



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Regular HSC Meeting Notice and Agenda

Website: www.cityofgardena.org

Thursday, May 21, 2026, 6:00 PM

Nakaoka Community Center

If you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:

1. **PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING** by emailing the Gardena Board/Commission/Committee at publiccomment@cityofgardena.org two (2) hours before the meeting starts on the day of the meeting and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. Written public comments will be provided to the Human Services Commission and will be part of the record but will not be read aloud.

2. **ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON**

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Gardena Board/Commission/Committee will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or any item of interest that is not on the agenda at the following times:

- Agenda Items - At the time the Board/Commission/Committee considers the item or during Public Comment.
- If you wish to address the Gardena Board/Commission/Committee, please complete a "Speaker Request" form and present it to staff. You will be called to the podium by name when it is your turn to address the Board/Commission/Committee. The Board/Commission/Committee cannot legally take action on any item not scheduled on the Agenda. Such items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future Agenda. Members of the public wishing to address the Board/Commission/Committee will be given three (3) minutes to speak.

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STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Treat everyone courteously;
- Listen to others respectfully;
- Exercise self-control;
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints;
- Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate; and
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

Thank you for your attendance and cooperation

1. ROLL CALL

1. Valerie Loduem, Chair
2. Tanoh Amoa (King Nat) Jr., Vice Chair
3. Shari Farmer
4. Sharon Pamplin
5. LaWanda Staten

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time where the public may address the Human Services Commission on items that are not on the agenda, but within the Human Services Commission jurisdiction. Comments should be limited to three minutes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

8. UPCOMING EVENTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Community Care Day – Saturday, June 13, 2026 (volunteer opportunity)
- Upcoming Recreation Events

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

- Boys to Men recap
- HS Updates: Food Pantry and Homeless Services
- Rental Assistance Programs Updates
- Staffing update

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Human Services Commission will adjourn to the next meeting at 6:00pm on June 18, 2026.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in the City Hall lobby not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of said Agenda is available on our website at www.CityofGardena.org.

_____/s/ MINA SEMENZA

MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

Date Posted: May 18, 2026