



Homeless Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 24, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Homeless Commission
 Submitted by: Paul Kealoha-Blake, Chair, Homeless Commission
 Subject: Request for an Additional Meeting in 2018

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution for the Homeless Commission to hold one additional meeting in 2018 with a focus on housing issues.

FISCAL IMPACT of RECOMMENDATION:

The fiscal impacts are minimal. Costs are a meeting room rental at the North Berkeley Senior Center, additional staff time for the Commission staff secretary; and stipends payable to a small number of commissioners.

CURRENT SITUATION and its EFFECTS

The Homeless Commission voted to add an additional meeting in 2018 with a focus on housing issues. On January 10, 2018, the Commission took the following action:

Action: M/S/C Caldeira/Anglade to recommend that Council grant the Homeless Commission an additional meeting for 2018 that will be specifically focused on housing issues.

Vote: Ayes: Anglade, Caldeira, Gor, Hirpara, Marasovic, Orgain, Sutton.
 Noes: Kealoha-Blake. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

BACKGROUND

Homelessness is a critical issue with almost 1,000 homeless persons in Berkeley. The Homeless Commission has been prolific in its discussions regarding a large array of issues impacting on how to address the homeless crisis, making multiple recommendations to Council. An additional meeting in 2018 will provide the Commission with an opportunity to have additional discussion on housing issues. The Homeless Commission voted unanimously for the following recommendation:

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

In addition to the current issues on the table at the Homeless Commission, much of the remainder of 2018 through the first quarter of 2019 will be focused on recommendations during the community agency funding process. That provides inadequate meeting time in 2018 to discuss housing issues.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The Commission discussed not having an additional meeting but decided an additional meeting was advisable.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager takes no position on this recommendation.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

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

HOMELESS COMMISSION 2018 ADDITIONAL MEETING

WHEREAS, the Homeless Commission has taken on multiple issues related to homelessness for discussion and recommendations to Council; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Commission will be devoting, during the remainder of 2018, substantial time to the community agency funding process; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Commission voted to hold an additional meeting in 2018 focusing on homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council approves an additional Homeless Commission meeting for 2018.

