



**Alameda County - Oakland
Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP)**

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ADVOCACY COMMITTEE | STANDING MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 2026, 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. at 150

Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 4TH Floor, Human Services Department, Conference Room 1

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Advocacy Committee: Councilmember Carroll Fife (Tonya Love), Terrence Riley, and Mayor Barbara Lee (Dr. Atiya Rashada)

Staff: Thea On

AGENDA

1. Call to Order to Determine Quorum of Advocacy Committee Meeting
2. Approval of the June 11, 2026, meeting agenda.
ACTION ITEM:
3. Approval of Minutes from Advocacy Committee Meeting on April 9, 2026 – **Attachment 3**
ACTION ITEM:
4. Public Comment: (Specific Agenda Item(s): Audience Comment Period)
5. Discussion Item(s):
 - a. 2026 CalCAPA Takeaways
 - b. Next Steps – Newsletter to Grantees, Schedule District Meetings during Recess
6. Open Forum: (General Audience Comment Period)

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7. Adjournment: The next in-person meeting is **scheduled for July 11, 2026**

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MINUTES

**Alameda County-Oakland
Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP)**

**Advocacy Committee | Standing Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2026, 5:30 PM**

Committee Members Present: Councilmember Carroll Fife (Tonya Love), and Terrence Riley

Committee Member(s) Absent: Mayor Barbara Lee (Dr. Atiya Rashada)

Staff: Ashlee Jemmott and Maria Huynh

1. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

Committee Chair T. Love called the meeting to order. Staff M. Huynh performed roll call, and a quorum was established at 5:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the April 9, 2026, Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda.

M/S/Carried: A. Rashada / T. Riley / Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from Advocacy Committee Meeting on February 12, 2026 (Attachment 3)

MOTION: To approve the Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes on February 12, 2026.

M/S/Carried: Motion Carried by Unanimous Consent

4. Public Comment: (Specific Agenda Item(s): Audience Comment Period) – None

5. Discussion Item(s):

- a. **DC Report** - T. Love attended the National Community Action events in Washington, D.C., to advocate for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding and to highlight the work of AC-OCAP and its grantees. The current proposal reauthorizes CSBG funding through 2032 and increases the budget by \$25 million, raising it from \$775 million to \$800 million. It also expands eligibility to households with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. A letter of support was circulated to Congress, and meetings were held with the staff of three legislators, including Representative Swalwell. There were also references to other members who had already signed the letter of support, including Congresswoman Lee and other Bay Area representatives. At the time of the visit, Swalwell had not yet signed the letter; however, his staff indicated that they would brief him on the matter. T. Love remains hopeful that he will support and vote for HR 3131 when it advances. During the meetings, an overview of AC-OCAP's programs and their impact was shared. Feedback from grantees on the challenges they face was presented, emphasizing the Alameda County Community Food Bank's needs, particularly the increased demand during



federal shutdowns, which has left public employees seeking food assistance. The potential local impact of HR 1 ("the big ugly bill") on Alameda County and low-income residents was also highlighted. On a positive note, Representative Swalwell included the Alameda County Community Food Bank in his federal earmark requests. T. Love plans to use the VITA program reception on April 22nd in West Oakland as an opportunity to invite legislators to see CSBG-funded work firsthand. She will also submit her written report on the D.C. events to the Administrative Board and staff for fiscal and audit compliance regarding travel expenditures.

- b. Scheduling Advocacy Interviews - Grantee, Sac Legislators** – The purpose of these interviews is to collect stories and identify issues from AC-OCAP grantees that can be used for legislative advocacy in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., as well as in local meetings. This initiative builds on the earlier advocacy survey sent to grantees regarding their current level of legislative engagement and the challenges that could be addressed through policy changes. Ten grantees responded to the survey and expressed interest in AC-OCAP's advocacy efforts. They indicated a willingness to participate in campaigns, including making calls, writing letters, and attending visits. Additionally, they requested follow-up phone calls for more information. While T. Love was in Washington, D.C., the follow-up calls were not completed. T. Riley and A. Rashada will reach out to those ten grantees to gather more details and stories.

Action Item(s):

T. Love to give staff A. Jemmott access to the survey responses and analysis.

Ensure Staff M. Huynh's list of all agencies is used as needed.

A. Jemmott offers that her team can make some calls during the day to move the process along.

c. State Policy Agenda:

1. How to navigate Cal Leg Info – T. Love provided instructions on how to navigate the Cal Leg Info website. The goal is to create a 2026 state policy/legislative agenda to guide AC-OCAP's Sacramento advocacy and align with its mission and strategic plan.

Key Policy Areas & Example Bills

- Affordable Housing / Bonds
- AB 736 – vehicle for a regional affordable housing bond (ABAG).
- Wicks/SB 417 – the companion affordable housing bond bill has already passed the Senate and is in the Assembly.

Teleconferencing / Governance

- SB 707 and related bills – ongoing rules for public agency teleconferencing post-pandemic.
- Illegal Dumping / Blight
- SB 1218 (Arreguín) – illegal dumping bill; supported by local officials and aligned with AC-OCAP's anti-blight, community stability goals.

Health & Mental Health

- Bills on mental health services, peer support, in-home health, and state hospitals/mental health disorders (including Bonta's bill).
- An Arreguín bill related to Alameda Health System.



Nonprofit Capacity

- SB 1240 (CalCAPA) would create a Nonprofit Empowerment Office to support nonprofits (important for AC-OCAP grantees).

Immigrant Support

- AB 2600 – immigration legal representation/protection; not a core strategic item but important for the local immigrant community.
 - Ballot Measures to Watch (Nov. 2026)
 - Wealth tax, regional transit (Connect Bay Area), affordable housing bond, and a voter ID measure (T. Love leans “No”; needs clarification on AC-OCAP’s role in ballot positions).
2. Brainstorm Suggested Policies - Begin by emphasizing bills proposed by local legislators and AC-OCAP priority issues: housing, food security, mental health, illegal dumping, nonprofit support, and immigrant protections. Record findings in the Google Doc, organizing them by legislator or topic.

Action Item(s):

- T. Love will research the status and content of each bill.
- Propose what to include in a formal 2026 policy agenda.
- Team members will add ideas to the shared “2026 Potential Legislative Ideas” document.
- Aim to finalize the agenda in the next couple of weeks (before Sacramento visits).

6. Open Forum: (General Audience Comment Period) – T. Love stated on the record that CSBG funds have not been distributed at this time. She, along with A. Jemmott and Chair M. Rivera, is working to determine the best immediate response to this issue. The likely course of action will be to contact state and federal partners to inform them of the delay. T. Love emphasized the urgency of the situation, stating that action is needed right now. Details are still being finalized, and the group will be updated as more information becomes available. She also invited others to reach out if they would like to be involved in this response.

7. ACTION ITEM: Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm

M/S/Carried: Motion Carried by Unanimous Consent

The Next In-Person Meeting: June 11, 2026