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To: Family and Human Services Committee
Supervisor John Gioia, District I, Chair
Supervisor Candace Anderson, District II, Co-Chair
From: Lavonna Martin, Director, Health, Housing and Homeless Services Division
CC: Anna Roth, RN, MS, MPH Health Services Director
Subject: Vacant Council on Homelessness Seat Membership Recommendations

The Director of Health, Housing and Homeless Services, Lavonna Martin, respectfully requests that the Family and Human Services Committee accepts the recommendation to appoint eleven (11) individuals for open seats on the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness (aka the Homelessness Advisory Board).

PURPOSE OF COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

The Contra Costa Continuum of Care is governed by the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness (hereinafter referred to as the Council). The Council is appointed by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to assist and provide guidance in the development and implementation of long-range planning and policy formulation of homeless issues in Contra Costa County.

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness provides a forum for communication and coordination of the County's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, educate the community on homeless issues, and advocate on federal, state and local policy issues affecting people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Governance

The Council on Homelessness is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and consists of 17 seats representing homeless or formerly homeless persons, community members, educational/vocational services, health care, housing providers, law enforcement, local government, the faith community, and homeless service providers including the Veterans Administration. All Council members reside in or are employed in Contra Costa County, demonstrate a professional interest in or personal commitment to addressing and alleviating the impact of homelessness, and be able to contribute unique expertise, opinions and viewpoints on homeless issues. Candidates will serve two-year terms.

SUMMARY OF RECRUITMENT EFFORTS/NOMINEES FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Council on Homelessness continues to make every effort to fill its vacant seats. These efforts include sending a targeted email solicitation via the Continuum of Care mailing list (800+ contacts that include each Supervisor's office), announcing vacancies at public Council on Homelessness meetings and posting information about the vacancies and application materials on the Council on Homelessness website.



Following a close review of applications and interviews with the candidates by a nominating committee, the Council on Homelessness recommends appointing the following eleven (11) nominees:

1. *Affordable Housing Developer*
Dan Sawislak
Executive Director
Resources for Community Development
Berkeley, CA
2. *Behavioral Health Representative*
Miguel Hidalgo-Barnes
Program Manager/Psychologist
Portia Bell Hume Center
Concord, CA
3. *City Government Seat*
Teri House
CDBG Consultant
City of Antioch
Antioch, CA
4. *Consumer/Consumer Advocate*
Candace Collier
Mental Health Community Support Worker/CCBHS
Contra Costa County Health Services
Antioch, CA
5. *Education and Vocational Services Representative*
Alejandra Chamberlain
Youth Development Services Manager/Program Manager
Contra Costa County Office of Education
Pleasant Hill, CA
6. *Emergency Solutions Grants Representative*
Gabriel Lemus
Principal Planner
Contra Costa County
Martinez, CA
7. *Homeless Service Provider*
Deanne Pearn
Executive Director/Social Service Executive
Contra Costa Interfaith Housing
Moraga, CA



8. Public Safety Representative #1

Manjit Sappal
Police Chief
Martinez Police Department
Martinez, CA

9. Public Safety Representative #2

Bradley Lindblom
Priority Oriented Policing Sergeant
City of San Pablo
San Pablo, CA

10. Reentry Services Representative

Patrice Guillory
Reentry Network Manager
HealthRIGHT 360
Antioch, CA

11. Veterans Administration Representative

Tracy Pullar
Homeless Program Manager
VA Northern California Health Care
Martinez, CA

The candidates have expressed a sincere interest in serving on the Council and are dedicated to fulfilling the mission and goals as outlines in the Council on Homelessness by-laws.

Based on the above information, the Director of Health, Housing and Homeless Services Division, on behalf of the Council on Homelessness respectfully recommends that the FHS Committee appoint the above listed people to the Council on Homelessness.



