



AGENDA MATERIALS

**REGULAR COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026, at 3 p.m.**

AGENDA ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2026



**RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AGING**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

City of El Cerrito Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

3:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Newton called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL – Present: Chair Melissa Newton, Members Carol Kehoe, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Lisa Martinengo, Mark Watson, Bruce Yow

Absent: Vice Chair Pamela Wagner, Member Buddy Akacic, Member Linda Cain, Member Steve Lipson

Also present: Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison, Gabe Quinto, Council Liaison

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – Public comments submitted by 9:00 a.m. on June 17, 2026, were provided to committee members in advance of the meeting.

3. COUNCIL / STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Council Liaison, Gabe Quinto reported on items discussed at the June 16, 2026, Council meeting. Council Liaison Quinto reported that Centenarian Ruby Adachi Hiramoto (one hundred five years old) received recognition at the June 16, 2026, council meeting.

Staff Liaison Cooney provided an update on Older Americans Month events, Café Costa, and Easy Ride Paratransit Program.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Members discussed the content of the document to be approved.

Moved/Second: Member Martinengo / Member Kehoe

Action: Adopted the minutes from May 20, 2026, as presented.

Ayes: 6 – Chair Newton, Members Kehoe, Dr. Kwong, Martinengo, Watson, Yow

Nos: 0

Abstention: 0

Motion Passed

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE FY2025-2026 COA WORK PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Members discussed the content of the document to be approved.

Moved/Second: Member Watson / Member Dr. Kwong

Action: Adopted the FY2025 – 2026 Committee on Aging Work Plan Accomplishments. Adopted accomplishments will be shared with City Council.

Ayes: 6 – Chair Newton, Members Kehoe, Dr. Kwong, Martinengo, Watson, Yow

Nos: 0
Abstention: 0
Motion Passed

6. COMMITTEE ON AGING LIAISON REPORTS

Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) – Member Kehoe reported attendance at the June 17, 2026, ACOA meeting.

- Member Kehoe reported Adult Protective Services spoke at the meeting.

California Senior Legislature – Member Kehoe reported there are new bills related to affordable housing.

West County Senior Coalition – Member Kehoe reported no meeting was held.

Christ Lutheran Senior Day Center – Member Kehoe reported on upcoming presentations and events. Member Kehoe also reported West Contra Costa Adult Education Senior Centers at Christ Lutheran and St. John's received funding to remain operational during the summer.

St. John's Senior Day Center – Member Kehoe reported there continues to be a substitute teacher running the St. John's program. St. John's will remain open during the summer.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Vice Chair, Wagner suggested that the fall Senior Resource Fair Future Agenda Items:*

- Next COA meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2026, in the Council Chambers.
- Biennial Work Plan Discussion related to goal to expand awareness of programs and resources (ongoing)
- Annual Meeting Calendar Adoption (October)

8. ADJOURNMENT Chair Newton adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Committee on Aging meeting of June 17, 2026, as approved by the Committee on Aging.

Chair, Melissa Newton

Staff Liaison, Bridget Cooney