

Advocacy Committee Meeting Notes

March 12, 2019

Attendance: Jon Sopher (Concerned Citizen), Keara O'Doherty (UC Berkeley), Julie Leadbetter (EveryOne Home), Jack Avery (United Way), Alice Cruce (Intel), Mary Goglio (Concerned Citizen), Terrie Light (Berkeley Food and Housing Project), Dani Pederson (Lifelong Medical Trust Health Center), Gloria Bruce (Co-chair) and Dan Sawislak (Co-chair).

Staff: Elaine de Coligny and Alexis Lozano

1. Introductions and Announcements

2. Policy and Advocacy Updates

a. Yes on A in City of Alameda—The committee discussed the upcoming special election in the City of Alameda where voters will decide whether or not to reuse of vacant federal buildings on for the development of a wellness center for senior assisted living and supportive services for homeless individuals by changing the existing zoning district designation. **Staff will send electronically ways to get involved in the campaign to group.**

b. Governor's Budget Proposal—The committee reviewed the most recent budget proposal and how people on disability still can't afford a lot of the new housing proposed. EveryOne Home can advocate for this at the local level and state level.

c. CA Legislature—The committee reviewed a handful of housing/homeless bills including the CA flexible housing subsidy pool. Committee recommended looking into AB 10, AB 1486, and ACA 1. For now, EveryOne Home will not wade into SB 50. The committee made a motion for staff to transform the bills discussed into a policy agenda. Staff can determine whether to support, watch, and update priority support status. Motion seconded and passed.

3. Priorities for 2019 and 2020—The committee reviewed and was supportive of the priorities. Staff should know that if you want to comment on an item on consent in City of Berkeley no more than 3 people can comment or it will get pulled. **Staff will create an endorsement page for organizations to adopt the EveryOne Home Plan electronically.**

4. Misc. Items—Committee asked to learn more about CASA and for resources for better understanding the housing affordability/homeless language. EBHO has education workshops and EveryOne Home can also do community presentations.