

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: July 2, 2012

Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Homeless Task Force

**REPORT BY:** Isabelle Leduc, Recreation Supervisor

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That each Council Member identify an appointee to the Homeless Task Force based on the applications received.

**BACKGROUND**

At the May 21, 2012 meeting, Council approved the creation of a Homeless Task Force to develop policies for homelessness throughout the City including consideration of the unique issues associated with homeless encampment on the Albany waterfront. The Task Force will explore existing resources and models currently in place in Alameda County including the "EveryOne Home" Plan. EveryOne Home envisions a housing and service system that partners with consumers, families and advocates; provides appropriate services in a timely fashion to all who need them; and ensures that individuals and families are safely, supportively and permanently housed.

**DISCUSSION**

Per Council action, the Homeless Task Force is to be comprised of the following:

- Up to two active members from the City's Waterfront Committee
- Up to two active members from the City's Social and Economic Justice Committee

The City's Waterfront Committee and Social and Economic Justice Committees will include selection of members from their respective Committees at their July meetings.

- 5 members selected by the Council after application process

The application period was launched via the City's website and sent to those signed up for the e-notification of City news. In addition, the Solano Community Church helped by announcing the item to the homeless community and other interested parties.

A total of twelve applications were received by members of the community interested in

serving on the Homeless Task Force. Council Members have selected the following applicants to date:

Sharon Pipkin (Vice Mayor Atkinson)

Julie Ann Winkelstein (Lieber)

Barbara Chambers (Thomsen)

Andrew Franklin/Steve Thrush - Solano Community Church (Wile)

The remaining appointment will be made by Mayor Javandel.

Next Steps:

An introductory educational workshop is scheduled for July 19, 2012 from 5:30-8:30pm. The first meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for 7:00pm on August 16, 2012, and will meet once a month on the third Thursday for a period not to exceed 18 months. In addition, updates will be presented to Council every three months beginning in January 2013.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

The goal for the Albany Homeless Task Force is to recommend options to Council that will lay the ground work for ending homelessness in Albany.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact for forming the Albany Homeless Task Force, but staff time will be provided.

Attachments:

1. Homeless Task Force Work Plan