

HIV Community Planning Council

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 18th, 2026
25 Van Ness Ave Room 610
4:00-6:30 pm

HIV Community Planning Council Members Present: Chuck Adams, Robert Arnold, Erwin Barrios, Leroy Blea, Bill Blum, Anna Branzuela, Elaine Flores, Ron Hernandez, Lee Jewell, Thomas Knoble, Jon Oskarsson, Irma Parada, Johnny Rodriguez, Charles Siron, John Paul Soto, Richard Sullivan, Laura Thomas

HIV Community Planning Council Members Absent: Franco Chevalier [LOA], Ed Chitty [LOA], Zachary Davenport [LOA], Elyse Griffin [A], Jesus Guillen [E], Nga Le [E], T. J. Lee-Miyaki [A], Helen Lin [A], Derrick Mapp [E], Marco Montenegro [A], Manuel Vasquez [E]

Others Present: Jesse Brooks, Claudia Cabrera, Matt Foreman, David Leder, Martin Muneton, Andre Robertson, Stephen Spano

DPH Staff Present: Natalia Basha

Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kira Perez, Kat Téllez

Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call. Introduction of Public. Co-Chair Welcome.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by CM Parada. Roll Call was called; everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review and Approve May 18th, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The May 18th, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review and Approve April 27th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The April 27th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Staff Announcements

- CS Molnar announced that it is renewal application time and CS Perez will be sending out an email tomorrow about it. CS Molnar said renewal applications will be due in approximately three weeks. He noted that the mayor is conducting background checks and social media scans.
- CS Perez reminds council members to please complete their meeting evaluations.

7. General Updates

- HHS – CM Blum
 - CM Blum reminded folks that the proposed cuts to the HIV General Fund Services were taken off the table, and then for the HIV Prevention Services, the implementation of the cuts for some of those services has been pushed back a year. CM Blum noted that HHS still has not received final funding notice for either Ryan White Part A (RWPA) or Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Care funding.

- CM Blum noted that there was a fiscal monitoring site visit for Ryan White Part C (RWPC) and he gave a shoutout to the HHS staff for handling the large amount of work the site visits entail. He added that there were no findings from the site visit and they were one of only two Ryan White recipients, out of 107, that had no findings.
- CM Blum highlighted the quarterly CQI meeting that was held in April. He extended an invitation to all council members to attend the next quarterly HIV CQI meeting.
- CM Blum announced that the Disability and Aging Services (DAS) Dignity Funded Community Needs Assessment has been published and can be found online. He said they will likely be scheduling a time to present to the Council, too.
- CHEP, CPG, ETE – CM Knoble
 - CM Knoble highlighted attendance at the National HIV Cluster Detection and Response Summit and that there are a lot of shifts happening nationally. They also highlighted that they will be having virtual monitoring sometime in June and they are not foreseeing any issues with it. CM Knoble highlighted that there was a state California Planning Group (CPG) meeting in Monterey last week and announced that CM Soto’s time with CPG has ended for now, due to term limits. CM Knoble discussed a position that will be opening in the department soon.
- CAEAR Coalition – CM Jewell
 - CM Jewell announced that the fiscal year (FY) 2027 annual spending bills have been advanced, including the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) subcommittee bill which funds HIV and hepatitis prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The House of Representatives scheduled an LHHS subcommittee markup by June 5th, and a full Appropriations Committee markup on June 9th. This is where lawmakers reject or approve funding proposals, including the FY2027 President’s Budget Request to Congress.
 - CM Jewell highlighted that there will be a virtual CAEAR meeting on June 8th.
- SOA & ADAP – CM Blea
 - CM Blea announced that, in addition to the CPG concurring with the updated plan, the Los Angeles HIV Commission also did, as well as Santa Clara HIV Commission. CM Blea provided some brief information on the plan and added that they would discuss it more in-depth later. CM Blea discussed a few upcoming reports that would be published, noting the first one is related to the modernization of ADAP that will include a few recommendations re: continuing to strengthen the ADAP program and updating reimbursables. He noted concerns about ADAP being abated in other states and said this report has some recommendations around strengthening the program overall. He added that California has no plans to shrink or change eligibility for ADAP. CM Blea noted another report they are developing with UCLA around PrEP gap analysis that looks at why they’re failing to move the needle for certain populations in PrEP uptake in California.

8. Membership Update – VOTE

- CS Molnar notes there is a motion on the floor from the Membership Committee to approve Andre Robertson.
 - The potential new member, Andre, introduces themselves to the group.
 - The group then votes on whether to approve Andre’s application.

Motion to accept Andre’s new member application was approved through consensus, refer to column (1).

- CS Molnar notes there is a motion on the floor from the Membership Committee to approve Jesse Brooks.
 - The potential new member, Jesse, introduces themselves to the group.
 - The group then votes on whether to approve Jesse’s application.

Motion to accept Jesse’s new member application was approved through consensus, refer to column (2).

9. COLA Update – Kira Perez

- CS Perez presented the 2025 COLA presentation, focused on cisgender women living with or at risk for HIV. A focus group was held in February, which yielded nine participants and whose participation was incentivized with \$50 Safeway gift cards. CS Perez reviewed the service category prioritization results, with Primary Medical Care, Mental Health Care, and Dental Care ranking most important and Emergency & Transitional Housing, Hospice, and Home Health Care ranking least important. The service category discussion revealed participant’s concerns including high staff turnover and poor pharmacy fulfillment system follow through in Primary Medical Care; care managers who are not reflective of the communities they serve, particularly the Black/African American community, in Case Management; and funding cuts to transportation becoming a barrier to accessing medical care. CS Perez shared several other barriers to care, including a lack of welcoming, women-specific support groups, gaps in HIV education that add to stigma, confusing HIV messaging, childcare challenges, difficulties balancing employment with benefits, and challenges navigating the system of care. CS Perez concluded by reviewing key findings, noting that this population faces a unique set of challenges navigating the system of care, with concerns around the lack of HIV education and how that contributes to ongoing stigma. There is a need for more consistent support groups for this population. Lastly, funding cuts were top of mind for participants with many already seeing cuts implemented in social activities and transportation.
 - CM Jewell noted that childcare is a big barrier for a lot of clients and highlighted the mayor’s announced childcare policy to provide childcare for people who qualify. He’s wondering how this information will get disseminated, especially to the participants of the focus group, and will try to get more information to follow up with.
 - CM Knoble thanked CS Perez for doing the COLA and thanked the Council, as well. They noted a consistent trend in new diagnoses in cisgender women where it will increase one year then go down the following year and the cycle will repeat itself. They highlighted what it must be like to be such a small number of diagnoses amongst the larger population and said they assumed it must feel overwhelming.
 - CM Jewell stated that an interesting thing about this population is that statistically it is very low, but they encounter several barriers and often report feeling unseen. He said it’s important for prevention efforts that this population is tended to.
 - CM Branzuela stated that in San Mateo there is a female Latina/o/x/e population and she appreciated the questions asked around prevention messaging.
 - CM Flores said these are issues they faced in Marin County. Women often feel neglected and they appreciate the women’s support groups they run in the Marin, as it gives them an opportunity to be amongst other HIV+ women.
 - ❖ CS Perez said support groups were highly discussed amongst participants, and they seemed to share a lot of information amongst each other.
 - CM Robertson asked if the housing status of participants was known?

- ❖ CS Perez said for the COLAs, since they are smaller scale Needs Assessments, they don't ask about housing status or demographic information about them.
- CM Blum highlighted the women's Center of Excellence at UCSF and discussed the various services available.

10. Break

11. HAPN Update – VOTE

- CM Thomas provided a brief refresher on the HAPN presentation from last month's meeting and reviewed the HAPN request they are hoping to vote on today:
 - The HIV/AIDS Provider Network asks the HIV Community Planning Council to join us in calling on Mayor Lurie and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to stand with our communities and reject proposed cuts to HIV prevention, harm reduction, and LGBTQ health services in the FY26-27 and FY27-28 city budgets.

Motion: CM Thomas motioned to approve the HAPN request and concur with HAPN's advocacy efforts.

Second: CM Jewell seconded the motion.

The motion passed through consensus, refer to column (3).

12. Integrated Plan Update – VOTE

- CM Blea provided an overview of the Integrated Plan, which addresses gaps in prevention, care, and treatment for priority populations that haven't benefited equally from existing tools. The Plan frames HIV as a syndemic alongside hepatitis C and other STIs, viewed through a social determinants of health lens. The Integrated Plan was developed in collaboration with counties and Part A jurisdictions statewide. CM Blea highlighted that the Plan exists in two versions: an internal California version with comprehensive local data, and an external version aligned with HRSA and CDC metrics. CM Blea highlighted new priority populations being added (people aging with and older adults living with HIV), reviewed current HIV, STI, and HCV data showing new HIV diagnoses remain flat overall but continue to disproportionately impact Latino/a/x/e and Black/African American communities. CM Blea discussed key action items, timeline, feedback received, and options for Council concurrence.

Motion: CM Siron motioned to concur with the Integrated Plan.

Second: CM Jewell seconded the motion.

Motion passed through consensus, refer to column (4).

13. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd, 2026, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, 6th floor conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM by CM Parada.

Full Council Meeting

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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)

Date: May 18, 2026	[roll]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
Chuck Adams	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						

Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Erwin Barrios	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Leroy Blea	P	Y	Y	Y	B						
Bill Blum	P										
Anna Branzuela	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Franco Chevalier	LOA	-	-	-	-						
Ed Chitty	LOA	-	-	-	-						
Zachary Davenport (Co-Chair)	LOA	-	-	-	-						
Elaine Flores	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Elyse Griffin	A	-	-	-	-						
Jesus Guillen	E										
Ron Hernandez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Lee Jewell	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Thomas Knoble (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	B	Y						
Nga Le	E	-	-	-	-						
T. J. Lee-Miyaki	A	-	-	-	-						
Helen Lin	A	-	-	-	-						
Derrick Mapp (Co-Chair)	E	-	-	-	-						
Marco Montenegro	A										
Jon Oskarsson	P	A	A	A	Y						
Irma Parada (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Johnny Rodriguez	P										
Charles Siron	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						

John Paul Soto	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Richard Sullivan	P	-	-	-	-						
Laura Thomas	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Manuel Vasquez	E	-	-	-	-						
Ayes		13	13	12	13						
Nayes		0	0	0	0						
Abstain		0	0	1	1						
Recusal		0	0	0	0						
Total	17	13	13	13	14						