

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Human Services Commission
Thursday, September 18, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Human Services Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order by Chair Loduem at 6:13 pm on Thursday, September 18, 2025, in the Nakaoka Community Center.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Valerie Loduem; Member Shari Farmer; Member Sharon Pamplin

Absent: Vice-Chair Tanoh Amoa (King Nat) Jr.; Member LaWanda Staten

In Attendance: Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A motion was made by Member Farmer and was seconded by Member Pamplin to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2025 meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 (Farmer, Pamplin, Loduem).

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Liaison Howard shared that the Human Services Commission Presentation to City Council has been scheduled for November 18, 2025.
- Liaison Howard shared that staff were currently working on scheduling a presentation with WRG for Commissioners from all Boards and Commissions.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

7. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

- Member Farmer attended the City's 95th Celebration & Wall of Fame Induction

8. **UPCOMING EVENTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The following events were discussed and flyers distributed:

- Food, Wine, Brew Festival - Saturday, September 27
- Loteria Bingo - Friday, October 3
- Harvest Festival – Saturday, October 4
- Senior Health Fair - Friday, October 17
- Ministerial Meeting - Thursday, October 23
- Operation Gobble - Thursday, November 20

9. **STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

- Human Services Update – New Social Services Coordinator for the Senior Supportive Services program started 9/15.
- Rental Assistance Program: a third round of applications were accepted on September 16. Staff met with 15 applicants and 11 completed applications were accepted. As of

date, 25 applications have been approved – 13 have started receiving rental assistance and 12 are awaiting landlord documents.

- We participated in the Compton Veterans Stand Down taking place on 9/20 by donating 30 to-go lunch packs for veterans attending the event.
- Staff will be tabling at LAUSD's Health Fair held at Gardena High School on Saturday, 9/20.

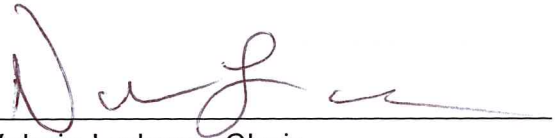
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:57 pm made by Member Pamplin, seconded by Member Farmer, and passed with unanimous vote. Next meeting will be October 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Nakaoka Community Center.

APPROVED:



Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison



Valerie Loduem, Chair