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CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Report
Oakland Youth
Advisory Commission

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City Administrator
Approval

Date

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COUNCIL DISTRICT: CITY-WIDE

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Life Enrichment Committee request be considered during the mid-cycle Budget Review where the full Council can make a determination as to whether funding a position for the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission at either a full or half-time equivalent, or implement the Council approved budget to eliminate this position, in a broader context and against other unfunded competing priority requests.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, the Life Enrichment Committee (LEC) determined to hold the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (OYAC) report in the Committee and direct staff to return with:

1. A proposal on how to move forward with a plan to staff the OYAC, either as a full or part-time position; and
2. Identify what resources may be available to fund this position
3. Any funds remaining at Year-End that may be re-allocated
4. Return with pertinent information regarding any recommendation that the League of Women Voters may have made in their 20101 boards and commission report regarding the OYAC;

In light of continued near-term fiscal uncertainties (RDA, State & Federal Budgets, housing market), as well as long-term fiscal challenges, it is important to consider any proposed budget additions as part of the overall budget balancing process. This approach allows for the full City Council to evaluate various funding requests and to determine the appropriation of public dollars. As a result for items 1-3 Staff recommends moving forward by evaluating in the broader context of the budget discussions during the Mid-Cycle budget process. It is important to have the

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discussion as to whether this is a funding priority that supersedes other funding priorities, that are unfunded, highlighted by the Council. While the Committee may consider this a priority, the Committee's position and action must be reconciled with the broader larger direction of the full City Council that approved the elimination of this position and directed staff to "Eliminate Youth Commission and explore combining with other youth groups" and weigh against other unfunded priorities that have surfaced since that action.

ANALYSIS

The Committee has directed staff to identify the manner in which the OYAC can "move forward", staff appreciates that the Committee considers this position and the overall objectives and value add of the OYAC a priority. However, the discussion and question of whether or not funding this position is a priority for City Council is not one that can be determined in the vacuum of a committee discussion. The context in which the discussion of how this moves forward must be made by weighing this funding request to fund a defunded position against other unfunded and identified priorities being discussed and identified by the City Council.

The need to balance multiple conflicting priorities, and the impacts to the budget that each funding request carries, is a discussion that must occur during the mid-cycle budget review and adjustment. The City Council as a whole can consider the OYAC position and determine if this position is of a sufficient priority to reconsider its elimination of it on January 31, 2012.

When the Council considers this funding request during the mid-cycle review, the Council can consider the policy and service trade offs, required to fund a position as a fully loaded full time equivalent Program Analyst I position at a cost of \$94,104 annually; or as a part-time Program Analyst I at a cost of \$35,771 annually. In the interim the OYAC will continue to meet and be staffed via the grant and individual identified in the April 24 LEC committee report. Staff will also continue to implement budget direction that stated: "Eliminate Youth Commission and explore combining with other youth groups [OFCY Planning and Oversight Committee will continue and is constituted of nearly half youth members who have decision making authority over nearly \$10 million in youth service funding and establishing youth priorities and as such constitutes the most powerful youth policy voice for the City of Oakland]".

With only two months remaining in their meeting schedule if a budget allocation occurs during the mid-cycle process staff will need to work to complete the recruitment before the commission returns in September 2012.

League of Women Voters report

The LEC committee also directed staff to review the report entitled "Boards and Commissions in Oakland, Findings and Recommendations from the League of Women Voters of Oakland" from May 2010 (http://www.lwvoakland.org/files/2010-05-17_B_C_report.pdf). The report was

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commissioned by the Oakland City Council in 2009 to review “the functions, operations, and value of Oakland’s boards and commissions in order to provide guidance for a rational allocation of resources to their efforts”. While the League of Women Voters (hereinafter League) was asked to conduct an assessment of all City Boards and Commissions. The League did not produce a report with commission by commission recommendations, but did provide specific recommendations for the oversight committees, which are the Measure Z – Marijuana Law Enforcement; Measure K – Oakland Fund for Children and Youth; Measure DD – Clean Water, Safe Parks; Measure Y – Violence Prevention and Public Safety Oversight; Measure Q – Library.

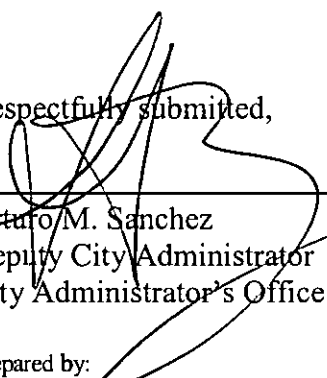
The League also made several general recommendations applicable to all boards and commissions including the OYAC, these include recommendations on Commission Size; Reporting relationships and Appointment; Criteria for appointment; Attendance; Term of Office; Vacancies; Chairperson; Council Liaison; Goals; Operations; Website; Recommendations and Reports. Staff did not find any information regarding the ability to consolidate the OYAC with other similar bodies contained in this report.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

Staff will need to identify either \$94,104 or \$35,771 to fund a Program Analyst I position depending on the Council’s direction. Funding for this position will need to be identified and will reduce funding to another program and position in the City.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Arturo M. Sanchez, Deputy City Administrator, at (510) 238-7542.

Respectfully submitted,



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