Mental Health Commission

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CONSENT CALENDAR
March 19, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Mental Health Commission

Submitted by: Jesse Arreguin, Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

Subject: Reappointment of Shirley Posey to Mental Health Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the re-appointment of Shirley Posey as a representative of the Special Public Interest category to the Mental Health Commission, to a second term beginning March 20, 2013 and ending March 19, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Mental Health Commission is authorized to have thirteen members and presently there are three vacancies. The Commission's ability to adequately review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, resources, and programs is dependent on having a full complement of Commissioners.

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, three-year consecutive 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.

Ms. Posey has been active in Alameda County's Mental Health Services Act Ongoing Planning Council, the Pool of Consumer Champions Steering Committee, the County's

Housing Committee and is a leader in the consumer movement. She works part time as a Program Assistant for Bay Area Community Services.

The secretary has determined that Ms. Posey is eligible for a Special Public Interest seat.

At its January 24, 2013 meeting the Mental Health Commission passed the following motion:

> M/S/C (Marasovic, Black) Move to recommend the reappointment of Shirley Posey to a second term on the Mental Health Commission as a Special Public Interest member.
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> Ayes: Arreguin, Black, Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: Nemirow (Shirley has said things in the hallway that necessitate my recusing myself); Absent: Virkstis.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
Approval of the recommended action will support the Mental Health Commission to have 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 SHIRLEY POSEY AS A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SPECIAL INTEREST CATEGORY 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, two appointments of residents of Albany (one of which shall be a representative of the special public interest category) and four 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 January 24, 2013 meeting, the Mental Health Commission recommended that Shirley Posey be re-appointed to the Mental Health Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Shirley Posey be appointed to the Mental Health Commission as a Representative in the Special Public Interest Category for a second term beginning March 20, 2013 and ending March 19, 2016.