



May 17, 2023

Agenda Report (**REVISED**)

COH Budget Recommendations, Public Comment Period, and Proposed Engagement Framework

This agenda report is prepared by City staff to engage discussion on the Commission’s proposed budget recommendations and provide an engagement framework for a **12-day** period of public comment on the recommendations to inform the City Council’s FY 2023-25 Biennial Budget. The discussion and framework serve to better structure the content and public participation to provide for equitable engagement to support addressing homelessness in the City of Oakland.

Budget Recommendations

Staff have reviewed the proposed Budget Recommendations that will reflect the Commission’s direction to the City Council for the Proposed FY 2023 – 25 Biennial Budget. The original proposed document provides a list of statements as proposals three focus areas.

- 1) Encampment and Homeless Services
- 2) Temporary and Permanent Housing
- 3) Staffing

Given the very substantial efforts and time dedicated to the three and ½ week closure operation for the three-acre Wood Street encampment, staff had insufficient time to prepare a written analysis of the proposed recommendations to make the noticing deadlines for the May 10th agenda packet. It, however, is important to note that the feasibility of some of the proposed recommendations do not align with the conditions of the Miralle Settlement Agreement, the adopted encampment management policy, other city policies and, therefore, may not further efforts to address homelessness as presented. The Homelessness Division team has reviewed the recommendations and provided edits for discussion with the Commission. Staff will address both the original recommendations and the edits at the meeting.

Proposed Public Comment and Engagement Strategy (**REVISED**)

After discussion with Chair Walker and Vice Chair Castillo, staff have prepared an engagement framework (referenced as **Attachment A**) to complement the below timeline that sets important dates to set up and allow the COH to review the final report of public comment on the Budget Recommendations.

Date	Days	Action
May 17	1 Day	Review for the Proposed Budget Recommendation - Special Meeting Commission on Homelessness (Rescheduled)
May 19 – May 31	12 days	Public Comment Period Begin Engagement & Publicize Public Comment on COH Budget Recommendations
June 1 - June 5	5 days	Organization/Analysis of Comments/Share copy of raw comments with Chair/Vice Chair
June 7	1 day	Review Comments/Data - Special Meeting Commission on Homelessness
June 8	3 days	Commission Recommendations filed with City Clerk
June 14	1 day	COH Representative to Appear before City Council to Speak to Report

We look forward to the discussions on the recommendations, the proposed engagement framework, and timeline.

Sincerely,
/S/ LaTonda Simmons, ACA and Acting Homelessness Administrator