



Homeless Services Panel of Experts

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 27, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Homeless Services Panel of Experts
 Submitted by: Carole Marasovic, Chairperson, Homeless Services Panel of Experts
 Subject: Request for Two Additional Meetings for the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant the Homeless Services Panel of Experts two additional meetings for the calendar year, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Staff time and commissioner stipends, if any, would be the only cost factors.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Homeless Services Panel of Experts (herein referred to as HSPE) met two additional times in April, 2021 to make budget recommendations for Measure P monies. HSPE needs to continue to hold their regular meetings to develop plans for reviewing programs and to plan for future funding cycles. In addition, HSPE will be merging with the Homeless Commission which will involve taking on extensive policy-making review and recommendations and making recommendations for the community agency allocation process.

HSPE needs to meet to conduct its regular work including expanding its program review in preparation for future funding cycles. In addition, HC will be taking on an extensively higher workload with the Homeless Commission merger and that advisory policy commission focus and their recommendations made during the community agency funding process which includes funding proposals review and site visits.

BACKGROUND

On March 22, 2021, the HSPE voted as follows:

Action: M/S/C Bookstein/Marasovic move to request additional meetings to discuss and make recommendations for Measure P allocations.

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Wehrman, Bookstein, Scheider.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Sherman.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

HSPE needs to conduct its work and cannot do so thoroughly without two additional meetings.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

HSPE did not consider any alternative to not fulfilling its work.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager appreciates the work that the Homeless Services Panel of Experts is doing to make informed budget recommendations for general fund Measure P monies. The Commission reorganizations require ordinance amendments that the city will be working through in the coming months and it is too early to know what the specific needs of the newly combined Homeless Services Panel of Experts and Homeless Commission will be. Rather than adding two additional meetings to the 2021 calendar year at this time, it is recommended that the meeting schedule is considered as part of finalizing the reorganization process.

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