

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Human Services Commission
Thursday, June 18, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Human Services Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order by Chair Loduem at 6:05 pm on Thursday, June 18, 2026, in the Nakaoka Community Center.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Valerie Loduem; Vice-Chair Tanoh Amoa (King Nat) Jr; Member Sharon Pamplin; Member LaWanda Staten

Absent: Member Shari Farmer

In Attendance: Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A motion was made by Member Staten and was seconded by Member Pamplin to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2026 meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 (Staten, Pamplin, Loduem, Amoa).

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

7. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice Chair Amoa attended Community Care Day. He stated it was a great event for the community and was well attended.

8. **UPCOMING EVENTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The following events were discussed and flyers distributed:

- Gardena Concert Series
- Aquatic and Senior Center Grand Opening
- Aquatic Programming
- June Candlelight Dinner
- Fourth of July Celebration
- Sounds & Bites
- Ministerial Association Meeting

9. **STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

- Community Care Day recap: Our Community Care Day was a success. We had over 200 attendees and twenty vendors providing community resources and vision screenings. Lunch was provided and it was included as an event in our passport tour.

- HS Updates: We are preparing for our Back to School backpack giveaway which will take place during our Summer Block Party on August 4. Registration starts soon and sponsor details have been shared.
- Rental Assistance Program: We have started intakes for our RPHP program, which is funded by the SBCCOG. Staff are working with about twenty clients gathering documents to determine eligibility.

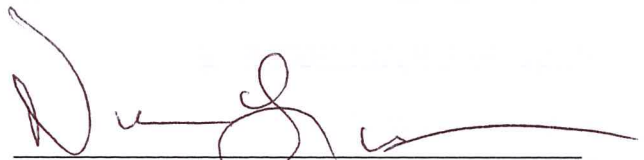
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:33 pm was made by Member Staten and seconded by Member Pamplin. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 (Staten, Pamplin, Loduem, Amoa). Next meeting will be July 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Nakaoka Community Center.

APPROVED:



Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison



Valerie Loduem, Chair