


Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Christine Daniel, City Manager 
Subject: West Berkeley Senior Center Update

The West Berkeley Senior Center (WBSC) is broadening its scope of service, and will be changing its name to better reflect the services housed there. At the same time, we plan to minimize confusion by retaining the same acronym. The new name is "West Berkeley Service Center."

The Black Infant Health (BIH) Program is moving to the West Berkeley Senior Center this summer, due to persistent facility issues at its previous leased site. This is a pilot project, and we are pleased to be able to provide a more safe and secure environment for our BIH clients and staff. The move provides new opportunities for collaboration among programs at the WBSC facility, and close proximity to the WIC program and public health clinic at the Ann Chandler Center—both of which are services BIH clients use.

Current WBSC services for Berkeley seniors, Meals on Wheels and Senior Case Management, will continue unchanged. The Commission on Aging, Community Health Commission, and Healthy Black Families CBO have all been advised of these changes and are supportive of this new direction.

Please join me in supporting this new opportunity for our HHCS programs to provide collaborative and accessible services to the community.

cc: William Rogers, Deputy City Manager
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