



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 16, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
 Submitted by: Edwina Perez-Santiago, Chairperson, Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
 Subject: Filling Vacancies Among the Elected Representatives for the Poor

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of Ms. Denah S. Bookstein (District 1), as an elected representative for the poor on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC), having been voted in at the HWCAC March 15, 2017 meeting, and that her term expires November 21, 2018.

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 “concern” 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 2018. 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.

Since the only elected representative of the poor on the HWCAC was absent at the March 15, 2017 meeting, the remaining appointed commissioners voted (M/S/C: Sarkodee-Adoo/Dunner. Unanimous. Fu, Dunner, Sood, Sarkodee-Adoo; Absent:

Perez-Santiago (excused,) Omodele (excused,) Browne, McMullan) to select Ms. Bookstein to fill one of the current vacancies.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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 threaten future CSBG funding.

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.

CONFIRMING THAT MS. DENAH S. BOOKSTEIN 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 MARCH 15, 2017 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 2018; 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 March 15, 2017 HWCAC regular meeting, the Commission elected Ms. Denah S. Bookstein (District 1) to fill one vacancy with his term ending November 21, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that Ms. Denah S. Bookstein (District 1) is confirmed as an elected representative of the poor serving on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission until November 21, 2018.

