



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 10, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

Submitted by: Kristen Lee, Secretary, Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

Subject: Confirming the Appointment of an Elected Representative of the Poor

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of Jill Messing (District 3) as an elected representative of the poor on the Human Welfare Community Action Commission (HWCAC), having been selected by the remaining elected representatives of the poor at the HWCAC June 21, 2006 meeting, and that her term expires November 15, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The District 3 slot on the HWCAC was recently vacated when the officeholder moved out of the area. The remaining representatives of the poor voted in Ms. Messing at their June 21, 2006 meeting. Failure to maintain full membership on the HWCAC, which also acts as the Board of the Berkeley Community Action Agency (CAA), could result in a loss of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding. Vacancies on the Berkeley CAA Board were noted as a “finding” during the most recent monitoring visit of this program conducted by the State Department of Community Services and Development.

BACKGROUND

The HWCAC is made up of fifteen members. Nine members are appointed individually by the Mayor and by each member of the City Council. Six commissioners are elected representatives of the poor. Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 3.78.080 stipulates that elections of representatives of the poor are held biennially in the month of November in even numbered years. The next election will take place in November 2006. BMC 3.78.080(C) states “...the remaining representatives of the poor...shall select a person to fill the vacancy until the next election...” and that the “...name of the selected representatives shall be submitted to the City Council for confirmation.” BMC 3.78.030 (b) also states in part, that the remaining elected commission members shall recommend to the Council that the newly elected person fill out the term of the appointment.

At the June 21, 2006 HWCAC special meeting, the remaining elected representatives of the poor selected Ms. Jill Messing to fill the District 3 vacancy (M/S/C Jenkins/Fontenot).

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Failure to maintain full membership on the HWCAC could threaten future CSBG funding.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:

1: Resolution

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

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
POOR ON THE HUMAN WELFARE AND COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC) is made up of fifteen members, nine of whom are appointed by each member of the City Council and six of whom are elected representatives of the poor; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 3.78.080 stipulates that elections of representatives of the poor are held biennially in the month of November in even numbered years, and the next election will take place in November, 2006; and

WHEREAS, BMC 3.78.080(C) states "...the remaining representatives of the poor...shall select a person to fill the vacancy until the next election..." and that the "...name of the selected representatives shall be submitted to the City Council for confirmation"; and

WHEREAS, At the June 21, 2006 HWCAC special meeting, the remaining elected representatives of the poor selected Jill Messing to fill a vacancy in District 3 (M/S/C Jenkins/Fontenot) with her term ending November 15, 2006.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Jill Messing's appointment to the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission as an elected representative of the poor for District 3 is confirmed for a term commencing on October 10, 2006 and ending November 15, 2006.

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