



Mental Health Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 21, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Mental Health Commission
 Submitted by: Monica Jones, Chairperson, Mental Health Commission
 Subject: Appointment of Lisa Teague to the Mental Health Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the recommendation for appointment of Lisa Teague to the Mental Health Commission as a representative of the Special Interest Category, Consumer. Lisa Teague's 3-year term will begin on January 22, 2025 and end on January 21, 2028.

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 five vacancies on the Commission. The Mental Health Commission is actively seeking candidates with the ability to fulfill the state law duties for Commissioners, including reviewing and evaluating the community's needs, services, facilities and special problems.

Approval of the recommended action will fill a vacancy and allow 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. Lisa Teague meets the category of special interest, consumer. 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.

The Mental Health Commission recommends Lisa Teague as a representative of the special interest appointment on the Mental Health Commission for the city of Berkeley for a three-year term. Lisa is a member of the Berkeley Outreach Coalition, the Berkeley Homeless union, the Southside Neighborhood Services coordination, an advocate at People’s Park and a member of the Specialized Care Unit steering committee. She is a long-time consumer of mental health services and has experienced homelessness and understand the importance of housing and the time needed to recovery.

Lisa has a broad range of work experience working in the office, actor, teacher business owner and has a B.A. in Sociology from University of Louisiana, Monroe and a M.A in Criminal Justice. She believes her perspective can make a difference for others and make a better Berkeley for the vulnerable. Accessing mental health services for the unhouse and disable are crucial issues for Berkeley and being involved in the funding and working to get input from city, county and community organizers would be a priority for Lisa.

The Mental Health Commission passed the following motions at the September 26, 2024 meeting:

Interview and vote on nomination of Lisa Teague to the Mental Health Commission

M/S/C (Opton, Turner) Move to nominate Lisa Teague to be accepted on the Mental Health Commission.

PASSED

Ayes: Krishnan, Opton, Sol, Turner; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Jones, Lunaparra, Prichett

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 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 takes no position on commission appointments

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CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

APPOINTMENT OF LISA TEAGUE 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, Lisa Teague has studied and majored in Sociology and Criminal Justice providing services in the community offering her lived experience; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Commission at its November 21, 2024 meeting recommended the appointment of Lisa Teague.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council appoints Lisa Teague as a representative of the Special Interest category, to complete her first term ending January 21, 2028.