



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

May 14, 2019
Agenda Item No. 3

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Confirmation of Citizen Appointments and Increase in the Number of Council Member Representatives to the Homeless Task Force

ABSTRACT:

At the March 26, 2019 City Council Meeting, the City Council formed a Homeless Task Force that consists of seven (7) community members and two (2) Council Member representatives all appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Homeless Task Force is responsible for (1) developing strategies to integrate all services needed to address homelessness, (2) developing a list of community partners to assist in addressing homelessness, (3) reviewing temporary housing solutions, (4) developing a metrics system to monitor the reduction of homeless, and (5) periodically reporting findings back to the City Council. For consideration is the confirmation of the community members appointed by the Mayor and increasing the membership from two (2) to three (3) Council Members.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
- b) Confirm Mayor Diane B. Dixon's appointments of Helen Cameron, John Heffernan, Terry Moore, Thomas Peterson, David Snow, Cindy Voorhees and Jean Wegener to the Homeless Task Force;
- c) Adopt Resolution No. 2019-42, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Amending the Membership of the Homeless Task Force*; and
- d) Confirm Mayor Diane B. Dixon's appointment of Council Member Joy Brenner to serve as a third City Council representative to the Homeless Task Force.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

As noted in Resolution No. 2019-25, the Homeless Task Force is an ad hoc committee with limited terms and is subject to the Brown Act. Pursuant to City Council Policy A-2 (*Boards, Commissions & Committees*) and the Maddy Act, the City Clerk prepared and posted a Notice of Opportunity to be Appointed to the Homeless Task Force on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, in the City Clerk's Office, at the Central Library, on the bulletin board in the City Council Chambers, and on the City's webpage; and also had the Notice published in the *Daily Pilot* on Saturday, March 30, 2019. As provided in the Notice, applications were accepted until noon on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The City Clerk's Office received 27 applications.

Mayor Diane B. Dixon appointed herself, Mayor Pro Tem Will O'Neill and Council Member Brad Avery to the ad-hoc Appointments Committee to review the applications. At the conclusion of the application period, the applications were forwarded to the ad-hoc Appointments Committee for their review and scheduling of interviews, which took place on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Mayor Diane B. Dixon considered the recommendations of the ad-hoc Appointments Committee and is recommending that Helen Cameron, John Heffernan, Terry Moore, Thomas Peterson, David Snow, Cindy Voorhees and Jean Wegener be appointed to the Homeless Task Force. Copies of their applications are attached hereto as Attachment A.

In addition, the Mayor desires to increase the membership of the Task Force to three (3) Council Members (Attachment B). The additional Council Member is appointed by the Mayor and requires confirmation by the City Council. Mayor Diane B. Dixon recommends Council Member Joy Brenner for this appointment.

The Homeless Task Force's term will sunset once the responsibilities are complete but no later than December 21, 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Applications

Attachment B – Resolution No. 2019-42