Mental Health Commission

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CONSENT CALENDAR
November 27, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Mental Health Commission

Submitted by: Jesse Arreguin, Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

Subject: Mental Health Commission Reappointment: Jeffrey Davis

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the reappointment of Jeffrey Davis as a representative of the Special Public Interest Category for a second term beginning November 28, 2012 and ending November 27, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Mental Health Commission is currently authorized to have seventeen members. However, there are presently six vacancies. These vacancies limit the Commission's ability to adequately review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, resources, and programs and remain in compliance with State law which requires the Commission to have a specific composition with no less than 50% of the seats filled with consumers or their families.

Approval of the recommended action will 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 in three, consecutive three-year terms. 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.

Two members shall be residents of the City of Albany, with at least one of these seats filled by a direct consumer or family member.

Mr. Davis is a representative of the Special Public Interest, a Social Work student and a benefits advocate. Mr. Davis indicates that he is excited about renewing his commitment to the Commission.

At its September 27, 2012 meeting, the Mental Health Commission adopted the following motion:

M/S/C (Marasovic, Virkstis) The Mental Health Commission recommends reappointment of Jeffrey Davis to a Special Public Interest seat for a second term.

Ayes: Arreguin, Black, Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Nemirow, Posey, Stanley, Virkstis; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Lewis.

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.

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Attachments:
1: Resolution

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

RE-APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY DAVIS AS A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SPECIAL PUBLIC INTEREST CATEGORY TO THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

WHEREAS, membership of the Mental Health Commission is composed of seventeen appointments by the City Council as a whole, including one appointment by the Mayor (or designee), eight special public interest appointments, two appointments of residents of Albany (one of which shall be a representative of the special public interest category) and six general public interest appointments; and

WHEREAS, with the ongoing implementation of the Mental Health Services Act, the City of Berkeley needs 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, at its September 27, 2012 meeting, the Mental Health Commission recommended that Jeffrey Davis be reappointed to a second term on the Mental Health Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Jeffrey Davis be reappointed to the Mental Health Commission as a Representative in the Special Public Interest Category for a second term beginning November 28, 2012 and ending November 27, 2015.