



Mental Health Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 19, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: Mental Health Commission

Submitted by: Carol Patterson, Secretary, Mental Health Commission

Subject: Appointments to the Mental Health Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution reappointing Michael Diehl (General Public Interest) and Howard King (General Public Interest) to three year terms beginning September 19, 2006 and ending September 18, 2009; reappointing Sandi Harrington (Special Public Interest) to her term ending June 22, 2008; reappointing Artensia Barry (Special Public Interest) to her term ending October 21, 2006 and reappointing her for another three-year term beginning October 22, 2006 and ending October 21, 2009 on the Mental Health Commission.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

BACKGROUND

State law requires that appointments to the Mental Health Commission meet specific categories. 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 or 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.

Mental Health Commission members may, by State law, serve no more than nine consecutive years. At its July 26, 2006 meeting, the Mental Health Commission passed the following motion

**M/S/C** (Wilson, Taggart) Recommend that City Council reappoint Commissioners Diehl, King and Wall; and reinstate Commissioners Harrington and Barry contingent upon their acceptance. Ayes: Unanimous; Absent: Moore, Wall.

Ms. Wall declined the offer of reappointment, while all others accepted. Ms. Harrington was terminated from the Commission effective June 29, 2006 due to attendance and her current term will expire June 22, 2008. Ms. Barry resigned effective March 3, 2006 due to medical problems. Since Ms. Barry's most recent term will expire October 21, 2006, the Commission recommends that she be reappointed to another 3-year term starting October 22, 2006 and ending October 21, 2009.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager takes no position on the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

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Attachments:  
1: Resolution

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

REAPPOINTING MICAHIEL DIEHL, HOWARD KING, SANDI HARRINGTON AND  
ARTENSIA BARRY TO THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

WHEREAS, membership on the Mental Health Commission is composed of seventeen with appointment by Council as a whole: one Mayor (or designee), nine special public interest, two residents of Albany (one of which shall be representative of special public interest), and five general public interest; and

WHEREAS, at its July 26, 2006 meeting the Mental Health Commission unanimously recommended Michael Diehl and Howard King for reappointment and Sandi Harrington and Artensia Barry for reappointment to the Mental Health Commission; and

WHEREAS, at its July 26, 2006 meeting the Mental Health Commission also unanimously recommended that Ms. Barry be reappointed to the Commission at the expiration of her current term.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley reappoint Michael Diehl, General Public Interest Category, and Howard King, General Public Interest Category, to the Mental Health Commission for three-year terms beginning September 19, 2006 and ending September 18, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sandi Harrington, Special Public Interest Category be reappointed to complete her term which will end on June 22, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Artensia Barry, Special Public Interest Category be reappointed to her term which will end October 21, 2006 and reappointed to another term beginning October 22, 2006 and ending October 21, 2009.