



Office of the City Manager

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CONSENT CALENDAR
November 16, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
Submitted by: Praveen Sood, Chairperson, Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
Subject: Filling Vacancies Among the Elected Representatives of the Poor

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointments of Mr. George Lippman (District 3) as elected representatives of the poor on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC), having been voted at the HWCAC July 21, 2021 meeting, and that his term expire November 28, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Failure to maintain full membership on the HWCAC, which also acts as the Board of the Berkeley Community Action Agency (CAA), could result in a loss of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding. Vacancies on the Berkeley CAA Board were noted as a “finding” during the most recent desk review of this program conducted by the State Department of Community Services and Development.

BACKGROUND

The HWCAC is made up of fifteen members, nine of whom are appointed by Berkeley City Council members and six of whom are elected representatives of the poor. Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.78.080 stipulates that elections of representatives of the poor are held biennially in the month of November in even numbered years. The next election will take place in November 2022. Subsection C of the code states, “...the remaining representatives of the poor...shall select a person to fill the vacancy until the next election...” and that the, “...name of the selected representatives shall be submitted to the City Council for confirmation.” BMC 3.78.030 (b) also states in part, that the remaining elected commission members shall recommend to the Council that the newly elected person fill out the term of the appointment.

The elected representative of the poor and the remaining commissioners voted (Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Dunner, Omodele, Romo, Sood,

Pelley, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent: Hill, Kohn (excused), Yun) to select Mr. Lippman to fill a District 3 low-income vacancy.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no known environmental impacts associated with the recommendation of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Failure to maintain full membership on the HWCAC could jeopardize future CSBG funding.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONFIRMING THAT MR. GEORGE LIPPMAN MAY FILL ONE VACANCY AMONG THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POOR ON THE HUMAN WELFARE AND COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION (HWCAC), HAVING BEEN SELECTED AT THE HWCAC JULY 21, 2021 MEETING.

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.78.080 stipulates that election of representatives of the poor are held biennially in the month of November in even numbered years, and the next election will take place in November 2022; and

WHEREAS, Subsection C states "...the remaining representatives of the poor...shall select a person to fill the vacancy until the next election..." and that the "...name of the selected representatives shall be submitted to the City Council for confirmation"; and

WHEREAS, at the July 21, 2021 HWCAC regular meeting, the Commission elected Mr. George Lippman (District 3) to fill one vacancy with his term ending November 28, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that Mr. George Lippman is confirmed as an elected representative of the poor serving on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission until November 28, 2022.

