



**Draft Minutes**  
**Community Advisory Committee**  
**Special Retreat**

Tuesday, October 15, 2024  
6:00 pm

**In Person:**

The Lake Merritt Room  
Cal State East Bay - the Oakland Center  
In the Transpacific Centre  
1000 Broadway, Suite 109  
Oakland, CA 94607

**Or from the following remote locations:**

- 4563 Meyer Park Circle, Fremont, CA 94536
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**C1. Welcome & Roll Call**

**Present: Members:** Landry, Weiner, Balkissoon, Stephenson, Gile, Swaminathan, Lakshman, Pacheco, DiFranco, Harper, Lutz, Vice-Chair Souza and Chair Hernandez

**Not Present: Members:** Kaur

*Lisa Hu stepped down from the CAC. Peter Weiner was promoted from Alternate to Regular Member representing the North Region.*

## **C2. Public Comment**

*This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on any Ava Community Energy-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Committee are customarily limited to three minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic [speaker slip](#). The Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.*

## **C3. CAC Member/Alternate and Ava Staff ‘Meet and Greet’ Dinner**

## **C4. CAC Strategic Planning Session**

CAC will discuss priorities and consider updates to the CAC Work Plan

**(5:36) Alex DiGiorgio** introduced the Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) strategic planning session, outlining three primary objectives: fostering connections among members and new jurisdictions, updating the CAC work plan as mandated by the Joint Powers Agreement, and setting priorities aligned with agency goals for the upcoming year. He provided historical context on the agency's growth and spoke about the committee's unique governance structure and representation by jurisdictional load size.

**(1:51:42) Public Comment – Jessica Tovar** spoke about the origins of the CAC, the importance Local Development Business Plan, and called for continued focus on initiatives to address affordability and community resilience, especially for vulnerable populations.

**(1:55:05) Public Comment – Alya Peters Paz** spoke about the importance of the CAC's proactive involvement in decision-making processes and its unique role in strengthening community-focused energy solutions.

**(1:57:13) Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.**

## **C5. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2024**

## **C6. CAC Chair Report**

**C7. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future CAC agendas**

**C8. Adjourn**

The next Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held on November 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

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