



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director  
Date: February 9, 2016  
Subject: Appointments to the Council on Homelessness

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Appoint the following individuals to the indicated seats on the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness with terms expiring as specified below:

CoC/ESG Program Grantee- term expiring 12/31/2016

Louise Bourassa, RN, MS  
Executive Director, Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Community Member Seat #2- term expiring 12/31/2017

Gary Kingsbury  
Lafayette, CA 94549

Emergency Solutions Grant Representative- term expiring 12/31/2017

Gabriel Lemus  
CDBG Program Planner, Contra Costa County

Faith Community Representative- term expiring 12/31/2016

Doug Leich

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **02/09/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

A YE: Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 9, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

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RECOMMENDATION(S): (CONT'D)

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Homeless Housing Provider- term expiring 12/31/2017

Dan Sawislak

Executive Director, Resources for Community Development

Public Safety Representative- term expiring 12/31/2017

Diane Aguinaga

Captain, Police Department, City of Antioch

Veterans Administration Representative- term expiring 12/31/2017

Tracy Cascio, MSW

Homeless Program Manager, Veteran Association Northern California

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

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.

The Council on Homelessness is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and consists of 18 seats representing homeless or formerly homeless persons, educational/vocational services, health care, housing providers law enforcement, local government, the faith community, homeless service providers, and philanthropy. 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.

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 (300+ contacts that include each Supervisors office), announcing vacancies at public Council on Homelessness meetings and posting information about the vacancies and application materials on the Council on Homelessness website.

Presently the Council on Homelessness has eleven (11) vacancies. Following a close review of applications and interviews with candidates, the Council on Homelessness recommends appointing the seven individuals.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The seats will remain vacant.

ATTACHMENTS

Louise Bourassa App

Captain Aguinaga App

Tracy Cascio App

Dan Sawislak App

Gabriel Lemus App

Gary Kingsbury App

Douglas Leich App