



City of Stockton

Legislation Text

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS AND APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBERS SOL JOBRACK, KIMBERLY WARMSLEY, AND VICE MAYOR CHRISTINA FUGAZI, WITH COUNCILMEMBER DAN WRIGHT AS ALTERNATE, TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council adopt a resolution establishing an Ad-Hoc Homelessness Committee to serve in an advisory capacity to and review proposals and progress on the efforts toward addressing homelessness within the City.

Summary

Homelessness is a significant priority for this Council. Over 80% of Stockton residents view homelessness as a humanitarian crisis affecting the quality of life of the entire city. The need for a resolution to this issue has never been greater. This committee will serve in an advisory capacity to review proposals and progress on efforts toward addressing homelessness within the City.

DISCUSSION

Background

Pursuant to Council Policy 100-4, subparagraph III C, the Council by resolution may create Ad Hoc committees that are tasked with addressing specific issues or the accomplishment of specific projects. The members of the committee are appointed by the Mayor based on the expressed interests of the Councilmembers. In other words, the Mayor recommends and the City Council ultimately reviews and approves the membership. The term of the committee may not exceed one year, unless extended by resolution of the Council.

As stated in Council Policy 100-4, subparagraph VI, the purpose of such a committee is to “provide detailed analysis and study matters, including public input, which are referred to the Committee by the City Council...and to provide the full Council with a report on its findings and recommendations. Delegation of such studies is essential to the efficiency of the City Council.”

The purpose of the committee in this context will be to work in an advisory capacity with City staff regarding the recruitment, hiring, and retention of a more ethnically and gender diversified workforce; and to provide reports to the Council regarding the progress of this effort.

Present Situation

City Council has been working towards maximizing City efforts to find solutions to homelessness within the City. Upon observations, the Council has determined that an Ad-Hoc Committee is necessary to proceed in creating an effective long-term solution.

To this end, staff brings forth the attached Resolution establishing this Committee formalizing the scope and focus of the Committee, naming the participating members, setting forth the chair and vice chair, and naming the alternate member of the Committee. The Committee will consist of Councilmembers Sol Jobrack as Chair, Vice Mayor Fugazi as Vice Chair, Councilmember Kimberly Warmsley as a Member and with Councilmember Dan Wright as the Alternative. The Committee will meet regularly at the discretion of the chair and will report to Council at the discretion of the chair.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The financial impacts, at this time, are limited to the staff time required to support the Committee.