



CITY OF OAKLAND

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 1 - One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

IN-PERSON MEETING

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Commissioners: Kevin Beachem (Chair), Suzi Kalmus, Jacqueline Johnson, Leslie Smith, Car-Lette Garrett, Sharawn Tipton, Gwendolyn Thomas-Knight, Rhonda Ramirez

Human Services Department (HSD) Commission Staff: Ana Bagtas, Aging and Adult Services Manager; **Marshay Boyd**, Commission Clerk

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AGENDA

1. Call To Order (1 minute)
2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda (1 minute)
ACTION ITEM:
4. Approval of September 2, 2026, Meeting Minutes
ACTION ITEM:
5. Assign a Commissioner to Help Guide the Meeting Rules – *Kevin Beachem, MCOA Chairperson*
6. Public Comment on Agenda Items (limit of two minutes per speaker)
7. Commissioners Request for Future Agenda Items (5 minutes)
8. New Business (40 minutes)
 - Selection of MCOA Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
 - Discussion of Bylaws revision (Attachment) – *MCOA Commissioners*
 - Annual Report/Participation in Age Friendly Cities Project
 - Ad Hoc Interview Committee for Selection of New Commissioners
9. Chair Announcements/Reports (old business) – *Kevin Beachem, MCOA Chairperson* (10 minutes)
 - Senior Center Partnership Proposal
 - November Meeting - Absent
10. Advocacy Updates – *Kevin Beachem, MCOA Chairperson* (5 minutes)
 - Advocacy Lead

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11. Reports from MCOA Subcommittees (old business) – *MCOA Commissioners* (10 minutes)
12. Reports from Representatives of the Senior Center Advisory Boards (old business) – *MCOA Commissioners* (5 minutes)
13. Human Services Department/Aging & Adult Services Report – *HSD* (10 minutes)
 - Staff Updates
14. Open Forum (Limit of two minutes per speaker)
15. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

NEXT MONTH AGENDA ITEMS:

- Federal Budget Advocacy Policy – *Leslie Smith, MCOA Commissioner*

UP COMING SPECIAL MEETINGS:

- December 2, 2026 – Downtown Oakland Senior Center (DOSC) – 200 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94610
- March 3, 2027 – North Oakland Senior Center (NOSC) – 5714 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland, CA 94609
- June 2, 2027 – West Oakland Senior Center (WOSC) – 1724 Adeline St, Oakland, CA 94607

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BYLAWS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING

ARTICLE I

Name of the Agency

The name shall be the Commission on Aging, established by Ordinance No. 9921 C.M.S. passed May 13, 1980, and amended by Ordinance No. 10561 C.M.S. passed March 19, 1985, Ordinance No. 11081 C.M.S. passed February 14, 1989, Ordinance No. 11773 C.M.S. passed March 14, 1995, and Ordinance 11982 C.M.S. passed May 20, 1997.

ARTICLE II Purpose of the Agency

THERE WAS SOME QUESTION ABOUT WORD USAGE: "IDENTIFY"; "ENCOURAGE"; "ADVISE". ALSO CONSIDER COMBINING SECTIONS A-C.

The function and duties of the Commission on Aging shall be:

- a. Identify the needs of the aging community and create a citizen awareness of these needs.
- b. Encourage improved standards of services to the aging, both public and private, and in so doing, encourage coordination among organizations providing services to the aging in the community and provide advice and assistance thereto; **in cooperation with other agencies collect, maintain and interpret information and statistics on the aging for the use of citizens and organizations in the City**; encourage preparation of publications and results of study and research pertaining to the aging.

QUESTION: IS THIS APPROPRIATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MCOA. PERHAPS IT SHOULD BE TO REVIEW COLLECTED DATA NOT TO PREPARE IT.

- c. Advise the City Council and the Human Services Department on services, funding opportunities and on all matters affecting the aging community.

IN WHAT WAY DOES MCOA "ADVISE" THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT? IN CURRENT PRACTICE THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ACTS AS AN ADVISER TO MCOA. CLARITY OF THE ROLE OF BOTH. WHO RECEIVES MCOA'S ADVISE? TRANSPARENCY IS NEED IN COMMUNICATION.

D AND E SEEM TO BE REDUNDANT

- d. Review and comment on all community policies, programs and actions which affect older persons.
- e. Conduct informational hearings on matters affecting the aging in the community.
- f. Serve in an advisory capacity on **other City boards and commissions**, including the senior center advisory councils and the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

CLARIFICATION ON HOW THIS IS DONE. IS A MCOA REP “ON” OTHER CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OR SIMPLE ADVISORS TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSION? HOW IS THIS DONE AND ARE THESE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AWARE OF THE ROLE OF THE MCOA REP?

WHICH BOARDS CONSTITUTES “OTHER CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” OTHER THAN WHAT IS MENTIONED?

ARE OTHER BOARD AND COMMISSION REPS ADVISORS TO MCOA?

- g. Perform such **other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council**.

HOW IS THIS COMMUNICATED TO MCOA. IS THIS QUARTERLY? WHO REPORTS TO WHOM?

ARTICLE III Members

ALTERNATES FOR VACANCIES? HOW ARE THEY VETTED AND PLACED ON MCOA. HOW ALTERNATES ARE SELECTED, THE TERM AS AN ALTERNATE IF NOT REQUIRED TO FILL A VACANCY. ARE THEY REQUIRED TO BE SWORN IN, FILL OUT THE SAME PAPERWORK AS FULL COMMISSIONERS ETC.

- a. The Commission shall consist of eleven (11) members who will be appointed pursuant to section 601 of the Charter, and who shall serve without compensation. Each Commissioner shall serve for a term of three (3) years, and **the terms shall be staggered as to expiration**, except that an appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term only.

STAGGERED: HOW IS THIS DETERMINED? HOW MANY ARE STAGGERED OR IS IT DETERMINED BY WHEN THEY ARE SELECTED?

- b. No person shall be appointed to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as a member of the Commission. In the event an appointment to fill a vacancy has not occurred by the conclusion of a Commission member’s term, that member may continue to serve as a member of the Commission during the following term in a holdover capacity for a period not to exceed one year, to allow for the appointment of a Commission member to serve the remainder of said following term.

- c. A vacancy on the Commission will exist whenever a Commissioner dies, resigns, or is removed, ~~or whenever an appointee fails to be confirmed by the Council within ten (10) days of appointment.~~ A Commissioner may be removed pursuant to Section 601 of the Charter. Among other things, **conviction of a felony, misconduct, inattention to or inability to perform his/her regular duties (regular Commission attendance, serving on or chairing standard committees, participating on ad hoc committee when asked and other duties as may be assigned)**, or absence from three (3) consecutive regular Commission meetings shall constitute cause for removal. Excused absences include the following: (1) personal/family illness, (2) personal emergency, (3) vacation, (4) Commission business, (5) unavoidable professional scheduling conflict. Commissioners shall contact the chairperson or commission staff if they are unable to attend a scheduled meeting.

CLARIFICATION NEEDED. WHO DETERMINE “REGULAR DUTIES”? WHO ASSIGNS AND DOES THE COMMISSIONER HAS ANY SAY IN WHETHER THEY WANT TO BE ASSISGNE A PARTICULAR DUTY OR CHAIRMANSHP?:

conviction of a felony, misconduct, inattention to or inability to perform his/her regular duties (regular Commission attendance, serving on or chairing standard committees, participating on ad hoc committee when asked and other duties as may be assigned)

DEFINE WHAT ARE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES?

- d. The Commission Chairperson shall review attendance records for all Commissioners with Commission on Aging staff and make recommendations to the full Commission for removal if violations should occur.
- e. The City Administrator may provide the commission with assistance from City employees under his/her jurisdiction.
- f. **Six (6) Commissioners** shall constitute a quorum of the Commission.

WHERE DOES THIS NUMBER COME FROM?

NEEDS TO BE A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

- a. ARTICLE IV

Officers

- a. Each year, at the first regular meeting of the year, the Commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its members.

b. The Chairperson shall:

1. preside at all meetings,
2. supervise the activities of the Commission,
3. **appoint all committee members**, and
4. represent the Commission at meetings or **designate an alternate**.

APPOINTMENT ONLY VALID AFTER THE CONSENT OF THE COMMISSIONER CHOSEN. THE COMMISSIONER HAS TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECLINE AN APPOINTMENT OR BEING MADE A CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE. MUTUAL AGREEMENT.

c. the Vice Chairperson shall:

1. serve as **administrative assistant** to the Chairperson,

ASSIST THE CHAIRPERSON IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CHAIR'S DUTIES- NOT AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

2. succeed to the office of Chairperson when the Chairperson is unable to serve,
3. appoint an acting Vice Chairperson if the Chairperson's absence is to be more than one month, and
4. perform such duties delegated to the Vice Chairperson.

ARTICLE V Meetings and Place of Meetings

- a. The Commission shall meet at least once each month at Oakland City Hall, One Frank Ogawa Plaza. Such meetings shall be designated regular meetings. **Other meetings called by the Mayor, City Administrator and meetings scheduled for a time or place other than regular meetings, shall be designated special meetings. Written notice of special meetings shall be given to the Commission members, the Council, and the public in accordance with the California Brown Act and the Oakland Sunshine Ordinance.**

SHOULD BE A DIFFERENT SECTION DIVIDING SECTION INTO "OTHERS MEETINGS" AND "SPECIAL MEETINGS" CLARIFYING THE DETERMINATION OF EACH.

- b. Regular meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

- c. Meetings will convene normally at 10:00 a.m.

remote

ARTICLE VI **Mode of Operation** PERHAPS A BETTER NAME FOR SECTION?

a. The Commission shall, in consultation with the City Administrator and with the approval of the Council, establish rules and procedures for the conduct of its business. A majority vote of the Commissioners present and voting shall be required for the adoption of any motion or resolution. To take a vote, it is required that a quorum be present. **The Commission shall make its reports, findings and recommendations in writing unless otherwise directed by the Mayor. All reports, findings, and recommendations shall be made either to the City Administrator or the City Council. Recommendations from the Commission to the City Administrator shall be carefully and fully considered by the City Administrator.** If rejected by the City Administrator, the Commission may submit its recommendation to the Council for its consideration, as appropriate.

CLARIFICATION ON HOW THIS IS DONE AND IF IT'S ANNUAL, SEMI ANNUAL QUARTERLY OR MONTHLY. ALSO WHO PRESENTS THE REPORT: THE CHAIR OR OTHER COMMISSIONER OR STAFF REP? IS IT A WRITTEN REPORT OR IS IT AN ORAL PRESENTATION?

b. **Subject to the approval of the Council in each case, the Commission may designate members to act as a liaison representative to any other board, commission or committee. The functions of such liaison representatives are to attend meetings of such other board, commission, or committee, and advise this Commission of the background, attitudes and reasons behind the actions of such other board, commission or committee.**

FUNCTION? IS BEING A LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE DIFFERENT THAN BEING AN ADVISOR TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AS STATE IN ARTICLE II (F)? DOES AN ADVISORY NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL?

ARTICLE VII Committees

a. The Commission shall establish committees as necessary to carry out its functions and activities. The following committees may be established for this purpose.

1. A Steering Committee made up of the Commission Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and ~~chairpersons of each standing committee~~ shall develop the Commission Agenda.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO STANDING COMMITTEES. PERHAPS "SUBCOMMITTEES". WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE STAFF REP? DOES THE STAFF MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WITHOUT THE ASSUMPTION THAT MCOA WILL AGREE?

- ~~2. An Access Advisory Committee composed of not less than three (3) commissioners shall identify the needs and barriers to supporting seniors to remain independent in the community. The Access Advisory Committee shall be a joint committee with the~~

~~Access Compliance Advisory Committee of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities.~~

~~3. A Community Support Committee composed of not less than three (3) Commissioners shall enhance social and environmental opportunities for seniors. The members of the Community Support Committee will serve on the advisory councils of the Oakland senior centers.~~

CAN THESE TWO BE COMBINED? IS THIS CURRENTLY THE ROLE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES?

b. Ad Hoc Committees will be established by a majority vote of the Commission as needed.

WHEN IS AN AD HOC COMMITTEE FORMED?

c. Members of Committees will report back to the full Commission to provide information and propose actions in response to the activities of the Committee.

DEFINE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN COMMITTEE (CURRENTLY WE DON'T HAVE ANY STAND ALONE COMMITTEES); AD HOC COMMITTEE; SUBCOMMITTEE? HOW LONG DO THE COMMITTEES FUNCTIONS? WHO DETERMINE A COMMITTEES AND ITS FUNCTION/ACTIVITIES?

ARTICLE VIII

Amendment of Bylaws

a. These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Commission and approval by the City Council.

VAGUE

ARTICLE IX Parliamentary Authority

The Parliamentarian will use Roberts Rules of Order as a guide.

CURRENTLY WE DO NOT HAVE AN PARLIAMENTARIAN. DOES THE PARLIAMENTARIAN NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OR A STAFF MEMBER?

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING (MCOA)

Potential Partners & Key Stakeholders

A working list for Commissioner review and agenda-setting

Prepared for: MCOA Commissioners | **Date:** July 2026

Purpose

This document is a starting point for the Commission to decide, together, which community partners and stakeholders we should invite into our monthly meetings to give updates on Oakland's aging population and the services and interactions they provide. It draws first on the organizations and people the Commission has already worked with, then recommends additional stakeholders whose work maps directly to our strategic-plan focus areas.

The intent is to help Commissioners align on a shared invitation list and build a forward calendar of guest presenters for our September, October, and November meetings and beyond.

How to use this document in our meeting

- Review the two lists below — partners we have already engaged, and recommended new stakeholders.
- Discuss and prioritize: mark each partner as a near-term invite, a later invite, or not now.
- Confirm ownership: agree which Commissioner or subcommittee will extend each invitation.
- Sequence the calendar: slot confirmed guests into upcoming agendas, mindful of the Brown Act's posting and agenda-setting rules.

Note: *The "recommended" organizations are suggestions aligned to our focus areas; the Commission should confirm current points of contact before inviting. Any coordination should go through our Chair, Vice-Chair, and Aging & Adult Services staff and follow our public-meeting rules.*

Alignment with our strategic plan

Under the prior Chair, the Commission organized its work around three core focus areas that continue to guide us, with housing and economic security and social connection as closely related themes:

- **Safety & Violence Prevention**
- **Wellness, Health & Nutrition**
- **Transportation & Mobility**

The stakeholder recommendations further below are grouped by these themes so the Commission can build a balanced slate of presenters.

Part 1 — Partners we have already engaged

These organizations and people already appear in the Commission's work and correspondence. They are the strongest near-term candidates to formalize as recurring updates or guest presentations.

Partner	Connection to the Commission to date	Suggested update / why bring them in
City of Oakland Human Services Dept. — Aging & Adult Services / MSSP	The Commission's staff partner. Convenes MCOA meetings, supports the five-year strategic plan, and coordinates outreach (Ana Bagtas, PhD, MHA; Marshay Boyd).	Standing monthly update on Aging & Adult Services programs, MSSP caseloads, and strategic-plan implementation.
Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County	Led the April 2026 MCOA Advocacy Trainings and shared advocacy resources on the City budget and senior-center hours (Wendy; Lenore McJunker; Priscilla Banks).	Advocacy landscape, county-wide senior-service funding, and how the Commission can amplify budget priorities.
Center for Elders' Independence (CEI)	Home organization of the Commission's former Chair, Bob Scott; operates PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) sites serving Oakland elders.	PACE model of integrated medical, social, and in-home care; gaps in access for low-income and homebound seniors.
Oakland Senior Centers & their Advisory Councils	The Commission serves as liaison to the Senior Center Advisory Councils; MCOA has met at North Oakland (NOSC) and East Oakland Senior Centers and hosted "Lunch with the Commission."	Direct feedback from center participants; center hours/staffing; the case to open centers five days per week.
Office of the Mayor	Mayor Barbara Lee attended the Older Americans Month meeting; the Commission advises the Mayor and weighed in on the FY2026–27 proposed budget (Mayor's office contact: A. Reed).	The Mayor's priorities for older adults and how MCOA recommendations feed the budget and policy agenda.
Oakland City Council	Target of the Commission's budget advocacy (senior-center hours; Assets Senior Aides). Members referenced include Public Safety Chair Charlene Wang and CM Fife.	Council budget outcomes and their impact on senior services; establishing council-member liaisons to MCOA.
USF School of Nursing & Health Professions	Graduate students completed an equity analysis of the strategic-plan survey data (cross-tabbed by ZIP code, race, and socioeconomic status) for the Transportation, Wellness/Health/Nutrition, and Safety subcommittees.	Full presentation of equity findings to the whole Commission to ground future priorities in the data.

Part 2 — Recommended new stakeholders to invite

These organizations are not yet formally engaged but map directly to our focus areas. They are offered as candidates for the Commission to consider, prioritize, and confirm contacts for.

Safety & Violence Prevention

Organization	Why invite them / what they could update the Commission on
Alameda County Adult Protective Services (APS)	Front line on elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Could brief the Commission on trends and reporting — core to the Safety & Violence Prevention focus.
Legal Assistance for Seniors (Oakland)	Provides legal help, elder-abuse prevention, and benefits/health-insurance counseling to Oakland seniors. A natural recurring resource partner.
Oakland Dept. of Violence Prevention	Could speak to how citywide violence-prevention work reaches and protects older residents.
Alameda County Long-Term Care Ombudsman	Advocates for residents of nursing and assisted-living facilities. Could update the Commission on facility conditions and residents' rights.

Wellness, Health & Nutrition

Organization	Why invite them / what they could update the Commission on
Alameda County Area Agency on Aging (AAA)	The county hub for Older Americans Act funding and planning. Could brief the Commission on the county Area Plan, service contracts, and where Oakland fits in county-wide priorities.
Alameda County Public Health Dept.	Data on older-adult health, chronic disease, isolation, and heat/emergency vulnerability — useful for grounding the Wellness, Health & Nutrition focus area.
Meals on Wheels / senior nutrition providers (e.g., Spectrum Community Services, Mercy Brown Bag)	Home-delivered and congregate meals reach the most isolated seniors. Could report on waitlists, demand trends, and nutrition gaps across Oakland ZIP codes.
Alzheimer's Association (No. CA & No. NV)	Dementia and caregiver support is a fast-growing need. Could update the Commission on caregiver resources and dementia-friendly community efforts.

Transportation & Mobility

Organization	Why invite them / what they could update the Commission on
AC Transit	Fixed-route service, senior fare programs, and route changes directly affect older-adult mobility — a top strategic-plan theme.

Organization	Why invite them / what they could update the Commission on
East Bay Paratransit	ADA paratransit is a lifeline for seniors who cannot use fixed-route transit. Could brief on eligibility, wait times, and coverage gaps.
OakDOT (Oakland Dept. of Transportation)	Owns safe-streets, crossings, and mobility planning. Could update the Commission on senior-pedestrian safety and age-friendly street design.
Alameda CTC (Transportation Commission)	Administers county paratransit and mobility funding (measure dollars). Could explain funding streams the Commission can advocate around.

Housing & Economic Security

Organization	Why invite them / what they could update the Commission on
Oakland Housing Authority	Senior housing supply, waitlists, and voucher programs — central to keeping older adults stably housed.
St. Mary's Center (Oakland)	Serves very low-income and homeless seniors. Could report on senior homelessness and prevention needs.
Affordable-housing developers (e.g., SAHA, EBALDC)	Build and operate senior affordable housing with services. Could brief on the pipeline of age-friendly units in Oakland.
Oakland "Assets" Senior Aides program	Named in the Commission's budget advocacy. Could update on the senior-employment program the Commission moved to protect from cuts.

Social Connection, Advocacy & Civic Engagement

Organization	Why invite them / what they could update the Commission on
AARP California	Statewide advocacy muscle, research, and age-friendly-community tools that can extend the Commission's reach.
Ashby Village (village movement)	A member-led aging-in-place network. Could share what helps older adults stay connected and independent at home.
Oakland Public Library — older-adult services	A trusted, no-cost neighborhood touchpoint. Could describe programming and digital-literacy support for seniors.
California Department of Aging / California Commission on Aging	State-level policy and funding context; helpful for aligning MCOA priorities with state initiatives (e.g., Master Plan for Aging).

Suggested next steps for the Commission

- Agree on a short list of 3–4 partners to invite for the fall meetings (September–November).
- Assign each invitation to a Commissioner or subcommittee, coordinating with Aging & Adult Services staff.
- Ask each guest to speak to a consistent set of questions: who they serve, current demand and waitlists, gaps, and how the Commission can help.
- Keep a running roster of guests and dates so we build institutional memory and avoid gaps or duplication.
- Revisit this list quarterly and add partners as new needs surface from the strategic-plan data.

Prepared as a discussion draft for MCOA Commissioners. Sources: Commission email correspondence and shared documents, June–July 2026.

Commissioners: Kevin Beachem (Chair) — **PRESENT**; Suzi Kalmus — **PRESENT**; Jacqueline Johnson — **PRESENT**; Leslie Smith — **PRESENT**; Car-Lette Garrett — **PRESENT**; Sharawn Tipton — **ABSENT**; Gwendolyn Thomas-Knight — **PRESENT**; Rhonda Ramirez — **ABSENT**. (*Blake Spears (Vice-Chair) — resigned.*)

Human Services Department (HSD) Commission Staff: Ana Bagtas, Aging and Adult Services Manager; Jessi Cutter, Outreach Developer; Vi Lo, Fiscal Manager HSD (Budget presentation); **Marshay Boyd**, Commission Clerk

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING

SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

East Oakland Senior Center (EOSC) - 9255 Edes Ave, Oakland, CA 94603

Meeting Minutes

1. Call To Order

Chair Kevin Beachem called the special meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and reviewed public-comment protocols (speaker cards, agenda-item comments at Item 5, general comments at Item 15).

2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

Present at roll call: Kevin Beachem; Suzi Kalmus; Jacqueline Johnson; Leslie Smith; Car-Lette Garrett; Gwendolyn Thomas-Knight.

Absent: Sharawn Tipton; Rhonda Ramirez.

Quorum: Established, six commissioners present at roll call.

3. Adoption of Agenda

ACTION ITEM: Car-Lette Garrett / Leslie Smith / Moved — Approved.

Discussion: Chair noted Vice-Chair Blake Spears had resigned; nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair would be taken under Item 7 with no vote today, allowing commissioners time to meet nominees while avoiding Brown Act issues.

4. Approval of July 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes

ACTION ITEM: Leslie Smith / Jacqueline Johnson / Moved — Approved.

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Discussion: Commissioners briefly revisited minutes workflow and vote-recording consistency, affirming sequence (motion → second → discussion → question → vote) and requesting continued direct email delivery of draft minutes prior to meetings.

5. Public Comment (Specific Agenda Items, limit of two minutes)

- Anwar (Chair, Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities): Thanked MCOA for the Transportation Subcommittee presentation to MCPD; announced MCPD's annual community survey and invited MCOA participation; shared MCPD meeting schedule (third Monday, 5:30 p.m.) and upcoming topics (discounted transit).
- Mary (Community Member): Spoke about EOSC programming and asked about the future direction of senior-center hours, special events, and travel.
- Philip (Public Member): Raised concerns about staffing allocations tied to Measure BB (admin assistants splitting time between transportation and center operations) and requested clarity on how restored hours would be supported by actual positions funded in the budget.

6. Old Business

Discussion: Advisory-council liaison standardization: Commissioners reiterated expectations for liaison introductions, placement as a standing item on council agendas, and primary listening mode with Q&A at the chair's discretion.

7. New Business

- **Nominees for MCOA Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

Context: With Blake Spears no longer serving, the Commission will fill Vice-Chair, Chair, and Advocacy roles; nominations were opened. Commissioners agreed to keep nominations open until the next regular meeting to allow one-on-one introductions with nominees and to avoid Brown Act concerns (no serial emails or quorum discussions outside noticed meetings).

- **Vice Chair nomination:** Car-Lette Garrett nominated Leslie Smith.
- **Chair nomination:** Leslie Smith nominated Kevin Beachem.
- **Advocacy nominations:** Suzi Kalmus nominated Leslie Smith; Car-Lette Garrett Nominated herself.

No vote was taken; the selection will occur at the next meeting, after the nominations window closes.

8. Commissioners Request for Future Agenda Items

Requests included: a budget-cycle briefing keyed to the two-year city budget, a session on federal/state policy changes impacting older adults, and an onboarding/orientation sequence for new commissioners following bylaws updates. Staff advised prioritizing the Bylaws Ad Hoc workstream (report-back September; action October) while proceeding with vacancy fills and scheduling subject-matter presentations.

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9. Updates from the City of Oakland Senior Centers:

- **West Oakland Senior Center (WOSC) – Betty Hicks**

Advisory-Council representative emphasized safety, comfort, and desired activities (trips and social events); requested transparent timelines on reopening and director training/coordination across centers; underscored outreach strategy to recruit members at reopening.

- **North Oakland Senior Center (NOSC) – Harry Stewart**

No report was recorded for NOSC.

- **Downtown Oakland Senior Center (DOSC) – Lorrie Soria**

Reported robust daily attendance (120–150 people in ~4 hours) and a full slate of classes (line dance, tai chi, table tennis/pickleball, yoga, strength/stability), expanded arts/makers programming, a sewing lab, and frequent special events (concerts, cultural festivals, craft fairs). Travel committee outings (Giants game; Rosie the Riveter; Chinatown tour) routinely fill on day one. Highlighted monthly guest speakers (AARP safe-driving; health topics), grief and estate-planning sessions, tax assistance, book clubs, and community partnerships (Legal Aid for Seniors; veterans; LGBTQ+ fair).

- **East Oakland Senior Center (EOSC) – Barbara Mouton**

Listed recent trips (Monterey Bay Aquarium; Livermore Outlets; Alameda County Fair), in-house events (wine party; memorial wall; Motown Monday; themed throwbacks; vendor marketplace), and extensive fitness offerings (line-dance; chair yoga; step exercise; strength classes). Requested support to extend hours (e.g., 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Mon–Thu) and restart rentals to sustain revenue; asked consideration for experienced Administrative Assistants to be grandfathered/experience-weighted in civil service; cited needs for furniture upgrades and capital improvements.

10. Addressing Food Insecurity in East Oakland

Fred Robinson (Food Program Lead, EOSC): Described EOSC’s weekly food market serving ~500 families, starting early morning with long lines; highlighted volunteer delivery for homebound seniors and priority ordering of protein (meat/eggs). Noted City/HSD support via a recent \$266,000 allocation through Alameda County Community Food Bank to bolster protein supply for seniors; urged the City to prioritize seniors in food, water, shelter services and maintain senior centers as community lighthouses post-COVID.

11. Chair Announcements/Reports – Kevin Beachem, MCOA Chairperson

ACTION ITEM: Car-Lette Garrett / Jacqueline Johnson / Moved — Approved to TABLE Item 11.

12. Reports from MCOA Subcommittees – MCOA Commissioners

ACTION ITEM: Car-Lette Garrett / Jacqueline Johnson / Moved — Approved to TABLE Item 12.

13. Reports from Representatives of the Senior Center Advisory Boards

ACTION ITEM: Car-Lette Garrett / Jacqueline Johnson / Moved — Approved to TABLE Item 13.

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14. Human Services Department/Aging & Adult Services Report – Ana Bagtas, Aging and Adult Services Manager, HSD

- **Understanding the FY 2026-27 Aging Services Budget** – Vi Lo, Fiscal Manager, HSD
 - Funding sources (approx. share): General Fund 35%; Measure HH (SSBT) 7%; AmeriCorps 3%; Calif. DHHS/MSSP 20%; State CMAA 6%; Alameda County Grants (I&A) 1%; Measure BB Paratransit 25%; City Facilities 2%.
 - Positions (46.62 FTE) & senior-center staffing: highlights include Admin Assistant II (4.0 FTE) split 50% Measure BB / 50% CMAA & Measure HH, a Rental Admin Assistant II (1.0 FTE) funded 100% General Fund (added by eliminating 5.0 ASSETS FTE), Custodians (3.0 FTE) supported by Facilities & SSBT/GPF, and Directors (4.0 FTE) funded via General Fund.
 - Senior Center budget totals (FY 2026–27): \$1,605,294 (General Fund) + \$308,760 (City Facilities).
- **Fiscal Year 2026-27 Oakland Paratransit Program Plan** – Dr. Ana Bagtas, Human Services Manager, HSD
 - Service mix/funding includes Taxi Scrip (18,950 rides; \$980,000; \$51.72/ride); GoGo Grandparents (7,500 rides; \$75,000; \$10/ride); Specialized Accessible Vans (Quality: 10,000 rides; \$640,000; \$64/ride; One Access: 335 rides; \$25,000; \$74.63/ride); Emeryville 8-To-Go (1,600 rides; \$50,000; \$31.25/ride); Senior Group Trips (16,500 rides; \$364,000; \$22.06/ride); SOS Meals on Wheels delivery (260,000 deliveries; \$300,000; \$1.15/unit); Door-Thru-Door Taxi Up & Go (1,500 rides; \$150,000; \$100/ride); and Customer Service/Overhead (\$1,450,000).
 - Next steps: OPED Transportation Subcommittee strategic planning and opening East Oakland & West Oakland OPED offices to increase visibility and access.

Q&A highlights: Commissioners and public asked about staffing timelines, hours extension, rentals resumption, and aligning admin-assistant duties with Measure BB requirements; staff reiterated Brown Act access to budget materials on the City website and invited continued advocacy during the next two-year budget cycle.

15. Open Forum (Limit of two minutes)

Community speakers: Several attendees raised issues around hearing accessibility (captioning/assistive listening for in-community meetings), transportation to evening events, and sustainability of non-General Fund resources for food and transit.

16. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Chair Beachem thanked EOSC for hosting and noted post-meeting community activities.

ACTION ITEM (Adjournment): Car-Lette Garrett / Gwendolyn Thomas-Knight / Moved — Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

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MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING (MCOA)

in the Community Meeting

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



**East Oakland Senior Center (EOSC)
9255 EDES AVE, OAKLAND, CA 94603**



Join us for an engaging community meeting with multiple presentations, updates, and opportunities to connect.

EMAIL: MCOA@OAKLANDCA.GOV

Understanding the City's Aging Services Budget

Vi Lo, Agency Administrative Manager
Dr. Ana Bagtas, Human Services Manager
Human Services Department

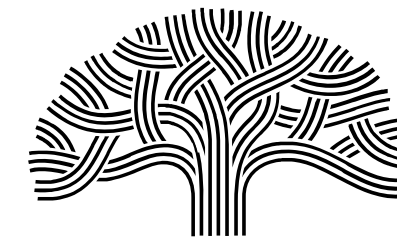


Mayor's Commission on Aging

September 2, 2026
East Oakland Senior Center

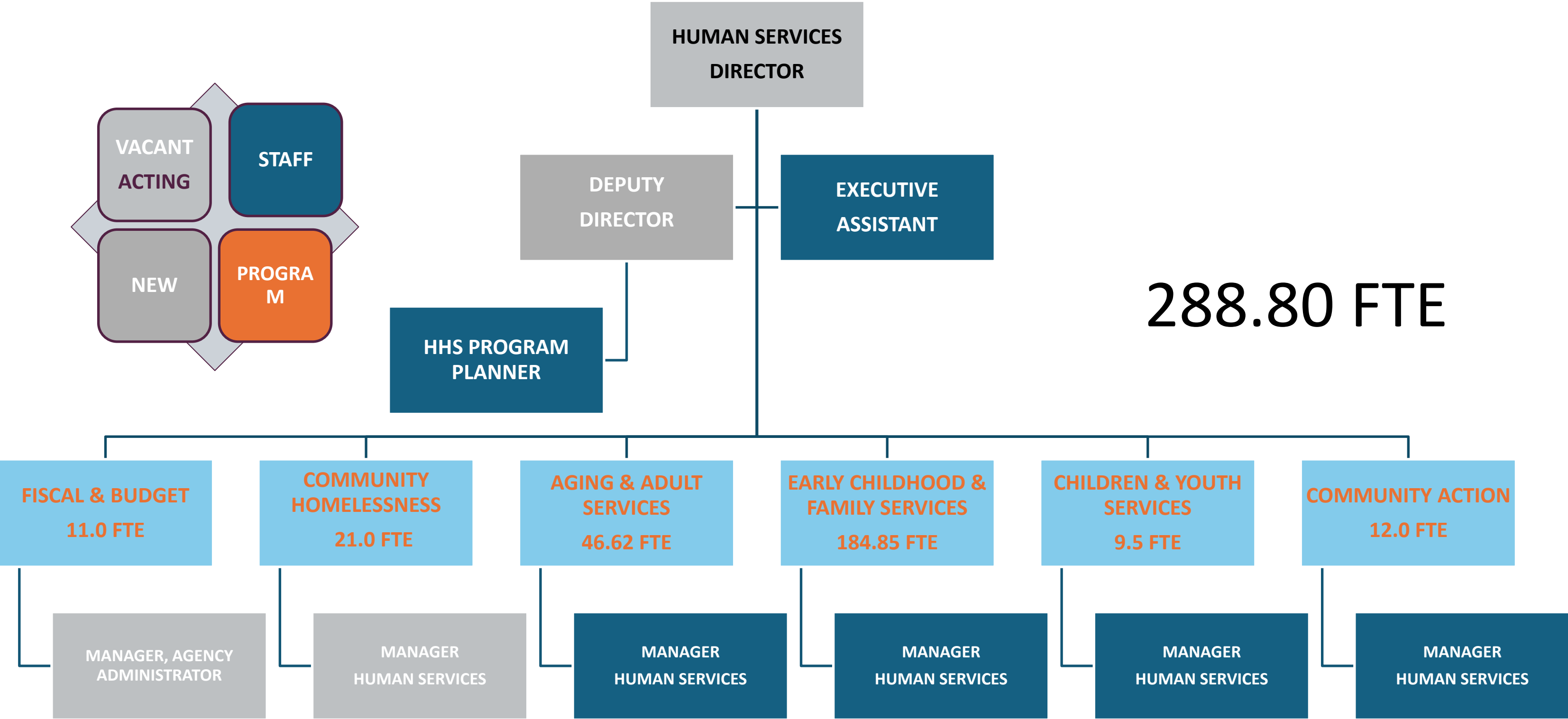
Agenda

1. Intro to Human Services Department
2. Intro to Aging and Adult Services Division
3. Finding City's Budget Information
4. The Aging Services Budget for FY 2026-27
 - Funding Breakdown and Sources
 - Position Breakdown and Sources
 - Senior Center Budget
5. Oakland Paratransit Measure BB FY 2026-27 Program Plan
6. Question/Comments

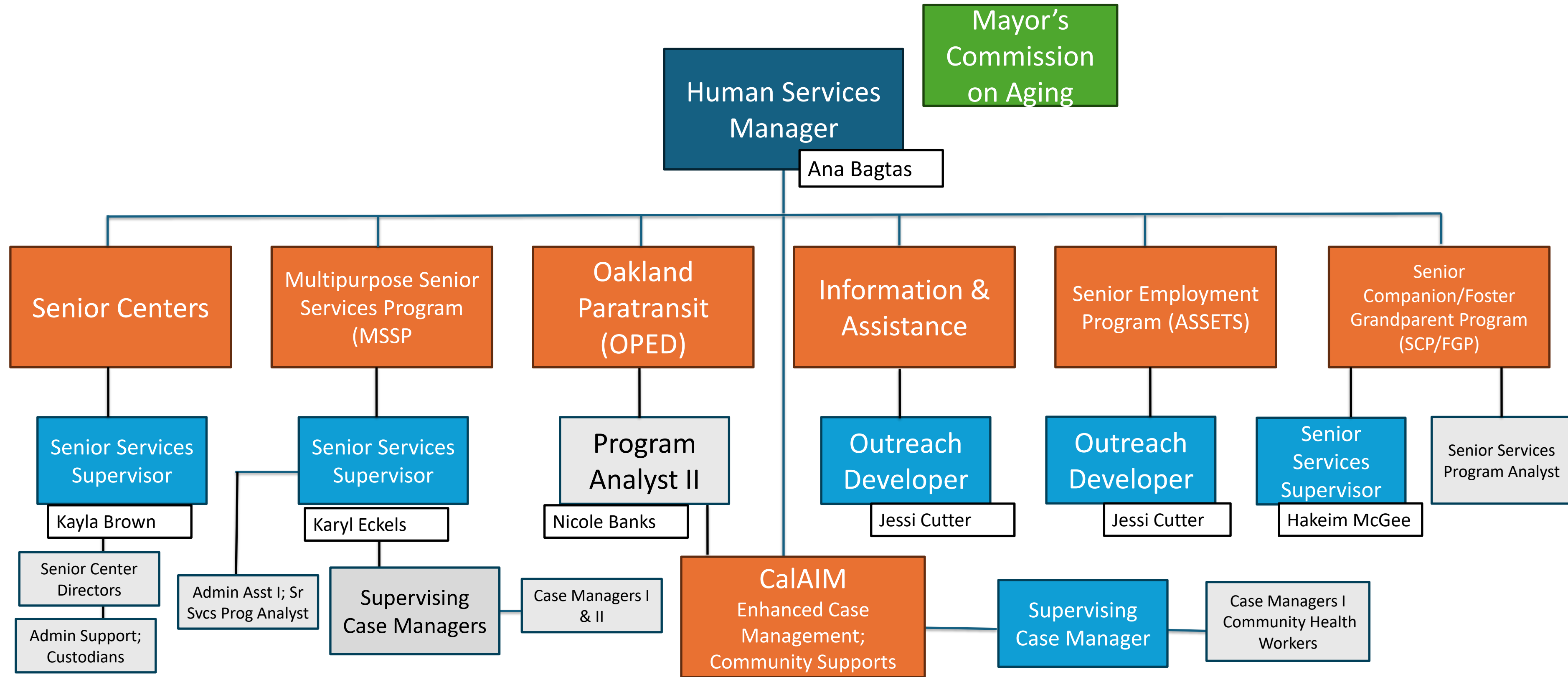


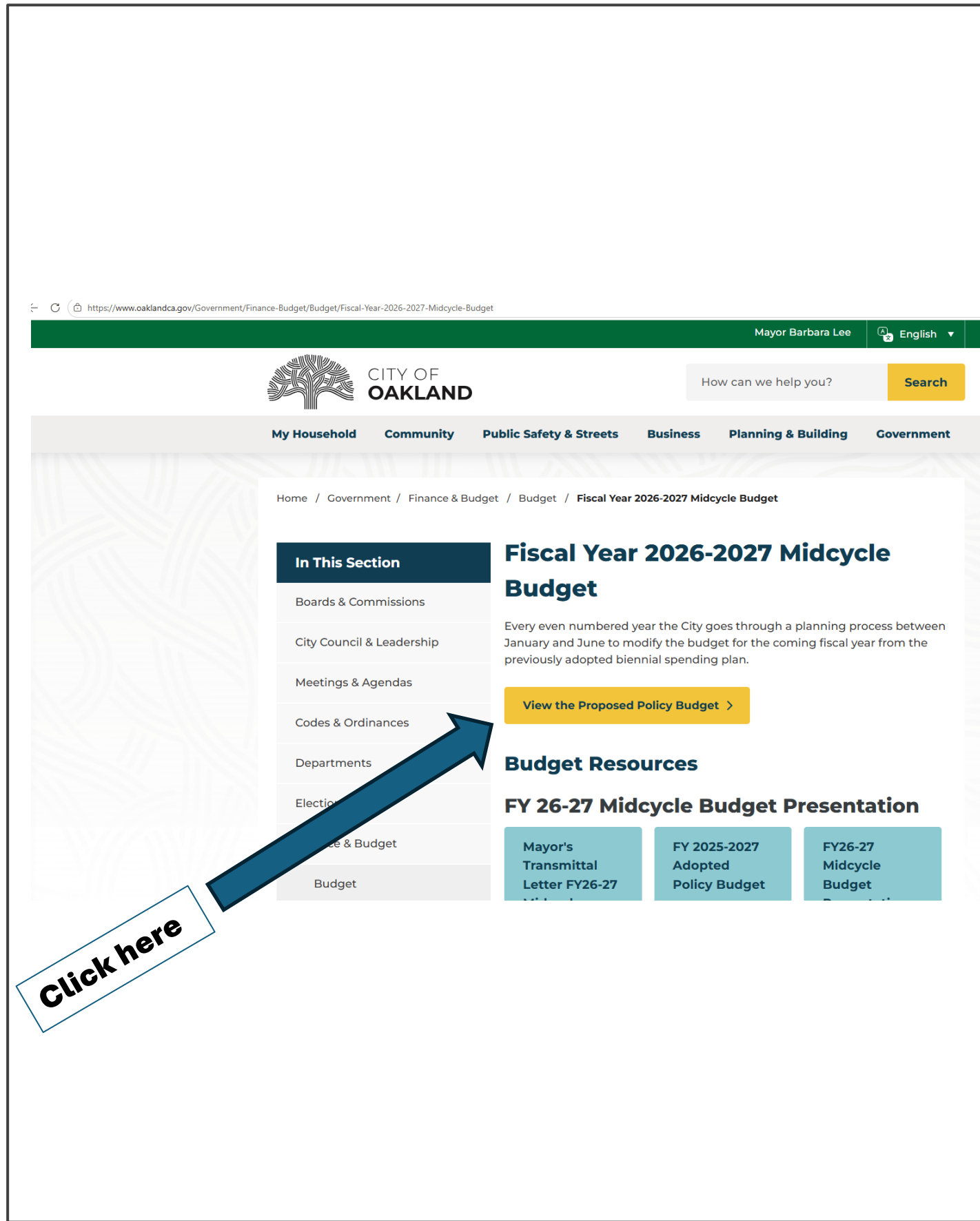
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Human Services Department



Aging & Adult Services Division





City of Oakland Budget Website

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/Government/Finance-Budget/Budget/Fiscal-Year-2026-2027-Midcycle-Budget>



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FY 2026-2027 PROPOSED MIDCYCLE POLICY BUDGET



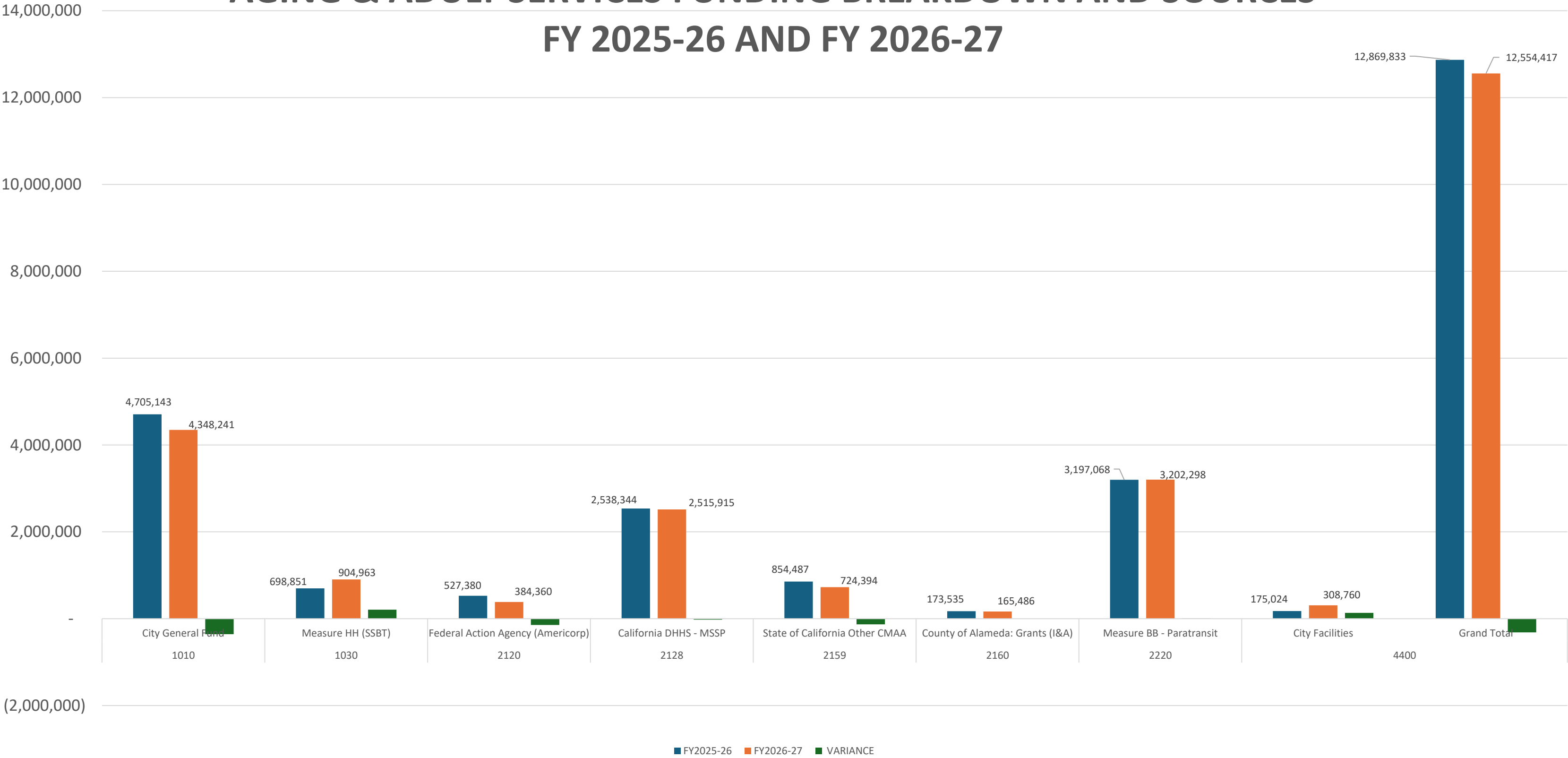
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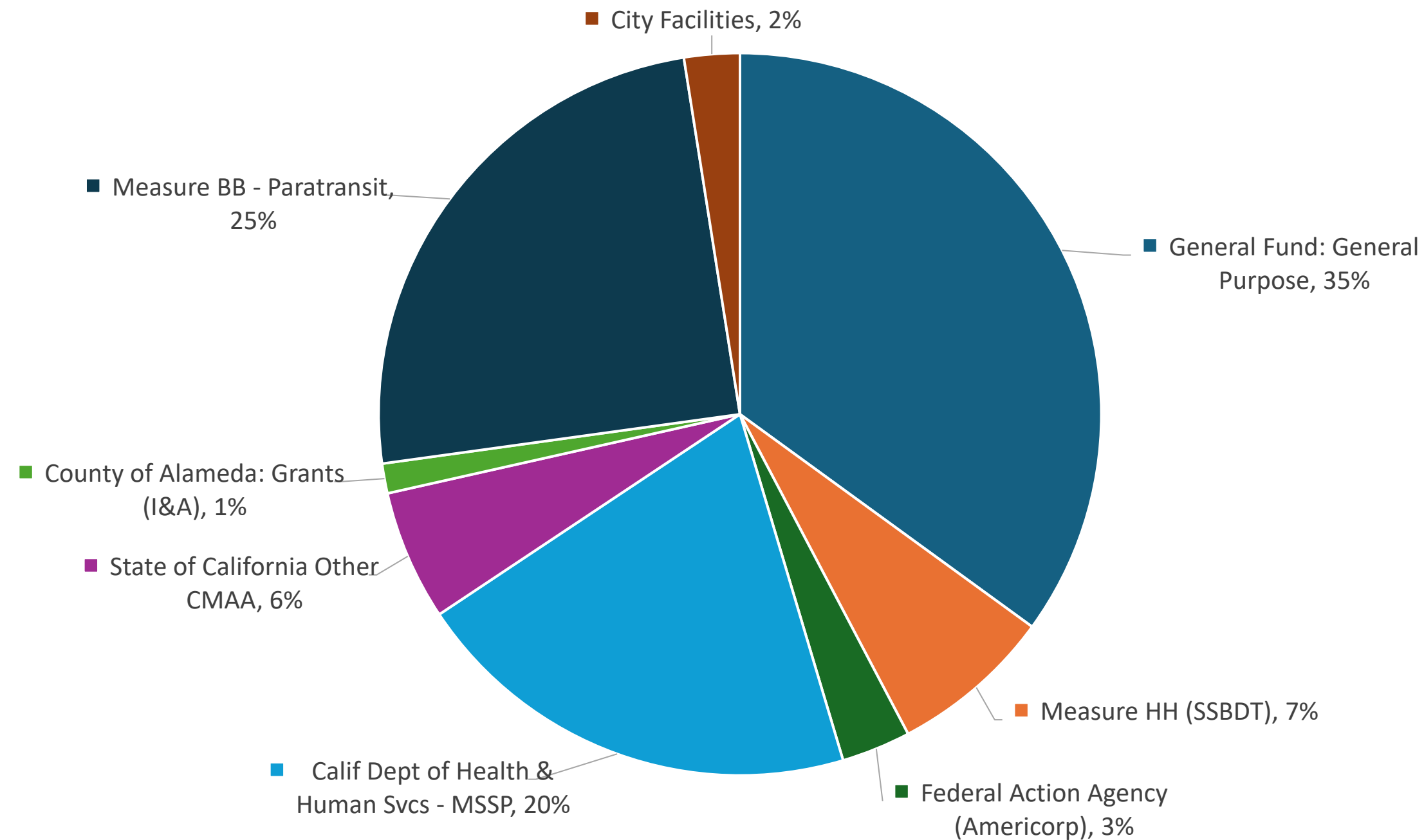
AGING & ADULT SERVICES FUNDING BREAKDOWN AND SOURCES

FY 2025-26 AND FY 2026-27



Aging Services Budget FY 2026-27

FUNDING BREAKDOWN BY PERCENTAGE



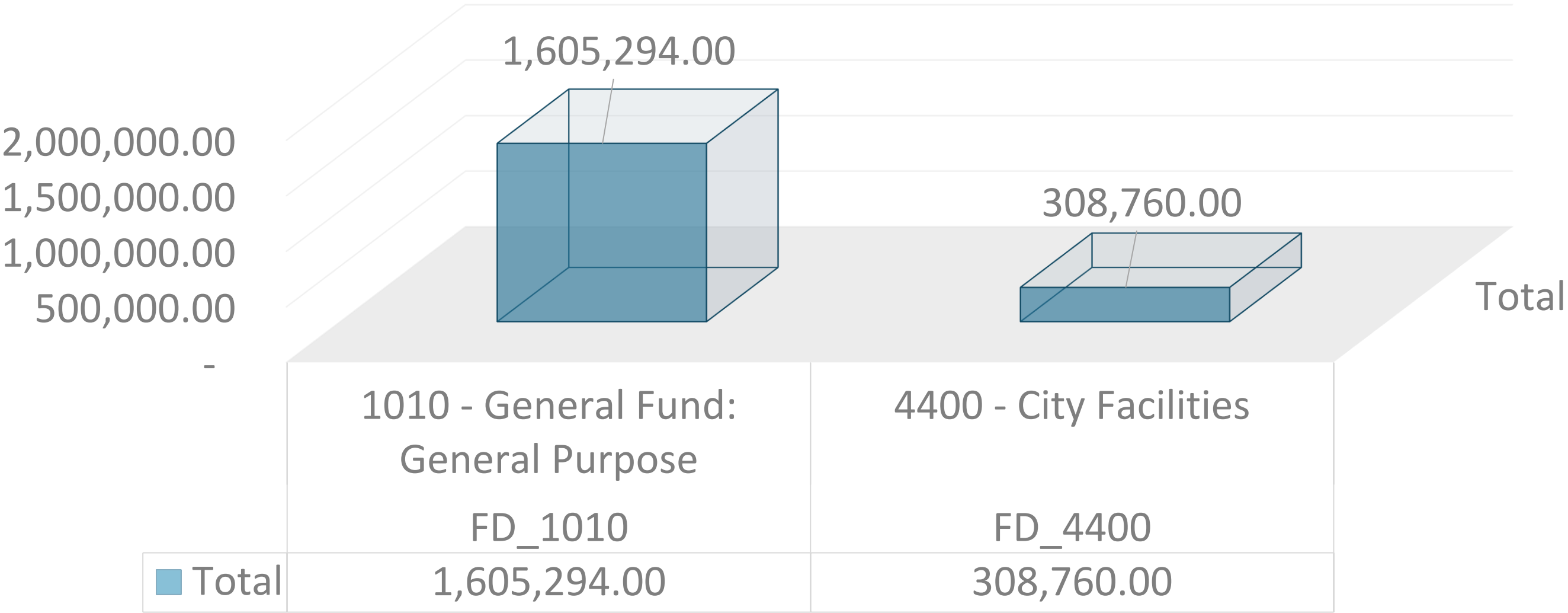
Aging Services Positions FY 2026-27

PROGRAM	FTE	FUNDING SOURCE
ASSETS	5.0	City General Funds
Information & Assistance	1.5	Alameda County Grant
CalAIM Enhanced Care Management & Community Supports	4.5	Dept of Health Care Services - IGT Funds, CMAA
Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)	15.0	Calif Dept of Health & Human Svcs
Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly & Disabled	6.62	Measure BB
Senior Centers	12.0	Measure BB, Measure HH, CMAA
Senior Companion & Foster Grandparent Programs	2.0	Federal Action Agency (AmeriCorps)
TOTAL	46.62	

Senior Center Staffing:

- Directors (4.0 FTE) – 100% General Funds (GPF)
- Custodians (3.0 FTE) – Facilities, Meas. HH/GPF
- Admin Asst II (4.0 FTE) – 50% MBB, 50% combo CMAA (State), Measure HH
- Admin Asst II - Rental (1.0 FTE) – 100% GPF
(NEW: added by eliminating 5.0 ASSETS FTE)

Senior Center Budget FY 2026-27



Oakland Paratransit Service Plan FY 2026-27

SERVICE	PROGRAM	# RIDES	FUNDING MBB	COST/ RIDE
Same Day Transportation	Taxi Scrip	18,950	\$980,000	\$51.72
	GoGo Grandparents	7,500	\$75,000	\$10.00
Specialized Accessible Van	Van Voucher - Quality	10,000	\$640,000	\$64.00
	Van Voucher - One Access	335	\$25,000	\$74.63
	Emeryville 8-To-Go Partnership	1,600	\$50,000	\$31.25
Group Trips	Senior Group Trip Program	16,500	\$364,000	\$22.06
Meal Delivery	SOS Meals on Wheels	260,000	\$300,000	\$1.15
OPED Direct Services	Door-Thru-Door Volunteer Driver: Taxi Up & Go	1,500	\$150,000	\$100.00
	Customer Service, Outreach, Overhead & Mgmt	N/A	\$1,450,000	N/A

\$2,434,000 Vendor Contracts (60%)
\$1,600,000 OPED Direct Services (40%)



Coming Soon! East Oakland & West Oakland OPED Offices



**Strategic Planning:
Transportation Subcommittee**



Collaborative Action

What's Next for OPED?

Questions & --- Comments



Transportation Services & Resources

Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly & Disabled (OPED) assists adults with disabilities and seniors with supplemental transportation services. Contracted vendors provide curb-to-curb and door-to-door subsidized transportation service to eligible program participants who cannot access public transportation, by subsidizing taxi, Uber/Lyft or wheelchair van service to non-emergency medical appointments, shopping trips and other local destinations.

[Apply Now](#)

Eligibility

If you are an Oakland resident, 70 or older, you do not need to register with East Bay Paratransit, but it is recommended to ensure additional service options.

If you are an Oakland resident, 18-69 years old, you must be an active client with East Bay Paratransit prior to receiving OPED services.

There is no income requirement

GoGo Grandparent

Subsidized rides on Uber/Lyft. No cell phone needed, rides are booked by staff at a call center 24 hours/7 days per week.

To enroll- call GoGo Grandparent, 1-855-464-6872 and ask to enroll in the "City of Oakland Partnership"

\$8.00 discount for up to 8 ride for residents

[Enroll in GoGo Grandparent](#)

Taxi Scrip

Each eligible program participant may purchase a quarterly amount of taxi scrip books at a discount. Participants arrange their own rides by calling the taxi company under contract with the City. Program participants purchase taxi scrip books with a personal check, cashier's check or money order only.

No cash or cards please.

[Application Form- Access Alameda](#)

Van Vouchers

Each eligible program participant may purchase a quarterly amount of van vouchers at a discount. Participants arrange their own rides by calling one of the van companies under contract with the City. Each voucher is good for a one-way trip of up to 10 miles. Program participants purchase van vouchers with a personal check, cashier's check or money order only.

No cash or cards please.

[Application Form- Access Alameda](#)

Group Trips

This program provides senior groups in Oakland accessible transportation to community events, social activities, sporting events, and other local destinations. Group trips must be within a 45-mile radius of origin address and cost a base reservation fee \$35 per trip. This program does not cover event registration, tickets or access fees.

To request a reservation

Call (510) 238-3036 or email GroupTrips@oaklandca.gov with questions.

Taxi Up & Go Program (TUGO)

Taxi Up and Go (TUGO) is a program for clients who need door-through-door transportation service assisted by an escort or companion. The TUGO Program provides taxi scrips free of charge to eligible Oakland and Piedmont residents enrolled in the City of Oakland's Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) or Senior Companion Program (SCP) that meet **all** the eligibility criteria listed below:

1. Aged 70 and above or 18-69 and an active client with East Bay Paratransit
2. Need a companion or escort when traveling
3. Able to get in/out of a taxi with little or no assistance needed
4. Pre-screened and referred to TUGO by an MSSP or SCP program staff

8-To-Go Door-to-Door Shuttle Service

In partnership with the City of Emeryville, Oakland residents living in the 94608-zip code may be eligible for 8-To-Go, a subsidized, door-to-door, shared, wheelchair accessible transportation service. Applications and punch cards are available for purchase through the Emeryville Senior Center by calling 510-596-3730.

ACTC "Your Transportation Dollars at Work"

Programs are funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC)

For more information about Measure B/BB and other transportation services throughout Alameda County, follow the following links:

- [Alameda County Transportation Commission Web Page](#)
- [Oakland Public Works ACTC/Measure B/BB](#)
- [Access Alameda](#)

Additional Resources

- [Access Alameda](#)
Find transportation services available to you in Alameda County
- [2-1-1 Alameda County Resources](#)
Alameda County's Resource Center- find a variety of resources for your specific needs.
- [East Bay Paratransit](#)
Public transit service for people who are unable to use regular buses or trains
- [BART](#)
BART is a heavy-rail public transit system that connects the Bay Area
- [AC Transit](#)
Bus service in Alameda County
- [Emeryville Go Round](#)
Shuttle connecting people from various locations in Emeryville to MacArthur BART

About

Accessible, transportation services for seniors and physically disabled residents in Oakland. Our services are for Oakland residents 18 years or older who cannot access public transportation. Explore the links above to find out more about what we offer!