

CONSENT CALENDAR July 2, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Mental Health Commission

Submitted by: Carol Patterson, Commission Secretary

Subject: Appointment of Jean Marie "Herve" Michel to the Mental Health

Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the appointment of Jean Marie "Herve" Michel to the Mental Health Commission, as a representative of the Special Public Interest Category, for a three year term beginning July 3, 2013 and ending July 2, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Mental Health Commission is authorized to be composed of thirteen members. However, there are presently four vacancies on the Commission. These vacancies impair the Commission's ability to adequately review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, resources, and programs.

Approval of the recommended action will fill a vacancy, and 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 consecutively. 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 seven 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.

At the April 25, 2013 meeting of the Mental Health Commission, Mr. "Herve" Michel introduced himself as someone who originally had a background in finance. He has been helped by Berkeley Mental Health and wants to give back to the community. He currently volunteers at the South Berkeley Senior Center. The Mental Health Commission subsequently interviewed Mr. Michel and passed the following motion at the April 25, 2013 meeting:

M/S/C (Davis, Kealoha-Blake) The Mental Health Commission recommends appointment of Jean Marie "Herve" Michel to the Mental Health Commission.

Ayes: Black, Davis, Heda, Kealoha-Blake, Posey, Stanley; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Arreguin, Marasovic (arrived after the vote), Nemirow.

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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Attachment:

1: Resolution

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

APPOINTMENT OF JEAN MARIE "HERVE" MICHEL AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPECIAL PUBLIC 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 will need 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, the Mental Health Commission, at its April 25, 2013 meeting, recommended the appointment of Jean Marie "Herve" Michel to the Mental Health Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Jean Marie "Herve" Michel is hereby appointed to the Mental Health Commission, as Representative of the Special Public Interest Category, for a three year term beginning July 3, 2013 and ending July 2, 2016.