

HIV Community Planning Council
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 1st, 2026

Zoom Meeting

3:00-4:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Erwin Barrios, Bill Blum, Lee Jewell, T. J. Lee-Miyaki, Andre Robertson, Laura Thomas

Committee Members Absent: Thomas Knoble [A], Charles Siron [E], Richard Sullivan [E]

Others Present: Natalie Basha, Stephen Spano

Support Staff Present: Kira Perez, Kat Téllez

Minutes

1. Introductions and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by CM Jewell. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve July 1st, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The July 1st, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve June 3rd, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The June 3rd, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Thomas provided a brief update on the city budget. She noted that they were able to get some HIV prevention cuts restored, including the 6.6% cuts for the Health Access Points (HAPS), some funding restored to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) clinical assistance training programs, Alliance Health Project's HIV testing, and full funding for cost of doing business increases for all Ryan White funded programs.
 - CM Jewell asked if there were any cuts they weren't able to restore.
 - ❖ CM Thomas said that the harm reductions cuts remain in place, including the pickup crews and harm reduction syringe access sites.
 - CM Jewell asked what the ramifications will be for these cuts?
 - i. CM Thomas stated that syringe access across the city is no longer being provided in neighborhoods as it previously was.
 - CM Robertson asked why there has been a recent anti-harm reduction approach taken by the mayor?
 - ❖ CM Thomas said, as she understands it, the mayor was elected on a mandate to "clean up the streets" and is based on false understandings of harm reduction. She suspects he sees it as attracting and enabling folks who use drugs, as well as enabling public drug use.
 - Stephen Spano expressed gratitude for the work the HIV/AIDS Provider Network (HAPN), the HIV Advocacy Network (HAN), and CM Thomas have done.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. HCAP Report

- Stephen Spano shared the HCAP report and reviewed pertinent cases. The first case he highlighted was regarding a client who had been terminated from Psychosocial Support Services several years ago but recently request to be reconnected to those services. Spano discussed how they worked to get the client reengaged in care. The second case Spano highlighted was regarding a client in a Transitional Residential Care Facility (TRCF) who reported being physically attacked by another

resident and felt unsafe in their housing. Spano noted that it looks like this case may resolve itself, but HCAP remains available to assist the client should they need it.

7. COLA Target – VOTE

- CS Perez asked CM Blum to discuss his COLA target recommendation.
- CM Blum stated his recommendation reflected his lack of knowledge and lack of HHS staff's knowledge. He highlighted that a lot of people living with HIV (PLWH) are in their 50s and 60s, and they are hearing less from folks that are younger, newer to care, or newly diagnosed. CM Blum said he has been wanting to hear more from younger folks to hear about their experiences and their wants from the system of care. He also suggested a future COLA target of folks in their 70s and 80s, as they may have different and unique needs compared to those in their 50s/60s. CM Blum said he wants to hear specifically from people under 45 years old for this COLA target.
 - CM Jewell said this is a great idea and would like to know more about this population.
 - CM Lee-Miyaki noted that he knows a few folks under 30 who have recently tested positive and spoke to how these folks view HIV as easily treatable and like other chronic health conditions. He added that a few folks had previously been on PrEP but when their relationship status changed, they stopped taking it and then contracted HIV.

The Committee voted to approve the COLA target by consensus, refer to column (1).

8. COLA/Needs Assessment Update

- CS Perez shared an update about the COLA focused on people who inject drugs living with or at-risk for HIV, noting that there had been a focus group scheduled but it was postponed due to a low number of RSVPs and the COLA has been paused for the moment. CS Perez noted that Council Staff will be focusing their efforts on the Needs Assessment outreach and recruitment now.

9. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Community Engagement Committee meeting will be scheduled for August 5th, 2026 via Zoom.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:33pm by CM Mapp.

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Roll Call: **P**=Present; **A**=Absent; **E**=Excused; **L**=Leave of Absence

Votes: **Y**=Yes; **N**=No; **B**=Abstain; **R**=Recused (deduct from quorum)

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1.	Erwin Barrios	P	Y									
2.	Lee Jewell (Co-Chair)	P	Y									
3.	Thomas Knoble	A	-									
4.	T. J. Lee-Miyaki	P	Y									
5.	Derrick Mapp (Co-Chair)	LOA	-									
6.	Charles Siron	E	-									
7.	Richard Sullivan	E	-									
8.	Laura Thomas	P	Y									

9.	Bill Blum	P	Y								
10.	Andre Robertson	P									

Ayes		5									
Nayes		0									
Abstain		0									
Recusal		0									
Total	6	5									