



Date: October 28, 2021
To: Family and Human Services Committee
Supervisor Burgis, District III, Chair
Supervisor Candace Anderson, District II, Co-Chair
From: Christy Saxton, 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, Christy Saxton, 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 is responsible for making data driven, equitable decisions related to federal, state, and local regulations and funding guiding the administration of homelessness crisis response in the County. The Council also provides a forum for communication and coordination of the County's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness and to educate the community on federal, state and local policy issues affecting people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness in Contra Costa County.

Governance

The Council on Homelessness is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and consists of 19 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 (2000+ 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.



A nominating committee consisting of four (4) seated nonconflicted Council on Homelessness members reviewed applications and supplemental information including a supplemental application 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 to ensure that a diverse population contributes to deliberations and decision-making—including consumers and community members—as well as gender, ethnic, cultural, and geographical representation.

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 Representative
Leslie Gleason
Executive Director, Trinity Center
Walnut Creek
2. Employment and Human Services Department Representative
Angela Bullock-Hayes
Division Manager, Employment and Human Services Division
Contra Costa County
3. Faith Representative
Wayne Earl
Pastor, Rock Harbor Christian Fellowship
San Pablo
4. Public Housing Authority
Tony Ucciferri
Special Assistant to the Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa
Contra Costa County
5. Public Safety #2
Shawn Ray
Lieutenant, San Pablo Police Department
San Pablo
6. Reentry Representative
Pat Mims
Director, Reentry Success Center/Rubicon Programs
Richmond

The candidates have expressed a sincere interest in serving on the Council and are dedicated to fulfilling the mission and goals as outlined 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.

