



Mental Health Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 24, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Mental Health Commission
 Submitted by: Ajay Krishnan, Mental Health Commission Chair
 Subject: Re-Appointment of Glenn Turner to the Mental Health Commission for the City of Berkeley

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution re-appointing: Glenn Turner as a representative of the Special Public Interest Category - Family member, to complete her second 3-year term beginning June 25, 2025, and ending June 24, 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 four vacancies on the Commission. The Mental Health Commission (MHC) is actively seeking candidates with the ability to fulfill the state law duties for Commissioners, including reviewing and evaluating the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, resources and programs.

Approval of the recommended re-appointment will move the Commission a step closer to having a full and diverse complement of commissioners to review and evaluate the community's behavioral health needs, resources and programs.

BACKGROUND

The Mental Health Commission re-appointed Glenn Turner as a representative of the special public interest appointment to the Mental Health Commission for the City of Berkeley, for a second, three-year term. Glenn Turner has been a resident of Berkeley since 1977. She also works with FASMI (Families Advocating for the Seriously Mentally Ill) at the county and state levels.

California State law requires that appointees to the Mental Health Commission meet specific categories. The public interest category includes 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.

Glenn is currently retired after serving the spiritual needs of Black, Brown, new age, and Queer people at her Berkeley retail business for more than 30 years. She brings legal, financial, operational, and other important skills to the Mental Health Commission. She is also a member of Berkeley Copwatch, Care Not Cops, Creative Action Theater, and has done planning and logistics for the Climate Emergency Task Force.

During her 3-year term with the MHC, Glenn held the vice chair position and has been on multiple sub-committees including the membership, evaluation, care court and finance committees.

The Mental Health Commission passed the following motions at the April 30, 2025, meeting:

Vote to re-appoint Commissioner Glenn Turner to the Mental Health Commission M/S/C (Gu, Teague) Move to re-appoint Glenn Turner to the MHC and send to City Council for approval

PASSED

Ayes: Gu, Opton, Sol, Teague, Turner; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: Jones, Krishnan, Tregub, 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 concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:
1: Resolution

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

APPOINTMENT OF GLENN TURNER 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. Glenn Turner has volunteered within the community and is a family member of a person with lived experience,

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Commission at its April 30, 2025, meeting recommended the re-appointment of Glenn Turner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council re-appoint Glenn Turner as a representative of the Special Public Interest category, to complete her second term ending June 24, 2028.