



City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

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

WHEREAS, Oakland Municipal Code Section 4.56.060 established the Commission on Homelessness to advise the Mayor and City Council and make recommendations on Measure W and Measure Q homelessness funds received by the City of Oakland for homelessness programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Homelessness consists of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, the composition of which must include no less than half of the commissioners being residents of heavily impacted neighborhoods, no fewer than two (2) commissioners being currently or formerly homeless, no fewer than three (3) commissioners having professional expertise with housing or homeless services, and no fewer than one (1) commissioner having financial expertise; and

WHEREAS, the commissioners appointed on November 6, 2020, Janny Castillo, Candice Elder, Joey Harrison, Alexis Lozano, James Mittleberger, Tomiquia Moss, Trent Rhorer, Beth Stokes, Mark Walker, meet the aforementioned requirements, however, none are currently experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in a memorandum accompanying her Letter of Appointment on November 6, 2020, 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"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council recommends that the Commission on Homelessness 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; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council requests that the City Administrator assess the feasibility of establishing a stipend program for unhoused residents appointed to the Commission on Homelessness advisory working group and work with the City Attorney's Office to prepare any necessary legislation to implement the stipend program.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR,
THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland,
California