



Human Welfare and
Community Action Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 19, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
 Submitted by: Samuel Kohn, Temporary Chairperson, Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
 Subject: Filling Vacancies Among the Elected Representatives of the Poor – Confirmation of Ms. Lisa Romo

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of Ms. Lisa Romo (District 3), as an elected representative of the poor on the Human Welfare Community Action Commission (HWCAC), having been selected by the commission members at the HWCAC November 28, 2018 meeting, and that her term expires November 28, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On November 28, 2018, the HWCAC held its regularly scheduled biennial election to fill six vacancies in the Representatives of the Poor category. District 3 candidate Lisa Romo was present at the meeting with the required ten signatures. Commissioner Omodele made a motion to nominate Lisa Romo to the HWCAC as a Representative of the Poor. The motion was seconded and carried by Commissioner Kohn and passed with the following vote: Ayes – Omodele, Kohn, Dunner, Sood; Absent – Whitson, Holman; Noes – None; Abstain – Romo.

BACKGROUND

The HWCAC is made up of fifteen members, nine of whom are appointed by Berkeley City Council members and six of whom are elected representatives of the poor. Berkeley Municipal Code 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 2020. Subsection C of the code 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 November 28, 2018 HWCAC meeting, the commissioners selected Ms. Romo to fill one of the current vacancies.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no environmental impacts in adopting this resolution.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

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.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

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

CONTACT PERSON

Mary-Claire Katz, Commission Secretary, HHCS, 981-5414

Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONFIRMING THAT MS. LISA ROMO MAY FILL ONE VACANCY AMONG THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POOR THAT EXISTS ON THE HUMAN WELFARE AND COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION (HWCAC)

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.78.080 stipulates that election 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 2020; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 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 November 28, 2018 HWCAC regular meeting, the remaining commissioners selected Ms. Lisa Romo (District 3) to fill one vacancy with her term ending November 28, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that Ms. Lisa Romo (District 3) is confirmed as an elected representative of the poor serving on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission until November 28, 2022 and that her term expires November 28, 2022.

