



CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2020
TO: City Council and Members of the Public
FROM: Councilmember Nikki Fortunato Bas
SUBJECT: **Homelessness Commission Unhoused Working Group**

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

I respectfully request that the City Council adopt the following legislation: A Resolution Recommending That The Commission On Homelessness Establish A Working Group Of Unhoused Residents To Advise The Commission On A Quarterly Basis And Requesting That The City Administrator Assess The Feasibility Of Establishing A Stipend Program For Members Of The Working Group.

The Commission on Homelessness (“Commission”) consists of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council on November 6, 2020. As noted during the Council Meeting, none of these members are currently experiencing homelessness. Mayor Schaaf acknowledged her decision not to appoint an individual currently experiencing homelessness and recommended, “that the Commission exercise its authority under the enabling ordinance to establish an Advisory Committee of currently unhoused Oaklanders who will be compensated to provide their expertise and advice to the Commission quarterly.”

This Resolution puts on the record that Council supports this recommendation that the Commission establish a working group of unhoused residents to advise the Commission on a quarterly basis via meetings that are accessible and safe to ensure their full participation. The Council requests that the City Administrator assess the feasibility of establishing a stipend program for unhoused residents appointed to the Commission advisory working group and work with the City Attorney’s Office to prepare any necessary legislation to implement the stipend program. For questions regarding this item, please contact Miya Saika Chen, Chief of Staff, Office of Councilmember Nikki Fortunato Bas, at mchen@oaklandca.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

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