Social Justice and resident of San Francisco's District 4. GLIDE is a proud member of HESPA. As one of the leading

providers for unhoused people in this city, we proudly champion the allocation of Prop C dollars to benefit our most vulnerable community members.

I write to strongly urge you all to put pressure on HSH to use general fund dollars to fill the remaining \$5 million dollar that was cut out of the budget for expanding housing access and shelter resources.

Many families in this city are struggling to keep up with the cost of living; every dollar in the Prop C bucket truly counts towards creating a more stable and supportive place to live.

In the recent study by UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative, they found that domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness for many women and their children. We need more funding resources from this city's budget to match Prop C dollars that will uplift families and children out of homelessness.

As a member of the Black community, I believe that more housing support services for the Black community, specifically Black mothers and their children, is immensely needed. Only 9% of the city's homeless budget goes towards families yet they make up 27% of the homeless population.

Please urge HSH to fill the \$5 million budget shortfall for family housing and shelter using general fund dollars.

Thank you.

3/28/24 David N. Goldman, Esq., Executive Director and General Counsel, Congregation Emanu-El SF  
Subject: Potential Prop C Cuts

Dear Committee Members,

I am sorry that I cannot attend today's hearing. My name is David Goldman, and I am a Board Member at Compass Family Services and a San Francisco Resident. I'm urging you to protect all Proposition C funding for Family Housing this budget cycle. The proposed cuts would mean over 60 youth and 25 families will not have the opportunity to leave homelessness behind. We need to preserve the family and youth housing. Only 8% of the city's homeless budget goes towards youth yet they make up 20% of the population, while only 9% of the budget goes towards families yet they make up 27% of the homeless population.

Thank you for considering my comments. David

3/28/24 Dorick Scarpelli, VP Programs, Five Keys  
Subject: Public Comment--OCOH 3.28.24 Oversight Committee Meeting

Good morning Oversight Committee Members and Chair.

My name is Dorick Scarpelli, and I'm the Vice President of Programs and Strategic Partnerships at Five Keys. Five Keys has been providing a combination of housing support services, facility operations, and property management in partnership with SFHSH since 2018 including supportive services care management for TAY in the Rising Up program and the management of the Artmar, a Permanent Supportive Housing facility that houses TAY residents. We currently operate about a dozen housing sites in San Francisco and Alameda Counties, including at a number of converted

hotels.

On behalf of Five Keys, I urge OCOH to maintain critical funding to help eliminate TAY homelessness, including the small site acquisition funds & accompanying operating dollars that will allow nonprofits to act quickly when opportunities arise when sites such as hotels are on the market for purchase. It is not unusual for our organization, and other nonprofits who have operated transitional housing or PSH sites, to be approached by brokers who are looking to sell small hotel properties; currently we have identified at least one viable, turnkey, location in San Francisco that is available for purchase to house as many as 35 TAY at a time. With a dedicated small acquisition fund, nonprofits can take the burden off HSH to identify, purchase, maintain, and master lease buildings back to nonprofits. We believe that this approach is critical in advancing our collective mission to end youth homelessness in San Francisco.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

5) **Adjourn**

The meeting did not have quorum and was never officially called to order. There was no need to make a motion to adjourn the informational meeting.

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