



[Commission Name]

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 1, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Mental Health Commission
Submitted by: Andrea Prichett, Chairperson, Mental Health Commission
Subject: Appointment of boona cheema and Margaret Fine to Mental Health Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution appointing: boona cheema as a representative of the Special Public Interest Category (family), to complete her second 3- year term beginning December 2, 2020 and ending December 1, 2023; and Margaret Fine as a representative of the General Public Interest Category, to complete her second 3-year term beginning December 2, 2020 and ending December 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Mental Health Commission is authorized to be composed of thirteen members. However, there are presently seven vacancies on the Commission. These vacancies impair the Commission's ability to adequately review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, resources, and programs.

Approval of the recommended action will keep the two positions filled, and allow the Commission to move one step closer to having a full and diverse complement of commissioners to review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, resources, and programs.

BACKGROUND

California State law requires that appointments to the Mental Health Commission meet specific categories, who may serve up to nine years consecutively. The general public interest category may include anyone who has an interest in and some knowledge of mental health services. The special public interest category includes direct consumers of public mental health services and family members of consumers, which together must constitute at least fifty percent or nine of the commission seats. Direct consumers and family members shall each constitute at least 20% of the commission membership.

Boona cheema has been an active member serving as Chair for 2 years. During the Covid-19 pandemic and suspension of the Mental Health Commission she was unable to be re-appointed and her 1st term ended on April 25, 2020. She has completed the necessary paperwork and would like to re-join the commission to complete her second term as a commissioner for the Mental Health Commission.

Margaret Fine has been an active member since 2017 and has served on numerous sub-committees throughout her first term and recently voted as Chair. During the Covid-19 pandemic and suspension of the Mental Health Commission she was unable to be re-appointed and her 1st term ended on June 27, 2020. She has re-applied and would like to re-join the Mental Health Commission and complete her second term as commissioner.

The Mental Health Commission passed the following motions at the September 24, 2020 meeting:

M/S/C/ (Prichett, Davila) Motion to send the nomination of boona cheema to the city council for approval and reinstatement to the mental health commission

PASSED

Ayes: Davila, Hawkins, Kealoha-Blake, Moore, Opton, Prichett Noes: None;
Abstentions: None; Absent: None

M/S/C/ (Davila, Prichett) Motion to have her (Margaret Fine) join back to the mental health commission

PASSED

Ayes: Davila, Hawkins, Kealoha-Blake, Moore, Opton, Prichett Noes: None;
Abstentions: None; Absent: None

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Mental Health Commission to move one step closer to having a full and diverse complement of commissioners to review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, resources, and programs.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

APPOINTMENT OF BOONA CHEEMA AND MARGARET FINE TO THE MENTAL
HEALTH COMMISSION

WHEREAS, membership of the Mental Health Commission is composed of thirteen appointments by the City Council as a whole, including one appointment by the Mayor (*or designee*), six special public interest appointments, and four general public interest appointments; and

WHEREAS, with the ongoing implementation of the Mental Health Services Act, the City of Berkeley will need to have a full complement of diverse appointees to the Commission to review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, resources, and programs and to fulfill its mandate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. cheema has served as Chair of the Commission and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fine has been an active member and has served on numerous sub-committees throughout her first term and recently voted as Chair before she was termed out in June 2020

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Commission at its September 24, 2020 meeting recommended appointments of boona cheema and Margaret Fine.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council appoints boona cheema as a representative of the Special Public Interest Family category, to complete her second term ending December 1 2023; Margaret Fine as a representative of the General Public Interest category, to complete her second term ending December 1, 2023