



Date: February 11, 2019
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 Seat Membership Recommendation Process

The Director of Health, Housing and Homeless Services, Lavonna Martin, respectfully requests that the Family and Human Services Committee accepts the recommendation to appoint six (6) 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 MEMERSHIP

The Council on Homelessness continues to make every effort to fill its vacant seats. These efforts include sending targeted email solicitations via the Continuum of Care mailing list (1500+ contacts that include each Supervisor's office as well as local homeless task forces), announcing vacancies at public Council on Homelessness meetings and posting information about the vacancies and application materials on the Council on Homelessness website.



A nominating committee consisting of three seated Council on Homelessness members reviewed applications and supplemental information including optional letters of interest for all seats. The committee used a rubric to evaluate the applicants that included capacity to meet the functions and tasks of the Council on Homelessness as stated in the Council's bylaws and evaluating the diversity of current and potential Council members, using the information available, to ensure that a diverse population contributes to deliberations and decision-making.

Following a close review of applications and interviews with the candidates by a nominating committee, the Council on Homelessness recommends appointing the following six (6) nominees:

1. CoC/ESG Program Grantee
Leslie Gleason
Director of Programs,
Shelter, Inc.
Concord, CA
2. Community Member Seat
Lindy Lavendar
Community Member
Pacheco, CA
3. Employment and Human Services (EHSD) Representative
Sherry Lynn Peralta
Program Director
Employment and Human Services Department
Contra Costa County
4. Faith Community Representative
Doug Leich
Multi-FAITH Action Coalition
Danville, CA
5. Health Care Representative
Manuel Arredondo, LCSW, MPH
Supervisor of Integrated Behavioral Health
La Clinica De La Raza
6. Public Housing Authority
Tony Ucciferri
Special Assistant to the Executive Director
Housing Authority of Contra Costa County
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.

If approved the new Council on Homelessness roster will represent the following districts in the following proportions (minus the two members who are not Contra Costa residents):

<u>District I</u>	<u>District II</u>	<u>District III</u>	<u>District IV</u>	<u>District V</u>
4	2	2	2	5
26 %	13%	13%	13%	33%

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.

Attachments:

- Rubric for evaluating applications
- Full list of applicants, by seat
- Council on Homelessness roster with proposed members, including city of residence

