



Mental Health Commission

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CONSENT CALENDAR
March 26, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Mental Health Commission
Submitted by: boona cheema, Mental Health Commission Chair
Subject: Re-appointment of Paul Kealoha-Blake to the Mental Health Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution for the re-appointment of Paul Kealoha-Blake to the Mental Health Commission, as a representative of the General Public Interest category, to complete his third term ending March 21, 2021.

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 six 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 prevent another vacancy from occurring on the Mental Health Commission, allowing 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 a little over half 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.

Mr. Kealoha-Blake has served on the Mental Health Commission since March 20, 2012. Since that time he has served as Chair multiple times and has been an active and conscientious member of the Commission. He was dropped from the Commission in

December after missing a meeting which resulted in him missing half of the meetings during the last six month period of 2018. There were a total of four meetings during this timeframe, and he had missed the September meeting as well. His third term will end on March 21, 2021.

The Mental Health Commission passed the following motion at the January 24, 2019 meeting:

M/S/C (Posey, Davila) Move to re-nominate Paul Kealoha-Blake to the Mental Health Commission in a Berkeley General Public Interest Seat.

Ayes: cheema, Davila, Fine, Heda, Posey **Noes:** None; **Abstentions:** None;
Absent: Castro; Ludke.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this project.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the recommended action will prevent a vacancy from occurring on the Mental Health Commission allowing 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.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

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

CONTACT PERSON

Karen Klatt, Commission Secretary, Health, Housing & Community Services, 981-7644

Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAUL KEALOHA-BLAKE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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, Mr. Kealoha-Blake's third term on the Mental Health Commission will end on March 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Commission, at its January 24, 2019 meeting, recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Kealoha-Blake.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley re-appoints Paul Kealoha-Blake to the Mental Health Commission as a representative of the General Public Interest category, to complete his third term ending on March 21, 2021.

