



Mental Health Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 4, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Mental Health Commission
 Submitted by: Jamie Works-Wright, Secretary Mental Health Commission
 Subject: Reappointment of Monica Renee Jones to the Mental Health Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the reappointing of Monica Renee Jones to the Mental Health Commission, as a representative of the General Public Interest Category for a second 3-year term beginning June 4, 2024 and ending June 3, 2027. During her first term she was a member of the youth subcommittee and was the Chair for the last year.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Monica Renee Jones served her first term from May 26, 2021 to May 25, 2024. The Mental Health Commission is authorized to be composed of thirteen members. However, there are presently eight 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 keep the Chair position filled, and allow the Commission to be 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. Monica Jones meets the category of general public interest. 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 nine of the commission seats. Direct consumers and family members shall each constitute at least 20% of the commission membership.

Monica Renee Jones is a resident of Berkeley and previously worked in the area of Corrections for 25 years. She has the compassion to help others and passion to serve the marginalized population by staying involved in the community by attending commission and council meetings. She would like to re-join the Mental Health Commission to be part of the solution and address issues around housing and medication evaluations for mental health consumers. During her first term Ms. Jones held the Chair position and was elected to be the Chair for the 2024 year as well. This would be her second term participating on the Mental Health Commission.

The Mental Health Commission passed the following motions at the March 28, 2024 meeting:

Re- appoint Monica Jones to the Mental Health Commission

M/S/C (Prichett, Turner) So moved to re-appoint Monica Jones to the Mental Health Commission -

PASSED

Ayes: Jones, Opton, Prichett, Turner Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Kimber-Smith

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Mental Health Commission to be 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

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF MONICA RENEE JONES 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, 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, Ms. Jones has investment in the community, trained in post trauma and conflict management and is prepared to contribute to helping others.

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Commission at its March 28, 2024 meeting recommended the re-appointment of Monica Renee Jones.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council appoints Monica Renee Jones as a representative of the General Public Interest category, to complete her second term ending June 3, 2027.

