

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee  
June 4, 2025  
Hearing Room 416, City Hall  
9:09 AM – 10:52 AM

Committee Members  
Shanell Williams, Chair  
Julia D'Antonio, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Friedenbach  
Lindsay Haddix  
Jabari Jackson  
Bonnie Preston  
Ruby Bolaria Shifrin  
Zia Villias-Martinis  
Scott Walton

Members of the Our City, Our Home (OCOH) Oversight Committee attended this meeting in-person. The agenda, video recording, audio recording, and caption notes are posted at:  
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**1) Call to Order**

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:09 am and roll was taken.

**Roll Call:**

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent  
Member Friedenbach: Present  
Member Haddix: Present  
Member Jackson: Present  
Member Preston: Present  
Member Shifrin: Absent  
Member Martinis: Absent  
Member Walton: Present  
Chair Williams: Present

Chair Williams confirmed the presence of a quorum and read the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement aloud.

2) General Public Comment

***Opportunity for the public to comment on any matters within the Committee's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.***

Chair Williams opened general public comment.

There were no in-person or over-the-phone public comments on this item.

3) Discussion/Potential Action Item

***Presentation and discussion of the Mayor's proposed OCOH budget***

Emily Gibbs, Deputy Finance Officer at the Department of Public Health (DPH), provided an overview of the [Mayor's proposed FY25-FY27 OCOH budget for mental health](#). She highlighted that while the proposal continues all Mental Health funding included in the OCOH Investment Plan and previous budgets, there are a few new and significant investments over the next two fiscal years. These include \$30 million to open approximately 180 new residential care and treatment beds and \$12 million to increase capacity of intensive outpatient treatment and 5150 follow-up programs. The proposed budget uses the one-time funding balance in the Mental Health service area to support existing and new investments.

Deputy Finance Officer Gibbs noted that the Mental Health service area faces a \$40 million per year funding cliff, beginning in FY27-28. She reviewed the updated service area operating budget and noted that, with the new investments, the Mental Health spending level is now proposed at \$130-\$140 million per year. The budget is balanced through the two-year budget cycle by spending down the one-time fund balance, which will run out in FY27-28. Furthermore, approximately \$60 million in acquisition funding is committed to the remaining behavioral health capital projects.

Deputy Finance Officer Gibbs provided an update on Proposition 1. In May 2025, DPH was awarded \$27.6 million in the first round of state funding for behavioral health capital projects. The funding will be used to reopen 333 7<sup>th</sup> Street as a 16-bed enhanced dual diagnosis treatment facility as well as for 57 new locked mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) beds at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. She shared that the state released the request for applications for the second round of Prop 1 funding on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due in October and DPH is actively thinking about how this funding can be further leveraged throughout its portfolio.

There was a question-and-answer discussion between the Committee and Deputy Finance Officer Gibbs. Radhika Mehlotra, Homelessness Policy Specialist at the Controller's Office (CON), reminded the Committee that, due to Member Jackson's conflict with the service area, members could only ask clarifying questions. Discussion about the details of the proposed budget and deliberation were withheld until agenda item #5.

Christine Rolan, Budget Director at the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH), provided an overview of the [Mayor's proposed FY25-27 OCOH budget for HSH](#). She highlighted that the proposal maintains and sustains all previous investment in programs. The proposal also invests \$101 million to expand interim housing for three years (as part of the Mayor's Breaking the Cycle initiative), invests \$9.9 million in the Mayor's new strategy to reduce vehicular homelessness (including 65 new rapid rehousing subsidies for families), and allocates \$27 million to an Emergency Housing Voucher reserve to account for the loss of federal funding for SF Housing Authority. The reserve is projected to cover any existing vouchers for approximately one year.

These investments are funded through trailing legislation as part of the OCOH budget. The legislation

proposes a one-time reallocation of \$88.5 million in unencumbered funds and expected interest earnings to fund the Mayor's Breaking the Cycle Initiative over three years (through FY27-28). It also proposes a suspension of the 12% cap on short-term rental subsidies through FY27-28. Lastly, it authorizes the City to expend future OCOH Fund revenue through FY27-28 on any eligible programs, rather than allocating funds based on expenditure percentages specified in the tax code.

Budget Director Rolan reviewed the full HSH OCOH spending plan for the budget cycle and projections for the FY27 and FY28 outyears. The spending plan is balanced in the budget cycle, with \$37 million in revenue loaded within the FY26-27 budget to cover costs for FY27-28.

Across the fund, HSH is projecting a slight deficit in FY27, that will likely be covered by one-time underspend, and a larger deficit in FY28. HSH anticipates that it can continue program operations through FY27-28 based on current revenue projections. HSH also anticipates the shortfall starting in Prevention and Shelter authorities in the outyears of the budget. Budget Director Rolan discussed the spending plan by authority. She also compared what the OCOH Oversight Committee included in its budget proposal to the Mayor's Office and what the Mayor's Office included in its current proposal.

There was a question-and-answer discussion between the Committee and Budget Director Rolan. The members asked clarifying questions only.

Chair Williams opened public comment.

Solange Cuba provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed concerns about the Mayor's Office's plans to move funding from the housing service area to the shelter service area. The speaker stressed the importance of protecting children and families who are facing or experiencing homelessness.

Lupe, with the Coalition on Homelessness, provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed concerns about the Mayor's Office's plans to move funding from the housing service area to the shelter service area.

Jovita Solorio provided in-person public comment. The speaker urged the Committee not to make any cuts to funding. The speaker stressed how doing so would negatively affect families and children.

Miguel Carrera, with the Coalition on Homelessness, provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed concerns about the Mayor's Office's plans to move funding from the housing service area to the shelter service area. The speaker highlighted how this will negatively affect youth and families. He also expressed disappointment in the Mayor's attempt to use Prop C funds "to fund his projects."

Azusena Hernandez, with the Coalition on Homelessness, provided in-person public comment. The speaker spoke about the funding that is currently allocated to the Bayview District. The speaker noted that the community has seen a significant increase in homelessness and that the funding that is currently allocated to that district is insufficient.

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A speaker provided in-person public comment. The speaker shared a personal story about how OCOH-funded programs helped his family. The speaker emphasized how important these programs are and urged the Committee to continue supporting families in need.

Colleen, a social worker in San Francisco, provided in-person public comment. The speaker highlighted the differences she has observed between clients placed in shelters and clients that receive supportive housing. The speaker did not agree with the Mayor's plan to shift funding from supportive housing to shelter beds.

A speaker provided over-the-phone public comment. The speaker spoke about the Mayor's plans to reallocate housing funding and urged decision makers to preserve the target populations that those funds were originally meant to serve. The speaker emphasized that dedicated TAY funding is critical and needs to be maintained.

4) Discussion/Potential Action Item

***Vote to recuse Member Jackson from agenda item #5, recuse Vice Chair D'Antonio and Member Jackson from agenda item #6, and recuse Vice Chair D'Antonio from agenda item #7***

Member Walton made a motion to recuse Member Jackson from agenda item #5, recuse Vice Chair D'Antonio and Member Jackson from agenda item #6, and recuse Vice Chair D'Antonio from agenda item #7. Member Friedenbach seconded the motion.

Chair Williams opened public comment.

There were no in-person or over-the-phone public comments on this item.

Roll Call:

Member Friedenbach: Yes

Member Haddix: Yes

Member Preston: Yes

Member Shifrin: Absent

Member Martinis: Absent

Member Walton: Yes

Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

5) Action Item

***Discussion of the Mental Health service area of the Mayor's proposed OCOH budget***

Member Preston requested clarification on how DPH is coordinating its budget with anticipated mental health program funding from the state. Deputy Finance Officer Gibbs explained that operating funds remain a challenge for the department and that they are constantly looking for ways to use existing funding streams to support the portfolio as a whole. David Edelman, Budget Analyst at DPH, provided more context on which programs and facilities are eligible to receive funding from Prop 1 state funding.

There was discussion about the Mental Health acquisition projects and their effects on the overall Mental Health service area budget. Member Walton emphasized the importance of having data to support (or counter) the decisions made by the decision makers. Chair Williams supported Member Walton's comments and asked that these sentiments be shared with the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

The Committee did not make a motion on this agenda item.

Chair Williams opened public comment.

Miguel Carrera provided in-person public comment. The speaker expressed frustrations about the Mayor's plans to reallocate Prop C funding to the Breaking the Cycle Initiative. The speaker also expressed concerns about housing subsidies and stated that one to three years is not enough time for families to stabilize their housing.

There were no over-the-phone public comments on this agenda item.

6) Action Item

***Discussion of the Shelter and Hygiene service area of the Mayor's proposed OCOH budget***

The Committee did not have any comments on this agenda item.

The Committee did not make a motion on this agenda item.

Chair Williams opened public comment.

There were no in-person or over-the-phone public comments on this agenda item.

7) Action Item

***Discussion of the Permanent Housing and Homelessness Prevention service areas of the Mayor's proposed OCOH budget***

Member Jackson returned to the hearing room at approximately 10:43 am.

There was discussion between the Committee about the Mayor's proposed budget for the Permanent Housing service area.

Member Friedenbach made a motion to restore the \$56 million that was proposed to be removed from the Permanent Housing service area and moved to the Shelter and Hygiene service area, and for the Mayor's Office to engage with the Committee to find solutions to address future shortfalls and the structural deficit within the OCOH Fund. In addition, the Committee recommended that there be a focus on ensuring that people currently in shelter are able to exit into housing. Member Haddix seconded the motion.

Member Jackson shared some concerns about how Prop C funding is being spent and stated that the City needs more flexibility on how the funding is allocated to each sub-population (in order to adjust to needs).

Chair Williams opened public comment.

There were no in-person or over-the-phone public comments on this agenda item.

The Committee did not have any comments on the Mayor's proposed budget for the Homelessness Prevention service area. The Committee did not make a motion on this portion of the agenda item.

The Committee voted on the motion made by Member Friedenbach regarding the Permanent Housing service area.

Roll Call:

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Recused and Absent  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Haddix: Yes  
Member Jackson: Yes  
Member Preston: Yes  
Member Shifrin: Absent  
Member Martinis: Absent  
Member Walton: Yes  
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

8) Discussion/Possible Action Item

***Opportunity to propose future agenda items with discussion and possible action by the Committee***

Chair Williams tabled this agenda item.

9) **Adjourn**

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:52 am.

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