

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Council Chambers – 1000 San Pablo Avenue

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 7:30 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES: January 2015

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

For persons desiring to address the Commission/Committee/Board on an item that is not on the agenda please note that each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The Brown Act limits the Committee's ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.

- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
- 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF
 - 5-1 Advisory Body Training Video
- 6. PRESENTATION
 - **6-1 Albany Senior Center** Isabelle Leduc, Community and Human Services Manager will provide information on programs, services and activities at the Albany Senior Center.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7-1 Needs Assessment: Staff will provide an overview of the work accomplished and key findings of the Human Services Needs Assessment.

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission include information received and Human Services Needs Assessment findings in the discussion of the SEJC 2015 Work Plan.

Attachment: Staff report, Needs assessment plan, Exemptions, discount programs and services for low income households table, List of programs and services-homelessness, Survey questions, List of key informants

7-2 Area Wide Minimum Wage: The subcommittee will provide an update.

Staff Recommendation: Receive information

7-4 Albany Project HOPE - Housing Opportunities Expanded: Staff will provide an update.

Staff Recommendation: Receive information.

Attachment: BFHP quarterly report

7-5 Berkeley Mental Health Commission: Member Grossman will provide an update.

Staff Recommendation: Receive information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8-1 Social and Economic Justice Commission 2015 Work Plan: The Commission will discuss work items to include in its 2015 Work Plan.

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission review and finalize the 2015 Work Plan and present to Council March 16, 2015.

Attachments: Staff report, 2014 Work Plan

8-2 Review of Social and Economic Justice Purpose and Charge: The Commission will review and discuss its purpose and charge.

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission review and discuss its purpose and charge. If any amendments are agreed upon, amendments will be sent to the City Council for approval.

Attachments: Resolutions #05-15, #05-21 & #2014-20

8-3 Eden I & R, Inc. Reports: Staff will provide information on Eden I & R and the monthly reports provided by the organization.

Staff Recommendation: Receive information.

Attachments: Staff report, Eden I&R, Inc 2-1-1 Alameda County monthly narrative report & Alameda County summary by city - January 2015

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items). **Next Meeting**: Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 7:30pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Please note that if you provide your name and address when speaking before the Commission/Committee/Board it will become part of the official public record, which will be posted on the Internet.



ALBANY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 7:30 PM

Albany City Hall – Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue ACTION MINUTES

- **1.** Call to Order: 7:35pm. Members Present: Chair O'Curry, Members Marks, Grossman, and Zweben. Staff Present: Isabelle Leduc
- **2. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from November 3, 2014 was made by Member Marks, seconded by Member Zweben.

AYES: Members Grossman, Marks, O'Curry and Zweben

NOES: None Abstain: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

- 3. Public Comments
- 4. Announcements from Commission Members
- 5. Announcement from Staff
- 6. Presentation
 - **6-1** Presentation by Aimee Armata, Director of Programs and Services at Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) on the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) Mental Health Advocacy Project.

7. Unfinished Business

- **7-1 Human Services Needs Assessment:** The subcommittee provided an update.
- **7-2 Berkeley Mental Health Commission:** Member Grossman will provided an update.

Motion: Motion for the Commission to request staff to ask Berkeley Mental Health (BMH) to provide information on the MHSA funding formula and how much funding BMH receives to serve Albany residents and the number of Albany residents served by all BMH programs and service was made by Member Grossman and seconded by Chair O'Curry.

AYES: Members Grossman, Marks, O'Curry and Zweben

NOES: None Abstain: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

- 7-3 Area Wide Minimum Wage: The committee discussed next steps.
- **7-4 Albany Project HOPE Housing Opportunities Expanded:** Staff provided information on the Berkeley Food and Housing Project contract approved by Council in December.
- **7-5 Monthly Meetings:** The Commission discussed meeting monthly.

8. New Business

8-1 Election of Officers: The Commission will nominate and elect Chair and Vice-Chair.

Motion: Motion to elect Member O'Curry as Chair was made by Member Marks and seconded by Member Grossman.

AYES: Members Grossman, Marks, O'Curry and Zweben

NOES: None Abstain: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion: Motion to elect Member Zweben as Vice-Chair was made by Chair O'Curry and seconded by Member Marks.

AYES: Members Grossman, Marks, O'Curry and Zweben

NOES: None Abstain: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

9. Future Agenda Items

Human Services Needs Assessment, Area Wide Minimum Wage, Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program, Berkeley Mental Health, 2015 Work Plan, Senior Center Presentation

10. Adjournment: 9:15 pm

CITY OF ALBANY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: March 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Needs Assessment

REPORT BY: Isabelle Leduc, Community and Human Services Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission receive the Needs Assessment information and select issues identified in the needs assessment for inclusion as work items in the 2015 Social and Economic Justice Commission Work Plan to be approved by Council March 16, 2015.

BACKGROUND

The 2014 Social and Economic Justice Commission Work Plan included the implementation of a Needs Assessment of basic social services available to include services provided by faith based communities, non-profits and other organizations. Also included in this work items was the assessment of needs for a drop in center and access to showers for individuals experiencing homelessness as well as exploring the possibility of a permanent emergency shelter using the existing temporary facility in Albany in a modified form. Commissioners Grossman and Zweben agreed to be on the Needs Assessment subcommittee and to collaborate with the Human Services Manager on this work item.

At the SEJC May meeting, the subcommittee presented a Needs Assessment Plan (attached) that was unanimously supported by the Commission. The plan included the following 2 goals:

- 1) Assemble and disseminate information about services available to Albany community residents
- 2) Assess service needs of Albany residents

DISCUSSION

Goal #1: Assemble and disseminate information about services available to Albany community residents

The Human Services Manager has been working diligently on goal #1 and created 2 separate documents. The first document entitled "List of Programs and Services for People Experiencing Homelessness" was provided to Council in December 2014 and provides a general overview of some of the services and programs available to people experiencing homelessness in Albany.

The second document "Exemptions, Discount Programs and Services for Low Income Households" was provided to Council in February 2015 and consists of a table with detailed information on Tax Exemptions, discount programs and services for low income households. Both documents are attached to this report. The next step is to include the information on the City website and City Newsletter.

Goal #2: Assess service needs of Albany residents

The subcommittee and Human Services Manager determined that an online survey sent to key informants would provide valuable information to assess service needs of Albany residents. Assessment questions were drafted (attached) and a list of key informants was generated. The list of key informants was presented to the SEJC meeting in September and the subcommittee revised the list based on feedback collected from the SEJC and members of the public. The list of key informants is attached to this report. The online survey was sent to 123 key informants in mid-September and was closed at the beginning of December, 2014. 70 responses were received for a response rate of 57%.

Key informants

30 surveys representing 43% of respondents were received from Council Members, Chairs of Advisory Boards and city employees working in different Departments and facilities throughout the City. 40 surveys representing 57% of respondents were received from other key informants as follow:

- 21 surveys from Advocacy/Business/Service Organizations and Faith Based Communities (29%)
- 11 surveys from residents (16%)
- 8 surveys from Albany Unified School District (11%)

Key Findings

The top area of unmet need identified by key informants is affordable housing to meet the diverse needs of Albany residents including its elderly population, low income residents and people experiencing homelessness.

Although not identified as high of a need as affordable housing, a second area of need identified by key informants is the difficulty and challenges for seniors to age in place and the need for affordable in-home supportive services and a friendly visitor program.

A third area of unmet need identified is affordable mental health services including the availability of mental health services for youth and seniors.

Other service area gaps for low-income households and people experiencing homelessness were identified by key informants such as a resource/drop in center, food pantry, and access to affordable medical care.

The top resources in Albany key informants refer residents to are the Albany Senior Center, the Albany Community Center, After School/Child Care programs, the Albany Library, the Albany Fire Department and Albany Unified School District.

The top resources in the region (outside of Albany) key informants refer residents to are Berkeley Mental Health, Homeless Shelters, Berkeley Food and Housing Project and different organizations that serve seniors.

Key informants identified education (k-12), enrichment activities for youth (after school, summer camp, internships), Home Delivered Meals and transportation for seniors and volunteer opportunities as the top services available to Albany residents.

NEXT STEPS

Goal #1: Assemble and disseminate information about services available to Albany community residents

The Commission may choose to continue this goal as part of the 2015 Social and Economic Justice Commission Work Plan.

Goal #2: Assess service needs of Albany residents

While the needs assessment provides some insights on the availability of services and lack thereof, it was not meant to be statistically conclusive. The goal of the needs assessment was to provide the Commission with a list of issues with some sense of where there are services available and where service gaps exist.

The next step for the Commission is to select issues identified in the needs assessment for inclusion as work items in the 2015 Social and Economic Justice Commission Work Plan to be approved by Council March 16, 2015. Once approved, the Commission may follow up with focus groups, community meetings and presentations to gather more information on the work items selected for the work plan.

Attachments:

- a) Needs Assessment Plan
- b) Exemptions, discount programs and services for low income households table
- c) List of programs and services-Homelessness
- d) Survey questions
- e) List of key informants

Needs Assessment Plan

Goal 1 – Assemble and disseminate information about services available to Albany community residents

Process:

- o To assemble information, we will work with Isabelle who has begun collecting this information and made it available on the City's website
- o Post additional information on the City of Albany website.
- Recommend to Council the creation of a Service Guide brochure to be distributed at key locations in the City – e.g. city hall, police station, fire department, recreation center, parks etc.

Goal 2 – Assess service needs of Albany residents

Process:

- O Begin with a key informants' survey on-line. This will be directed at those in the city who have regular contact with individuals and families who might have unmet needs. Key informants would include council members, city staff, police, fire, school counselors, commission chairs, faith institutions, chamber of commerce, Rotary, Lions Club, Albany Community Foundation, librarians, child care providers, UC village staff, agencies with service contracts or service agreements with the city, health providers etc.
- The on-line survey will assess the kinds of problems key informants regularly see in terms of such categories as: health, mental health, social services (poverty, homelessness, housing, transportation, employment, aging, substance abuse, domestic violence, child maltreatment, delinquency etc.)
- Respondents will be asked to rate problems in terms of frequency, seriousness and resources available. They will also be asked to identify the helping systems to which they refer if any.
- This process should give us a fairly inclusive list of issues with some sense of where there are services available and where there are gaps in service in the City. We may follow with focus groups, community meetings, presentations etc. depending on the findings.
- The commission will then consider recommendations to the Council as to what service needs are unmet or inadequately addressed and what the City might do to respond. Recommendations may include creation of local resources such as a drop-in service center, contracts with other agencies, better dissemination of information etc. The recommendations will be rooted in the survey findings so that the Council will have data to support the need.

EXEMPTIONS, DISCOUNTS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Tax Exemptions

Program Title	Description	Eligibility	Applications	Contact
Albany Unified School	\$869 for tax year 2015-	Any resident 65 years of	Available Jan 1	Angela Pagtalonia, SCI Consulting Group
District's Parcel Tax(es)	2016. Deadline to apply is	age or older who owns and	on District website at	Angela.pagtalonia@sci-cg.com
J & LL Senior	May 31, 2015 for the	occupies a parcel	www.ausdk12.org, at	
exemption	following tax year.		Albany Library and	Janet Fohner, AUSD
	Does not need to reapply		Albany Senior Center	jfohner@ausdk12.org
	every year.		Submit to:	
			AUSD	
			Att: Measure J & LL	
			Exemption	
			Application, 1051	
			Monroe St.,	
			Albany, CA 94706	
Albany Unified School	\$591 for tax year 2015-	Parcel owned and	Available Jan 1	Angela Pagtalonia, SCI Consulting Group
District's Parcel Tax(es)	2016. Deadline to apply is	occupied by a person or	on District website at	Angela.pagtalonia@sci-cg.com
J - low income	May 31, 2015 for the	persons whose combined	www.ausdk12.org, at	
exemption other than	following tax year.	family income is at or	Albany Library and	Janet Fohner, AUSD
senior	Needs to reapply every	below the income level	Albany Senior Center	jfohner@ausdk12.org
	year.	qualifying as low income	Submit to:	
		or very low income under	AUSD	
		Section 8 of the U.S.	Att: Measure J & LL	
		Housing Act of 1937.	Exemption	
			Application, 1051	
		Any tenant who is a tenant	Monroe St., Albany,	
		in a rental unit not exempt	CA 94706	
		from the education parcel		
		tax and whose combined		
		family income is at or		
		below the income level		
		qualifying as low income		
		or very low income under		
		Section 8 of the U.S.		
		Housing Act of 1937.		

Albany Unified School	\$278 per year	Any parcel owned and	Available Jan 1	Angela Pagtalonia, SCI Consulting Group
District's Parcel Tax(es)	Deadline to apply is May	occupied by a person	on District website at	Angela.pagtalonia@sci-cg.com
LL - low income	31, 2015 for the following	receiving Supplemental	www.ausdk12.org, at	
exemption other than	tax year.	Security Income for a	Albany Library and	Janet Fohner, AUSD
senior	Needs to reapply every	disability, regardless of	Albany Senior Center	jfohner@ausdk12.org
	year.	age.	Submit to:	
			AUSD	
		Any parcel owned and	Att: Measure J & LL	
		occupied by a person	Exemption	
		receiving Social Security	Application, 1051	
		Disability Insurance	Monroe St.,	
		benefits, regardless of age	Albany, CA 94706	
		whose yearly income does		
		not exceed 250 % of the 2012 federal poverty		
		guidelines issued by the		
		U.S. Dept. of Health &		
		Human Services.		
City of Albany Parcel	Library Services Act of	Homeowners residing in	Available in May	Finance Department
Tax Exemption	1994, Measure N : \$70.44	Albany whose combined	on city website at	(510) 528-5730
(Measures N, G, F)	Supplemental Library	family income qualify as	www.albanyca.org, at	http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=157
, , , ,	Services Act of 2006,	very low income as	Albany Library and	
	Measure G: 29.01	defined by the HUD.	Albany Senior Center	
	Albany Street Paving and	,	Submit to:	
	storm drain facility	Renters are eligible to	City of Albany	
	improvement, Measure F,	apply for the Library	Finance Dept./Parcel	
	2006: \$116.04	Service Tax Exemption	Tax Exemption	
	Deadline to apply June 30	only.	1000 San Pablo Ave,	
	of each year for the fiscal		Albany, CA 94706	
	year beginning.			
	Needs to apply every year.			

<u>Discounts</u>

Program Title	Description	Eligibility	Applications	Contact
Garbage Collection	WMAC and the City of	Seniors who own and	Available year round at	WM (510) 613-8710
Discount	Albany offers a 20%	occupy their residence	Albany Senior Center	http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=134
	senior monthly	and are at least 62	and on City website	
	discount on garbage	years of age	Submit to:	
	bill		Waste Management of	
	10 gallon micro can is	Residents producing	Alameda County	
	available for residents	very little trash	Customer Service	
	generating very little		Center, 172 98 th	
	trash		Avenue	
			Oakland, CA 94603-	
			1004	
Federal Low Income	Assist qualified low-	Priority assistance to	Available year round at	Spectrum Community Services (510) 881-0300, ext:
Home Energy Assistance	income households	Households with	Albany Senior Center	216, 214, 225 or 227
Program (LIHEAP)	with energy costs.	seniors, disabled	Submit to: Spectrum	(510)889-0921
		persons and	Community Services	http://www.spectrumcs.org/
		households with	HEAP Program	
		children 5 and under-	P.O. Box 4317	
		150% of the poverty	Hayward, CA 94540	
		level as maximum	Application available	
		income level based on	at Albany Senior	
		U.S. Dept. of Health &	Center	
		Human Services		
PG&E CARE (California	Assist qualified low-	Residential single-	Available year round	Contact: 1-866-743-2273
Alternate Rates for	income households	family customers.	Submit online or via	Email: careandfera@pge.com
Energy) Program	with energy costs-	Based on total income	mail to:	
	monthly discount	of everyone living in	PG&E	http://www.pge.com/en/myhome/customerservice/
	Recertification every	the home or	CARE Program	financialassistance/care/singlefamily/index.page
	two years or four years	participation in	P.O. Box 7979	
	if on fixed income	qualifying public	San Francisco, CA	
		assistance (income	94120-7979	
		guideline on	Fax: (415) 973-6419	
		application and		
		website)		
Lifeline	Affordable telephone	Income that is at or	Call contracted agency	Lifeline support

Federal		halam 1200 affactanal	:	http://www.lifelines.comput.org/le/comput.ii/
	service for income	below 135% of federal	in your area	http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/companies/
Communications	eligible subscribers.	poverty guidelines or		CompanyListing.aspx?state=CA&stateName=California
Commission	Provides discount on	participattion in one of		
	monthly telephone	the eligible assistance		
	service	programs		
Internet essentials from	\$9.95 internet service	Have at least 1 child	Apply online or call 1-	1-855-8-internet
Comcast	and low-cost computer	eligible to participate	855-8-internet	http://www.internetessentials.com/how-it-works
		in the National School		
		Lunch program, no		
		subscription to		
		Comcast in the last 90		
		days, no outstanding		
		Comcast debt under 1		
		year old		
EBMUD Customer	For single-family	Low income	Apply online	1-866 403-2683
Assistance Program	dwellings	households. Income	pick up in person at	https://www.ebmud.com/node/545
(CAP)	50% of standard	requirements stated	375 – 11 th Street,	
(5/ /	bimonthly service	on website.	Oakland	
	charge and 50% of	Must be primary	request application	
	home water use up to	residence of applicant.	mailed	
	a max of 1,050 gallons	residence of applicant.	maneu	
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	per person per month			
	35% discount on			
	EBMUD wastewater			
	service charge and			
	flow charges			

Programs and Services

Program Title	Description	Eligibility	Applications	Contact
Mercy Brown Bag	Provides grocery bags	Seniors 60+ on fixed	Available and submit at	Sponsored by Mercy Retirement and Care
	of nutritious food on	income Monthly income	Albany Senior Center	Center
	the 1 st & 3 rd Friday of	under \$1,354 for one	Voluntary contribution of	Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122
	each month	person and under	\$10 per year is requested.	http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
		\$2,192 for 2 or more	No one is turned away if	
		1 membership per	unable to contribute	

		household		
AARP Tax Preparation	Free volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service between February – April 15. Appointments available Thursday afternoon.	Focus on low income adults 50+, but no one is turned away.	Appointments available Thursday afternoon starting in February through April 15	Call Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
Tri City Café Congregate Meal Program	Provides dinner M-F at 4pm. Suggested donation: \$4, no one turned away if unable to contribute	Seniors 60+	Must fill out registration form at 1 st visit	Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
Meals on Wheels	Meals delivered 4 days per week to homebound seniors. Suggested donation: \$4, no one turned away if unable to contribute	Seniors 60+	Registration and in-home assessment before starting the program	Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
Taxi Subsidy program	Provides a subsidy on taxi rides	Albany residents 80 years + and people with disabilities, unable to use public transportation 18+	Registration form available and submit to Albany Senior Center	Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
East Bay Paratransit	Main provider of Paratransit services	anyone who cannot drive or use public transportation due to a disability	In person interview	Call (510) 287-5000 for an appointment and get application http://www.eastbayparatransit.org/
Over 60 Health Clinic	Nurse provides free foot care, blood pressure checks, medication review 2 nd Monday every other month	Seniors 60+	First come first serve – no application	Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
2-1-1	Links to a full range of health, housing and human services	Anyone in need	none	Eden I & R 2-1-1 http://www.edenir.org/
Housing Rehabilitation	Offers grants and low	Must own home, low	Application available by	AC Community Development Healthy Homes

	interest loans for emergency repairs of plumbing, carpentry, electrical, railings, grab bars, toilets, water heater, furnaces, doors, locks and more. Accessibility grants, curb appeal paint grants, low interest rehab loans for major repairs	income up to 80% of AMI as determined by HUD	calling Healthy Homes	Dept. (510) 670-5399 http://www.achhd.org/programs/housing-rehab/index.htm
ECHO Housing	Fair Housing Services: counseling, investigation, mediation, enforcement, and education	Albany residents		Oakland office (510) 496—0496 or 855-ask- echo toll free http://www.echofairhousing.org/
Albany Curbside Garbage, Recycling and Organics Program- Exemption from Curbside Placement	Exemption to curbside service – cart will be serviced from location as designated by resident	Residents with ongoing physical disability that prevents them to wheel a cart curbside	Available on City website Submit to: Waste Management of Alameda County- Albany Curbside Exemption Customer Service Center, 172 98 th Avenue Oakland, CA 94603-1004	WM: (510) 613-8710 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=134
Weatherization	Provides free conservation measures (including energy-efficient appliances and weather-stripping) and education	Live in Alameda County, Priority assistance to Households with seniors, disabled persons and households with children 5 and under— 150% of the poverty level as maximum income level based on U.S. Dept. of Health & Human	Available year round at Albany Senior Center Submit to: Spectrum Community Services HEAP/Weatherization Program P.O. Box 4317 Hayward, CA 94540	Spectrum Community Services (510) 881-0300 x 272 http://www.spectrumcs.org/

		Services		
CalFresh	Food assistance	Low income individuals and families	Available on website	https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/
Covered California	Affordable health insurance		Available on website	http://www.coveredca.com/
Medi-Cal	Free or low-cost health coverage	Low income adults, families with children, seniors, persons with disabilities, children in foster care and former foster youth up to age 26, and pregnant women	Apply online, over the phone or local county office	http://www.coveredca.com/ (800) 300-1506 Social Services Agency 8477 Enterprise Way, Oakland, CA 94621 (888) 999-4772
CalWORKS – California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids	Cash aid program to meet basic needs. Also provides education, employment, and training programs	There must be a child (under age 18 or 19) in the home who is deprived of parental support and care because one or both parents are deceased, disabled, unemployed or continuously absent. See website for more details.	Available on website	https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/
My Benefits CalWIN	Website to learn about and apply for medical, food and cash assistance programs	Low income individuals and families	Available on website	https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/

LIST OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – This list provides a general overview of some of the services and programs available to people who are experiencing homelessness in Albany. It is not meant to be a comprehensive list.

Referral Services

Program	Agency	Description
2-1-1 Alameda County	Eden I&R	Links to a full range of health, housing
		and human services

Outreach

Program/Service Name	Agency
Albany Project HOPE	Berkeley Food and Housing Program
North County Housing	Bay Area Community Services (BACS)
Connect	
Homeless Outreach Team	Building Opportunities for Self-
(HOT)	Sufficiency (BOSS)
City of Berkeley Homeless	Berkeley Mental Health
Outreach	
Healthcare for the Homeless	Alameda County Public Health

Warming Centers & Shelters

Program Name	Location
Dorothy Day House Storm Shelter / Warming	First Congregational Church of
Center	Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way,
	Berkeley
YEAH – Shelter for youth 18-25 years	1744 University Ave., Berkeley
BFHP Men's Overnight Shelter	1931 Center Street, Berkeley
BFHP Women's Overnight Shelter	2140 Dwight Way, Berkeley
BOSS – Harrison Family Shelter	711 Harrison Street, Berkeley
St. Mary's Center	925 Brockhurst Street, Oakland
EOCP-Crossroads	7515 International Blvd., Oakland

St. Vincent de Paul Warming Center	2272 San Pablo Ave., Oakland	
Henry Robinson Warming Center	559 16 th Street, Oakland	

Subsidized Housing with Support Services

Program Name	Agency
Albany Project HOPE	BFHP
North County Project Connect	BACS
North County Senior Homeless Connect	BACS
Shelter Plus Care	Alameda County

Mental Health & Case Management

Program Name	Agency
Berkeley Mental Health	Berkeley Mental Health
Adult Health Services	
Clinic	
TRUST Clinic	Alameda County Public Health
Multi-Agency Service	BOSS
Center (MASC)	

Drop In Centers

Program Name	Agency	Location
BFHP Multi-Service Center	BFHP	2362 Bancroft Way, Berkeley
Multi-Agency Service	BOSS	1931 Center Street, Berkeley
Center (MASC)		

Introduction

The Social and Economic Justice Commission has the responsibility of making recommendations to the Albany City Council on issues and needs that affect the wellbeing of Albany residents. The Commission is gathering data to help identify issues of unmet and/or under-addressed human services needs and hopes to launch a discussion on services and needs in Albany and the City's possible role in responding. This survey is intended to be a first step in the process.

You have been identified as someone with knowledge and experience involving the needs of Albany's residents. We would greatly appreciate your taking the time to respond to the following questionnaire from your perspective as a helping person in the Albany community. The survey presents a list of areas of need that you may have been called upon to address either directly or by referral to resources in Albany or elsewhere. It asks you to tell us about the needs you have addressed, resources that you have found, areas of unmet need and your perception of the importance of these needs

The survey is designed in such a way that you can answer questions that are relevant to your area of knowledge and skip others that do not apply to you. The survey should take only a short while to complete.

Please note that while this is not an anonymous survey no one will be identified by name in any communication about the findings. This is not intended to be a definitive measure of need. Rather we hope to use it as a springboard for discussion in community meetings, City boards and commissions and the City Council. We thank you in advance for your commitment to the people of Albany.

The Social and Economic Justice Commission

Bart Grossman Robert Lieber Margie Marks Paul O'Curry Ellen Zweben

*1. Basic Information Affiliation/Organization: Name: Title/Role: Email: Phone Number:				
Affiliation/Organization: Name: Title/Role: Email:	*1. Basic Informa	tion		
Name: Title/Role: Email:				
Email:				
	Title/Role:			
Phone Number:	Email:			
	Phone Number:			

2. Here is a list of HEALTH related needs that residents may have. In your capacity, in which of these areas have you been asked for assistance?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
Affordable Health Care	0	0	0	0	0
Free and Low-Cost Care	0	\circ	\circ	0	\circ
Free and Low-Cost Immunization	O	0	0	0	0
Low Cost Prescriptions	0	\circ	0	O	\circ
Affordable Dental Health	0	0	0	0	0
Alternative Medicine (naturopathy, chiropractic, acupuncture, etc.)	O	0	0	O	O
Substance Abuse	0	0	0	O	0
Health Care Counseling	0	0	0	0	0
Wellness/Preventative Health Care	O	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)					

3. Here is a list of HOUSING related needs that residents may have. In your capacity, in which of these areas have you been asked for assistance?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
Affordable Housing	0	0	0	0	0
Subsidized Housing	0	0	0	0	0
Housing with Support Services	0	O	0	О	O
Transitional Housing	0	0	0	0	\circ
Homeless Shelter	0	0	0	0	0
Rental Assistance	0	0	0	0	O
Tenant/Landlord issues	0	0	0	0	O
Minor Home Repair & Rehabilitation Programs	0	O	O	O	O
Mortgage Counseling	0	0	0	0	0
Utitlies Assistance	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)					

4. Here is a list of YOUTH related needs that residents may have. In your capacity, in which of these areas have you been asked for assistance?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
Education	0	0	O	O	0
Affordable Mental Health Care/Counseling	\circ	O	O	O	O
Affordable & Reliable Child Care	0	0	O	0	0
Affordable & Reliable After-School Childcare	\circ	O	0	O	O
Enrichment Activities (after-school, summer camp, internship)	O	O	0	O	0
Child Abuse Prevention/Treatment/Maltreatment	$oldsymbol{\circ}$	O	0	O	O
Disabled Youth Services	0	0	O	0	0
Homelessness	0	0	0	0	0
Services for At-Risk Youth	0	0	O	0	O
Other (please specify)					

5. Here is a list of ADULT related needs that residents may have. In your capacity, in which of these areas have you been asked for assistance?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
Domestic Violence Prevention Programs	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence Intervention Programs	\odot	O	O	O	0
Domestic Violence Shelter/Permanent Housing	O	O	0	O	0
Homelessness	0	0	0	0	0
Hunger/Food	•	0	•	0	0
Employment	0	\circ	0	0	0
Financial Assistance	0	0	0	0	0
Affordable Mental Health Care	O	O	O	O	O
Adult Education	0	0	0	0	0
Language & Literacy Education	O	O	O	O	O
Volunteer Opportunities	0	0	0	0	0
Recreational Activities	0	0	0	O	0
Cultural Fellowship	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)					

6. Here is a list of OLDER ADULT related needs that resident may have. In your capacity, in which of these areas have you been asked for assistance? Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always In-Home Care Assisted Living Affordable Prescription Drugs Affordable Mental Health Care Social/Recreational Activities Transportation Affordable Housing Assistance with Utilities Elder Abuse Services Fraud Prevention Case Management Friendly Visiting Hunger/Food Homelessness Adult Day Care Caregiver Support Program

Home Delivered Meals

Volunteer Opportunities
Other (please specify)

7. Here is a list of HEALTH related needs that residents may have. Rank each area of need by the level of availability to Albany residents.

	Not Available	Somewhat Available	Available	I Don't Know
Affordable Health Care	0	O	0	O
Free and Low-Cost Care	O	O	0	O
Free and Low-Cost Immunization	0	О	O	0
Low Cost Prescriptions	O	O	0	O
Affordable Dental Health	O	O	0	O
Alternative Medicine (naturopathy, chiropractic, acupuncture, etc.)	0	О	0	O
Substance Abuse	O	O	0	O
Health Care Counseling	O	O	0	O
Wellness/Preventative Health Care	0	O	O	0
Other (please specify)				

8. Here is a list of HOUSING related needs that residents may have. Rank each area of need by level of availability to Albany residents.

	Not Available	Somewhat Available	Available	I Don't Know
Affordable Housing	0	O	0	O
Subsidized Housing	O	O	0	O
Housing with Support Services	0	О	O	O
Transitional Housing	O	O	0	O
Homeless Shelter	0	0	0	O
Rental Assistance	0	O	0	O
Tenant/Landlord issues	0	0	0	O
Minor Home Repair & Rehabilitation Programs	0	O	O	O
Mortgage Counseling	O	O	0	O
Utitlies Assistance	0	O	0	O
Other (please specify)				

9. Here is a list of YOUTH related needs that residents may have. Rank each area of need by the level of availability to Albany residents.

	Not Available	Somewhat Available	Available	I Don't Know
Education	0	O	0	0
Affordable Mental Health Care/Counseling	\odot	O	O	O
Affordable & Reliable Child Care	0	0	0	0
Affordable & Reliable After-School Childcare	\odot	O	O	O
Enrichment Activities (after-school, summer camp, internship)	0	O	O	O
Child Abuse Prevention/Treatment/Maltreatment	\circ	O	O	O
Disabled Youth Services	0	0	0	0
Homelessness	0	0	O	0
Services for At-Risk Youth	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)				

10. Here is a list of ADULT related needs that residents may have. Rank each area of need by the level of availability to Albany residents.

	Not Available	Somewhat Available	Available	I Don't Know
Domestic Violence Prevention Programs	0	O	O	0
Domestic Violence Intervention Programs	O	0	O	O
Domestic Violence Shelter/Permanent Housing	O	O	0	O
Homelessness	\circ	O	0	\circ
Hunger/Food	O	0	0	O
Employment	0	0	0	0
Financial Assistance	O	0	0	O
Affordable Mental Health Care	O	0	O	O
Adult Education	0	0	0	0
Language & Literacy Education	O	0	O	O
Volunteer Opportunities	O	0	0	O
Recreational Activities	0	0	0	0
Cultural Fellowship	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)				

11. Here is a list of OLDER ADULT related needs that residents may have. Rank each area of need by the level of availability to Albany residents.

	Not Available	Somewhat Available	Available	I Don't Know
In-Home Care	0	0	0	O
Assisted Living	O	O	0	O
Affordable Prescription Drugs	0	O	0	0
Affordable Mental Health Care	O	O	O	O
Social/Recreational Activities	O	О	O	0
Transportation	O	O	0	C
Affordable Housing	0	0	0	0
Assistance with Utilities	0	0	0	0
Elder Abuse Services	0	0	0	0
Fraud Prevention	O	0	0	0
Case Management	0	0	O	0
Friendly Visiting	0	0	0	0
Hunger/Food	0	0	O	O
Homelessness	O	O	0	O
Adult Day Care	0	0	O	O
Caregiver Support Program	O	O	0	O
Home Delivered Meals	0	0	O	0
Volunteer Opportunities	0	O	O	O
Other (please specify)				

12. In your opinion what are the five (5) most important areas of unmet needs?							
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13. List top five (5) resources in Albany you refer Albany residents to.							
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14. List top five (5) resources in the region (outside of Albany) y	you refer Albany residents					
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Thank you for your time!	

Human Services Needs Assessment - Key informants

City

- City Council Members
- Chairs of City Boards
- Staff members City Manager, Dept. Heads & front line staff designated by Dept. Head

Public Facilities/Programs

- Community Center
- Senior Center
- Teen Center
- After School Childcare Facilities-Friendship Club
- Library
- Pool
- YMCA

Churches

- St. Alban's Episcopal
- Solano Community Church
- The Church on the Corner
- Albany United Methodist Church
- Berkeley Buddhist Priori
- Southern Baptist Mosaic Bay

Service Organizations

- Rotary
- Lions Club
- Albany Community Foundation
- Friends of Albany Seniors
- Friends of the Library
- Kiwanis
- Albany Historical Society
- Citizens for Eastshore State Park

Business Organizations

- Chamber of Commerce
- Solano Avenue Association

Groups

- Neighborhood watch groups- Block captains
- Help Furnish Project
- Transition Albany
- Albany Housing Advocates
- Diverse Housing Working Group
- Share the Bulb
- Food not Bombs
- Albany Farm Alliance

Education

- Albany School counselors, superintendant, board, secretaries
- Albany Education Foundation

- Albany Preschool
- UC Village
- Bright Star Montessori school

Other agencies

- Berkeley Mental Health
- Berkeley Food and Housing Project
- Homeless Action Center

City of Albany Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program Berkeley Food and Housing Project Narrative Report Oct 2014-Dec 2014

Report to Albany City Council: October 2014-December 2014

Activities To-Date

The program has continued providing case management/housing maintenance assistance to clients this quarter. The Project Hope Case Manager position became vacant in mid November and case management responsibilities for the clients with the most urgent needs were distributed to other case managers of BFHP's Multi Service Center. Despite the lack of a full time case manager, services were provided to approximately 15 clients this quarter. No new clients became housed this quarter, no clients transitioned off of a subsidy and no clients lost their housing.

Successes in Quarter Four

Housing was maintained this quarter for all participants including some households whose housing status was previously in jeopardy. BFHP staff worked intensely with the household most at risk of eviction due to nonpayment of rent, many extra people living at the property and significant property damage. By the end of the quarter the people residing in the household had returned to the lease holders only and movement is underway to move all residents to other living situations in the near future. In December, one resident of this household began Representative Payee (money management) services with the BFHP Representative Case Manager.

The household in the Oakland master leased unit successfully transitioned onto their own leases in the same property at the end of the quarter. They will stay in this unit while they work with the new Case Manager to move to more affordable housing in the near future.

Through advocacy with the City of Berkeley, BFHP received four (4) City of Berkeley Shelter plus Care (permanent supportive housing) vouchers designated for Albany clients. The four clients have been identified and staff has been working diligently to get the applications completed and the vouchers in hand. One Albany couple has received their voucher and has been looking for a unit. Two additional clients are working with their case manager to obtain all their needed documentation in order to submit their application. This has been a slow process. (One of these clients had his application submitted by mid January) The 4th client is still homeless on the street and will require extensive outreach by the new Albany Case Manager to move her through the Shelter plus Care process.

Through advocacy with Alameda County we have been able to move money from our Urban County ESG Prevention funds to our Urban County ESG Rapid Re-Housing funds. This allows us to continue serving clients with ESG subsidies and reduces the previous quarter's concern of having subsidies end before clients were able to take over rental payments themselves.

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We have increased our collaboration with HAC (Homeless Action Center) this quarter and their staff has helped to support clients during this time of not having a full time case manager.

At the end of Quarter 4 a new Albany Project Hope Case Manager was identified. Carmen Francois worked with clients at the Albany Bulb in 2013 at the start of the project. She has been working for the past year as a case manager at BFHP's Men's Shelter and she is excited to return to working with the Project Hope clients. She will be full time in the Project Hope position by the end of January.

By having the Project Hope clients case managed by a variety of staff of the Multi Service Center, clients have become more a part of that program. Several Project Hope clients participated in holiday events at the BFHP Multi Service Center including Thanksgiving day dinner, a holiday open house with food and gifts in mid December and a Christmas dinner on December 23rd.

HMIS Documentation

The HMIS system recently underwent an upgrade that left the outcomes reporting section off line. As soon as the report is working we will submit it to the City of Albany. A demographic report for all clients served in calendar year 2014 is attached.

Challenges in Quarter Four

The departure of the Albany Project Hope Case Manager has been the most significant challenge this quarter as it impacts our ability to maintain continuity with clients. We have done our best to ensure that those clients with the highest needs have continued to receive quality services from other staff. Challenges related to managing every day living situations has continued. Moving clients through the Shelter plus Care application process has also proved challenging as many clients have no ID, no proof of income and find it difficult to obtain these documents on their own. Case Managers are working with them, little by little, to get this done.

CITY OF ALBANY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: March 3, 2015

SUBJECT: 2015 Social and Economic Justice Commission Work Plan

REPORT BY: Isabelle Leduc, Community and Human Services Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission review and finalize the 2015 Social and Economic Justice Commission Work Plan and send to the City Council for approval March 16, 2105.

BACKGROUND

All standing Advisory Bodies have been presenting work plans to the City Council annually. The work plan should identify recent accomplishments and priority work items for the upcoming period. Additionally, Advisory Body work plans are to focus on furthering the Strategic Plan Goals identified by the City Council.

Advisory Bodies are encouraged to focus on a reasonable number of work plan items to accomplish in a given two year period, recognizing the potential workload associated with each item.

DISCUSSION

At their last meeting in February 2015, the City Council approved a change to their Administrative Policies regarding presentation of work plans now allowing for presentation of work plans every two years (instead of every year). The work plan should still be reviewed by the Advisory Body annually in January to identify accomplishments and ensure continued focus on completing work plan items.

In creating its 2015 work plan the Commission should also identify work items that help further the Council's Strategic Plan. The current draft City Council Strategic Plan is attached for review.

If completed at the March meeting, the 2015 work plan should be presented to Council March 16. The Chair of the Commission or a designee should attend the Council meeting to respond to any questions raised by the City Council regarding the work plan. The Council may choose to

revise the work plan as necessary to ensure that the Commission remain focused on its charge and on implementation of the City Council Strategic Plan goals.

At times the Commission may have updates, reports, findings, or recommendations to present to the City Council on matters included as part of the Commission work plan. Recommendations should be supported with data, pro/con analysis, or other relevant background material to help inform the City Council. When possible, the Commission should include options for City Council consideration. The staff liaison to the Advisory Body will coordinate with the City Manager to schedule the item on a future City Council Agenda. It should be noted that the Council has the authority to prioritize items intended for the City Council agenda.

Any changes or proposed additions to the work plan once approved by Council must be submitted by the Commission to the City Council for review. The submittal shall be prepared using the form "REQUEST FOR AMENDEMENT TO ADVISORY ANNUAL BODY WORK PLAN".

Attachment:

A) 2014 Social and Economic Justice Work Plan

Social & Economic Justice Commission-2014 Work Plan

Accomplishments of 2013

- Researched gun issues
- Reached out to victims of crimes
- Active in assessing homelessness issues

Policy Review and Initiatives for 2014

- Continue to monitor changes at McLaughlin East Shore State Park and the Bulb
- Promote affordable housing including options for seniors and work on a rent review program
- Needs assessment of basic social services available to include services provided by faith based communities, non-profits and other organizations. Assessment of needs for a drop in center and access to showers for individuals who are homeless. Explore the possibility of permanent emergency shelter using the existing temporary facility in Albany in a modified form.
- Explore a living wage
- Region Wide Minimum Wage (added to the Work Plan July 2014)

Relation to City Council Strategic Plan

The Committee's 2014 priority projects will help to implement City Council Strategic Plan Objective to "Maximize Park and Open Space" by continuing to monitor changes at McLaughlin East Shore State Park and at the Bulb as it relate to Social and Economic Justice.

The Committee's 2014 priority projects will help to implement City Council Strategic Plan Objective to "Engage our Diverse Community" by assessing basic social services available, researching the feasibility of a drop in center and access to showers and shelter to homeless individuals, promoting affordable housing including housing options for seniors, and doing research on a rent review program.

CITY OF ALBANY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: March 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Review of Social and Economic Justice Commission Purpose and Charge

REPORT BY: Isabelle Leduc, Community and Human Services Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission review and discuss its purpose and charge. The Commission can decide to discuss the Commission's purpose and charge at the March meeting or form a subcommittee that will come back with suggestions to the full Commission at the May meeting. Any amendments agreed upon will be sent to the City Council for approval.

DISCUSSION

In the past year the Commission has expressed interest in reviewing its purpose and charge. One long-standing amendment is the removal of environmental issues in the Commission's charge since policies, programs and issues promoting environmental sustainability are now included in the charge of the Sustainability Committee established in 2007.

Attachments:

- A) Resolutions #05-15 & #05-21
- B) Resolution #2014-20

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RESOLUTION #05-15

A Resolution of the Albany City Council establishing a "Social & Economic Justice Commission" to be advisory to the City Council

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council is concerned about social and environmental issues affecting the welfare of the residents of Albany as inhabitants of both a local and a global community; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Albany City Council to state a position or take action on these issues, the Council desires the advice of a selected group of Albany residents who have researched, analyzed, discussed, and evaluated a broad range of data and opinion,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany City Council hereby establishes a Social & Economic Justice Commission to advise the City Council on social and environmental issues impacting the welfare of the residents of Albany as inhabitants of a local and a global community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- 1. The Social Economic & Justice Commission shall be composed of seven members, one each appointed by Council members whose terms shall run consecutive with the terms of the appointing Council members, and two appointments from the Albany Unified School District Board of Education, including one Youth Member who shall serve for a one-year term starting May 1 of his/her junior year in high school until April 30 of his/her senior year in high school. The term of the other appointee of the Albany Board of Education shall be four years.
- 2. The charge of the Commission shall be to research, analyze, discuss, and evaluate a broad range of data and opinions on social and environmental issues affecting the welfare of the residents of Albany as inhabitants of both a local and a global community, and make recommendations to the City Council on positions and/or

actions to take to address these issues. Recommendations to the City Council shall state the relevance, importance, and/or particular impact that the issue has on the welfare of the residents of Albany.

- 3. In creating the Commission, it is not the intent of the Council to duplicate or overlap the functions, duties, or responsibilities assigned to any other commission.
- 4. The City Council shall conduct a review of the Social & Economic Justice Commission in January, 2007.

ROBERT GOOD, MAYOR



City of Albany

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CITY CLERK PH. (510) 528-5720 FAX (510) 528-5797	this 4th day of April ,20 05 by the following votes:
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES • Building • Engineering • Environmental Resources • Maintenance	NOES: None
• Planning PH. (510) 528-5760 FAX (510) 524-9359	ABSENT: Mayor Good
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CITY TREASURER PH. (510) 528-5730 FAX (510) 528-2743	WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 19th
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RESOLUTION NO. 05-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-15 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE SOCIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2005, the Albany City Council established the Social & Economic Justice Commission; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2005, the Albany School Board discussed this Commission and requested an amendment; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would change the language in Section 1 as follows: the Commission shall be composed of seven members, one each appointed by Council Members whose terms shall run consecutive with the terms of the appointing Council Members, and two appointments from the Albany Unified School District Board of Education, including one Youth Member who shall serve for a one-year term. The appointment shall be either a Junior or Senior and the term shall begin at either the end of the Sophomore Year or at the end of the Junior Year. The term of the other appointee of the Albany Board of Education shall be two years.

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RESOLUTION NO. 05-21

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 18th day of April ,20 05, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Javandel, Lieber, Maris & Mayor Good

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Okawachi

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 19th

day of April ,20 05

JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL APPROVING CHANGES TO THE SOCIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION AND SUNSETTING OF THE WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City conducted a comprehensive review of the City's Advisory Bodies in 2010, adopting Resolution No. 2010-63 to change the composition and other structural features of the various advisory bodies, and called for a follow-up review in two years; and

WHEREAS, in December 2012, Council approved the continuation of reviewing advisory bodies every two years as well as a review of the Social and Economic Justice Commission (SEJC) in one year; and

WHEREAS, per Council direction City staff has reviewed the composition, purpose, meeting schedule, and related structural features of the advisory bodies, focusing on the effectiveness and productivity of the advisory bodies, and has recommended changes to the Social & Economic Justice Commission and the sunsetting of the Waterfront Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Albany hereby:

- 1. Modifies the Social & Economic Justice Commission as follows:
 - a. Assigns the Community and Human Services Manager as staff liaison
 - b. Continues meeting every other month unless more frequent meetings are needed for the press of business in accordance with Resolution No. 2010-63
 - c. Moves from summary minutes to action minutes in line with the practice of all other Advisory Bodies per Resolution No. 2010-63
- 2. Sunsets the Waterfront Committee, effective May 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall utilize a number of groups to advise the Council on matters related to the waterfront and to provide a public forum for the community following the sunsetting of the Waterfront Committee including but not limited to creation of ad-hoc committees/work groups to focus on particular issues related to the waterfront and/or transition of the Albany Bulb and Neck as needed, and the City's Planning & Zoning Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, and Sustainability Committee on matters related to the waterfront that fall under the respective purview of these advisory bodies. PEGGY THOMSEN, MAYOR

CITY OF ALBANY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Agenda Date: March 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Eden I & R and 2-1-1 Information and Referral Line

REPORT BY: Isabelle Leduc, Community and Human Services Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission receive information on Eden I & R. Informational item only.

BACKGROUND

Eden I & R is a nonprofit agency committed to linking Alameda County families and individuals to the full range of community resources available to them. For 38 years, Eden I & R has been successfully fulfilling its mission of "Linking people and resources" by consistently and creatively responding to the community's changing needs. The agency's services are the result of collaborations that depend on the work of hundreds of community-based organizations. Because no other centralized source of health, housing, and human services information exist anywhere else in Alameda County, Eden I & R has become a critical resources for thousands of at-risk individuals, such as youth, non-English speakers, the economically disadvantaged, people living with HIV/AIDS, domestic violence survivors, the elderly, disabled, individuals experiencing homelessness, and human service agencies seeking services or housing for their clients.

Eden I & R, Inc., was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) agency in January 1976 in response to a community need for a service that would assist people in obtaining information about, as well as gaining access to, community resources. Skilled information management and referral specialists provide a critical information bridge between individuals in need and human service agencies.

DISCUSSION

Eden I & R manages the Alameda County 2-1-1 line, a free, non-emergency, confidential 3-digit phone number and service that provides easy access to housing information, and critical human services. 2-1-1 operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with multi-lingual capabilities.

The 2-1-1 Information and Referral Line is unique in Alameda County, helping people find affordable housing and critical social services. Set up originally as CHAIN (Community Housing and Information Network) to help displaced victims of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, the line soon expanded to meet the continuing information needs of all Alameda County residents.

In 2007, CHAIN transitioned into 2-1-1, a Bay-Area wide, easy to remember 3 digit number. Professionally trained staff and volunteers fully assess callers' needs and provide comprehensive, customized referrals to affordable housing, available emergency shelter space, and vital social services throughout Alameda County. People need to know where to turn for help, and the 2-1-1 line exists to fill that need.

The City of Albany is one of the many funders of the 2-1-1 line and grants \$5,000.00 per year to Eden I & R in support of the 2-1-1 Information and Referral Line. Eden I & R provides monthly reports to the city which are also available on their website http://www.edenir.org/index.html. The January 2015 reports are attached for the Commission's information.

Attachments:

- 1) 2-1-1 Alameda County Monthly Narrative Report: January 2015
- 2) Alameda County Summary by City: January 2015

EDEN I & R, Inc.

2-1-1 Alameda County Monthly Narrative Report: January 2015

Noteworthy Updates

During the month of January, 8,837 calls were handled by 2-1-1 Resource Specialists and 13,351 health, housing and human service referrals were provided. Of the unduplicated callers, 80% were female, 33% were single-headed households with minor children, and 42% had disabilities. The call examples below show the breadth and depth of calls handled. Additional people are also relying on Eden I&R's websites, including our online health and human service resource directory; in January they received 18,108 pageviews from 5,285 sessions/visitors.

Eden I&R is once again providing assistance for low-income people and those on active military duty during tax season. 2-1-1 Resource Specialists are pre-screening and referring callers who are potentially eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to free VITA tax preparation sites throughout Alameda County. Additionally, Resource Specialists are providing information about, and scheduling appointments at, California Free Taxpayer Assistance Events. At these events, held throughout the state, people are able to do their own taxes, with the free assistance of volunteer tax professionals, using Turbo Tax software.

In addition, Eden I&R staff participated in a very well attended earthquake preparedness training/drill at the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services in Dublin. These drills are essential to the partnership efforts needed between public departments, community based organizations as well as businesses when responding to disaster situations.

Call Information

- ~ A single mother of two children called from Fremont. She shared with the Phone Resource Specialist (PRS) that her children needed dental and optometry services that accepted Medi-Cal. The caller also expressed confusion about Alameda Alliance versus Blue Cross Medi-Cal, so the PRS suggested health insurance counseling. She was referred to Tri-City Health Center for dental services, West Oakland Health Center for optometry services, and Alameda County Health Care Services Agency's Health Insurance Technicians for counseling. The PRS also referred the caller to the Fremont Family Resource Center for benefits assistance.
- ~ A single senior called from the city of Alameda with his social worker to ask for housing referrals. The caller was referred to the Belle Terre Apartments, Columbia Park Manor, Strawberry Creek Lodge, Samara Terrace Apartments, and Brentwood Senior Commons for low-income housing wait lists. For additional resources for seniors, he was referred to AARP Alameda Chapter, and the Area Agency on Aging.

Call Examples

- ~ A single male called from Oakland for housing resources. The caller shared with the Phone Resource Specialist (PRS) that he was formerly incarcerated. The PRS referred the caller to the General Assistance Program through Alameda County Social Service Agency as well as several transitional housing programs for single men: Phatt Chance Community Services, Jordan's House, Bay Area Community Services' Housing Fast Support Network, Destiny Builders and Change to Come. He was encouraged to call 2-1-1 in the future for any additional needs he may have.
- ~ A single mother with a mental disability and two small children called from Dublin for financial assistance. She was referred to REACH, HEAP, and Season of Sharing for her utility bill, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California for Native American TANF information, and Child Care Links for subsidized child care.
- ~ A single male called from Piedmont for emergency shelter, and he stated it was his preference that the shelter be located outside of Oakland. He was referred to the Berkeley Food and Housing Project and encouraged to call 2-1-1 at 10:00am and 1:00pm daily, when the emergency shelter bed availability list is updated, if needed.
- ~ A woman called from Pleasanton on behalf of her elderly mother who has physical disabilities. The caller shared with the Phone Resource Specialist that her mother lives in a nursing home currently but that it is too expensive and she wants to find other options as well as educate herself on her mother's health insurance benefits. She was referred to Alameda County Social Service Agency for Medi-Cal information; the Homeless Action Center; the Area Agency on Aging; and the City of Pleasanton Housing Division's Affordable Housing Information and Programs hotline.

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Caller Feedback	~ "On a scale of 1-10, the Resource Specialist I spoke with is a 20. She's kind, courteous, professional, and really knows her job. At my age, you don't often get a lot of respect and she went out of her way to be kind, patient and helpful. She's a wonderful person." ~ "I just called and spoke to (Name of Phone Resource Specialist). She should be a supervisor. She provided me with so many referrals and was very helpful. You should keep her for a very long time, she is very attentive." ~ "I've relied on 2-1-1 since it started and I'm very grateful for it! It's such a good resource for service
	providers and clients!" -Monica Espiritu, MA, Case Management Coordinator, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center.
Staff Inservice	~ In-service presentation by Berkeley Food & Housing Project
Training Sessions	~ Staff training from the United Way on the Earned Income Tax Credit program

Resource Information And Technology Updates						
	~ One new agency was added to the services database this month.					
Services Database	~ The services database contains 1,155 agencies and 2,930 programs.					
	~ The process of updating and proofreading the Big Blue Book 2015 edition is complete.					
	~ The process of updating the 506 Non-Directory agencies in the services database was started.					
Housing	~ 76 new units were added to the housing database this month.					
Database	~ Housing Subscriptions (mail, PDF & OHIP) were sent to community-based organizations in Alameda County and San Francisco County.					
Online Services Website	~ Eden I&R's health and human services data is provided free through the agency's publicly accessible websites at www.edenir.org and www.211alamedacounty.org, and www.alamedaco.info. This month the Online Services Directory received 18,108 pageviews from 5,285 visitors.					
Technology	~ The final review of the 2015 edition of the Big Blue Book was completed. The books will be available for delivery to new purchasers during the middle of February.					
	~ Agency staff participated in an earthquake drill held at the County's Office of Emergency Services. During the drill the team simulated use of the new SharePoint Disaster site. A post-event review provided additional ideas and information that can be built into the site.					
	~ Eden I&R has been conducting a feasibility study of using iCarol (a third party application used by 2-1-1s) to store and update our housing database. This evaluation is being conducted as part of a larger project to evaluate iCarol as a possible solution for the organization in the future.					
	~ An intern has joined the IT team. The intern is quickly learning about technology use within the organization and is contributing in the effort to enhance Eden I&R's systems.					

Outreach/Public Information Activities						
	~ The Executive Director attended a variety of re-entry related meetings in order to stay abreast of the employment, housing and mental health programs currently being provided to the formerly incarcerated, as well as discussing the possibility of a Resource Directory pocket guide.					
	~ The Executive Director was appointed to the 2-1-1 CA Network Nominating Committee which met this month to develop the process for adding new members to the statewide 2-1-1 CA Board of Directors.					
	~ The Executive Director met with the new CEO of The San Francisco Foundation, Fred Blackwell, in order to discuss the ways in which the foundation and Eden I&R might partner on new initiatives.					
Meetings	~ The Executive Director met with the new CEO of the East Bay Community Foundation, James Head, in order to discuss how we could work together to get more East Bay donors involved in local philanthropic giving.					
	~ The Executive Director met with Sara Bedford, Oakland Department of Human Services Director. Discussions included the ways in which 2-1-1 is currently assisting Oakland residents and their advocates, and ways in which the service could be further supported by the city (or outside city sources).					
	~ The Executive Director attended the annual Emeryville Chamber state of the city luncheon as a guest of PG&E. The city officials spoke and gave a broad overview of the city. It is truly a vibrant city whose varied public and private sector representatives at the luncheon allowed for much productive networking.					
	~ The Executive Director attended the Alameda County Housing and Community Development meeting that authorized funding for the 2-1-1 phone line.					

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	~ The Executive Director participated in the monthly 2-1-1 Bay Area Partnership meeting during which new projects, new challenges, and statewide updates were shared.
	~ The management team met with representatives from AC Transit to continue discussion about 2-1-1 promoting and further assisting people (especially seniors and people with disabilities) with transit referrals
	~ The agency had its quarterly Board meeting, during which a StopWaste representative gave a very informative presentation about recycling, especially regarding food waste.
Meet	~ The Development Officer attended a Hayward Rotary meeting to introduce members of the Rotary to Eden I&R and 2-1-1 Alameda County.
	~ The Development Officer attended an Inside Oakland "Meet Our New City Councilmembers" meeting and was introduced to new Oakland City Councilmember Abel Guillen.
	~ Staff from StopWaste provided a training to management staff as part of the continued partnership between our two agencies. Eden I&R will be doing outreach to educate Alameda County residents about Energy Upgrade California, managing energy use and providing information about programs for qualified homeowners and renters to increase their home's energy efficiency.
	~ The agency participated in an earthquake related drill at the County's Office of Emergency Services. The Executive Director was in the Emergency Operations Center interacting with numerous representatives from cities, utility and water departments/companies, county departments, fire, police, community based organizations, and many others.
	~ The Executive Director participated as a panel member at the Alameda County VOAD meeting. The topic related to the 25th Anniversary of the Earthquake and what lessons were learned. It was a very well attended event that involved a lot of participation from the audience. Representatives included CBOs, city workers, fire, police, elected officials, etc.
	~ The Executive Director was interviewed on KKIQ radio about the breadth of Eden I&R's 2-1-1 Communication System.
	~ The Deputy Director gave an update on the 2-1-1 service and expressed appreciation on behalf of the agency and its clients to the City of Oakland's Life Enrichment Committee. The Committee was considering a resolution for continued funding of 2-1-1.
	~ The Deputy Director attended an interview at the City of Hayward's Community Services Commission's Application Review Committee. She gave an update on 2-1-1 funding and its service in particular to Hayward residents and employees.
Fairs/Eve	Commission was making funding recommendations which will ultimately be considered by Dublin's City Council.
	~ The Deputy Director participated in a Pre-Exercise Educational Training Seminar by webinar. The purpose of the webinar was to prepare participants for an upcoming Community Health Resilience (CHR) Exercise Series and Action Planning Project which utilizes tabletop exercises to create a sustainable initiative to strengthen healthcare and public health collaboration through healthcare coalitions and enhance health resilience to address major disaster scenarios.
	~ Staff hosted booths at five events this month to inform the community about the 2-1-1 service: the Make a Difference for Pleasanton Day; Alta Bates Elder Abuse Seminar and Senior Resource Fair; Fremont Chamber of Commerce Career and Resource Fair; Education Summit Cal State East Bay; and a Covered California enrollment event in Oakland.

~ 2-1-1 materials were made available at Arthur Hall of Hall and Associates; Kaiser Permanente in San Leandro; Alameda County VOAD; Supervisor Keith Carson's office; Alameda County CAP; Alameda

~ Staff gave a presentation and distributed 2-1-1 materials to L'Chaim Mental Health Services; Cal State East Bay Nursing Students; South Hayward Neighborhood Collaborative; Ashland Cherryland Healthy

County Public Nursing Office; and St. Vincent De Paul Society in Oakland.

Community Collaborative; and Hayward Rotary Club.

	1 Total Calls	² Client Calls	³ General Calls	⁴ Un- duplicated Clients	Disabled Clients	Male Clients	Female Clients	Youth	Single Mom W/ Minor Children	Referrals
Alameda	187	72	115	59	25	11	48	31	22	280
Albany	16	7	9	6	1	0	6	4	2	50
Berkeley	481	184	297	135	69	30	105	54	38	803
Castro Valley	82	32	50	28	15	6	22	18	8	147
Dublin	56	26	30	23	12	3	20	12	10	111
Emeryville	43	17	26	15	5	2	13	9	8	76
Fremont	374	176	198	144	46	36	108	65	33	628
Hayward	1043	501	542	378	151	75	302	190	112	1729
Livermore	120	44	76	40	14	7	33	22	16	212
Newark	109	64	45	48	17	9	39	24	13	177
Oakland	4181	1573	2608	1189	522	237	952	610	419	7155
Pleasanton	59	24	35	20	7	7	13	13	7	110
San Leandro	450	239	211	183	77	25	158	99	62	855
San Lorenzo	85	50	35	30	13	5	25	17	9	132
Union City	107	67	40	53	24	9	44	28	17	201
Other	1441	139	1302	119	42	30	89	42	28	682
Grand Total:	8837	3215	5622	2470	1040	492	1977	1238	804	13351

- 1. Total Calls: The total of Client Calls and General Calls for the reporting period.
- 2. Client Calls: The number of times Clients called during the reporting period.
- 3. General Calls: The number of callers who did not provide demographic information, birth date, and full address.
- 4. Unduplicated Clients: The number of unduplicated clients who called during the reporting period. These are callers willing to provide demographic information, birth date, and full address.
- 5. Youth Under 18: The total number of households with youth under the age of 18 in the household.