



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Monday, October 20, 2025

10:00 AM

**500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA
Classroom**

Housing Committee

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PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via webinar. Login information is provided above. ACOA members will also be participating from the following locations: Center for Elders' Independence, 1465 Civic Ct., Concord, CA 94520 | Mira Flores Senior Housing, 150 S. 45th St., Community Rm., Richmond, CA 94804 | Contra Costa Senior Legal Services, 2702 Clayton Rd., #202, Concord, CA 94519 | 14720 Byron Highway, #4, Byron, CA 94514

10:00 Call To Order / Welcome – Kevin Donovan, Chair

Committee Members Present:

Present

Roger Boaz, Kevin Donovan, Marilyn Fowler, Michelle Hayes,
Logan Robertson, Victoria Snyder, and Uche Uwahemu

Community Members Present: Gerald Richards; Cherise Khaund (Office of Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan) | Bryan Harris, Gerry La Londe-Berg (Richmond Commission on Aging) | Jim Donnelly (ACOA) | Nikki Lopez (Caring Haven) | Jan Warren (Multi-Faith Action Coalition) | Caroline Miller (Health, Housing, and Homeless Services) | Christine Burke (Independent Living Resources) | Dixie Peralta, Nhang Luong (staff members, Area Agency on Aging)

Review/Approve: Agenda and Minutes

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Motion:

Fowler

Second:

Robertson

Aye:

**Boaz, Donovan, Fowler, Hayes, Robertson, Snyder, and
Uwahemu**

Result:

Passed

- 10:10 Update – Federal Budget and Housing Impact – Janessa Oriol, District Director, Office of Congressman DeSaulnier
- Congressman DeSaulnier maintains offices in Walnut Creek (main) and Antioch (satellite).
 - At the time of the presentation, the federal budget had not yet passed.
 - Draft proposals include cuts to HUD tenant assistance, public housing, eviction protection, and fair housing programs.
- 10:20 Presenters: Alex Atkinson, Chief Operating Officer and Khayla Digiorgio, Policy & Government Affairs Manager from Hope Solutions
- Hope Solutions serves over 4,000 people annually.
 - Causes of homelessness:
 - o Affordable housing is scarce
 - o Rents doubled over last 10 years
 - o Low-paying jobs deplete family resources
 - Hope Solutions approach is “housing first” strategy paired with supportive services.
 - Programs include:
 - o Site-based housing: permanent housing with on-site support services
 - o Multi-site housing: permanent housing across the County, with in-home support services
 - o Rapid rehousing: housing search and placement with time-limited subsidies and in-home support services
 - o Prevention and diversion: comprehensive housing navigation services for people at risk of homelessness
 - Case managers connect clients to medical, mental health, and in-home support services. They help coordinate end-of-life care and conduct frequent reassessments with older adult clients.
 - Programs operate within the Continuum of Care (CoC); referrals must come through the Coordinated Entry System or Adult Protective Services, the Public Defender’s Office, Probation, and County Social Services.
 - Outcomes:
 - o 74% of households gain permanent housing
 - o 92% of households kept their housing after exiting
 - o 99% of clients in rapid exit programs gained permanent housing
 - o 99% of permanent supportive housing clients gained health insurance
 - o 91% of permanent supportive housing clients maintained or increased their income.

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- 11:05 Update: “No Place to Call Home” Outreach Presentations - Kevin Donovan and Marilyn Fowler
- On October 22, Marilyn Fowler has a presentation scheduled with the Concord Rotary Club, and Nhang Luong and Kevin Donovan are presenting to the Danville Commission on Aging.

- 11:15 Update: Home Match - Logan Robertson, Director, Home Match Contra Costa
- There are currently 15 rooms available for rent.
 - Home sharing demand continues to rise and program goals for the fiscal year have already been surpassed.
 - Most available rooms are located in West County.
 - Cities without BART access tend to have longer placement timelines.

11:20 Review: Year-End Report – Kevin Donovan

Motion: **Robertson**

Second: **Fowler**

Aye: **Boaz, Donovan, Fowler, Hayes, Robertson, Snyder, and Uwahemu**

Result: **Passed**

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- 11:30 Update: Support letter for Fast Track Housing Package – Kevin Donovan
- October 12 was the final deadline for the bills.
 - Some bills were approved; 1–2 were withdrawn.
 - Several bills remain pending and are expected to be reintroduced in two years.

11:35 Information Sharing

Nikki Lopez from Caregiver OneCall shared that free respite sessions for people with dementia remain available at their West and East County sites.

- 11:50 Plan Next Meeting Next Meeting: Monday, December 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
No meeting in November (recess). December meeting will include an update from H3 and the state budget.

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