



Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee

February 25, 2026

1:00-2:30 PM

Agenda

[Link to Zoom Meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 83085774509

Meetings are public. Alameda County residents with lived experience of homelessness are encouraged to attend. Public Comment will be taken at the beginning of each meeting and is limited to 2 minutes per person.

Helpful links:

- **Google drive folder** for the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zPoP9Q_HT-Q9rCaXvKazzlURH-vfndxt?usp=sharing
- **Website page** (on EveryOne Home website) for the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee: <https://everyonehome.org/about/committees/housing-stability-and-homelessness-prevention-committee/>
- **Acronyms and Glossary:** <https://everyonehome.org/main/continuum-of-care/coc-member-resources/>

Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Housing Stability and Homelessness Prevention Committee is to develop strategies and collaborations to prevent new homelessness, including for formerly homeless people who have moved into housing. Learn more about the Committee's purpose [here](#).

Meeting Purpose / Overview

The purpose of this meeting will be to: (1) vote on Committee ground rules, and (2) continue to workplan for 2026.

Agenda Items

<p>1. Welcome/Introductions (Dylan Sweeney, HCD, Kelsey Knutson, BACS; Co-Chairs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introductions b. Approval of November 26th, 2025 Minutes 	<p>1:00pm-1:05pm</p> <p><i>5 minutes</i></p>
<p>2. Public Comment (Dylan Sweeney, Co-Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Public Comment will be taken at the beginning of each meeting and is limited to 2 minutes per person. If you would like to submit a comment in writing you can email alameda@homebaseccc.org. 	<p>1:05pm-1:10pm</p> <p><i>5 minutes</i></p>
<p>3. Announcements (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Open time for Committee members to share any announcements with each other. 	<p>1:10pm-1:15pm</p> <p><i>5 minutes</i></p>
<p>4. Evidence-Based Solutions Committee (ESC) Report Out (Elsie Lee, Freeway, ESC Liaisons)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The liaisons from the Evidence-Based Solutions Committee will share any updates and resources. 	<p>1:15pm-1:20pm</p> <p><i>5 minutes</i></p>
<p>5. Annual Review Community Agreements Rules (Homebase, Co-Chairs, ESC Liaisons)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Per page 12 of the Policies and Procedures Committees may establish their own sets of norms and should review/update them annually. This is an opportunity to reflect on how meetings have been going and if/how the current meeting norms are working for the group. b. At the January 28th meeting, the Committee members reviewed the Committee Community Agreements. In addition to reviewing, Committee members discussed: (1) a ground rule that defines what to do when an existing agreement is broken, and (2) a timekeeping policy for Committee meetings as an additional ground rule. c. The final updates to the Committee Community Agreements are available here and were shared with Committee members via email prior to this meeting. 	<p>1:20pm-1:30pm</p> <p><i>10 minutes</i></p>

<p>Action: Committee members will vote on whether to approve the updated Committee ground rules.</p>	
<p>6. 2026 Work planning (Kelsey Knutson, co-chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Committee will be receiving an update on the Alameda County Prevention Framework in March. This was originally planned for the February meeting but has been moved. b. At the January 28th meeting, the Committee began to brainstorm what work they want to undertake in 2026. The notes of the conversation are here. c. Committee members were asked to volunteer for one of the following workgroups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tips and Tricks on Housing Stability ii. Research Project on Older Adults iii. Distributing/Promoting Prevention Resources d. At this meeting, Committee members will finalize the membership in the Committee workgroups. e. The Committee will then go into breakout rooms based on their workgroup to workplan for their project. f. For the remaining 20 minutes, the Committee members will come back together to report out. 	<p>1:30pm-2:25pm</p> <p><i>55 minutes</i></p>
<p>7. Closing (Dylan Sweeney and Kelsey Knutson, Co-Chairs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 25th, 2026 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. b. The Committee members will review key takeaways and actions steps identified during the meeting. c. The Committee members will identify and discuss any agenda items for the next Committee meeting. You can also submit agenda ideas to alameda@homebaseccc.org. 	<p>2:25pm-2:30pm</p> <p><i>5 minutes</i></p>

Committee Members

Dylan Sweeney	Alameda County Housing and Community Development (HCD)
Eleni Spiru	Swords to Plowshares
Hugo Ramírez	City of Oakland
Myette Anderson	City of Berkeley

Jeannette Rodriguez	Alameda County Health, Housing and Homelessness Services (H&H)
Kelsey Knutson	Bay Area Community Services (BACS)
Luke Barnesmoore	Home Match—Front Porch
Hamilton Hunt	BOSS
Ms. Shelley Gonzalez	Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), Leadership Board
Richard Nudelman	Community Member
Freeway	Cadera Health
Elsie Lee	Sistas With Voices, Leadership Board
Michael Esparza	Tri-Valley Haven

Committee Ground Rules

1. When you first speak, state you name, your pronouns if you have a preference, where you live or work, and your agency or organization. Members are also asked to introduce themselves in the chat.
2. One person speaks at a time. Raised hands are not required unless the moderator decides they are necessary in the situation.
3. This is a public discussion, not a debate. The purpose is not to win an argument, but to hear many points of view and explore many options and solutions.
4. Everyone is encouraged to participate. You may be asked to share what you think, or we may ask for comments from those who haven't spoken. It is always OK to "pass" when you are asked to share a comment. People can participate via chat and are not obligated to come off mute or turn their camera on.
5. No one or two individuals should dominate a discussion. If you have already voiced your ideas, let others have an opportunity. When you speak, be brief and to the point.
6. Commit to racial justice and equity in decision making.
7. Do your best to understand the pros and cons of every option, not just those you prefer. Be as objective and fair-minded as you can be.

8. Seek first to understand, not to be understood. Ask questions to seek clarification when you don't understand the meaning of someone's comments.
9. Assume good intentions. Handle one another with grace.