



Health Housing and Community Services
Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

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Elections
For
“Representatives of the Poor”
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
7 p.m.
South Berkeley Senior Center – 2939 Ellis Street.**

What is the HWCAC?

The Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC) acts as an advisory board to the City Council in allocating funds for programs that serve low-income people and in developing City policies that affect the poor. The HWCAC will be holding an election for “Representatives of the Poor” on Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

Why serve on the HWCAC?

Commissioners who are “Representatives of the Poor” ensure the concerns of residents from low-income areas are represented on the commission. Commissioners elected from low income districts serve four-year terms on the HWCAC, and there is a \$40 stipend per meeting for qualifying low-income residents for participating on the Commission. The Commission meets at least ten times a year.

Who qualifies as a Representative of the Poor?

Anyone who lives in one of the low-income districts in South and West Berkeley (see map) is eligible to serve on the HWCAC as an elected Representative of the Poor. Currently there are six (6) vacancies to be filled. Representatives must live in the district they represent but do not have to be low-income. Candidates for election must gather signatures on a nomination form from residents in the candidate’s District. Elections are held every two years for Representatives of the Poor and Representatives serve on the HWCAC for four years.

Anyone wishing to be elected should visit HWCAC web page for additional information and to obtain a copy of the nomination form: <http://www.cityofberkeley.info/commissions/>

