



Date: July 2, 2018
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: Council on Homelessness EHSD Seat Membership Recommendation

The Director of Health, Housing and Homeless Services, Lavonna Martin, respectfully requests that the Family and Human Services Committee accepts the recommendation to appoint Carolyn Foudy for the open Employment and Human Services Division representative seat 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.



The Employment and Human Services Division Seat is designed to facilitate better communication, planning and cooperation between the Contra Costa Employment and Human Services Division and the homeless Continuum of Care and is intended to be filled by an EHSD employee.

A nominating committee consisting of three seated Council on Homelessness members reviewed applications for the seat and considered input from the Director of Employment and Human Services regarding which of the applicants might be best positioned to accomplish the desired goals of the seat.

Following a close review of applications, on June 7, 2018, the Council on Homelessness voted to recommend appointing the following nominee:

Employment and Human Services (EHSD) Representative

Carolyn Foudy

Division Manager of General Assistance and SSI Advocacy for the Aging and Adult

Contra Costa Employment and Human Services

Martinez, CA

The candidate has 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 person to the Council on Homelessness.

