

DATE: January 14, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: City Clerk's Department

SUBJECT: **PRESENTATION REGARDING THE NEWLY FORMED SACRAMENTO HOMELESS POLICY COUNCIL AND APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SACRAMENTO HOMELESS POLICY COUNCIL**

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

Sacramento Steps Forward is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to ending homelessness in the Sacramento region through collaboration, innovation, and connecting people to services. Formed in 2009, the organization manages U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds for homelessness granted under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act.

Sacramento Steps Forward is proposing the creation of the Sacramento Homeless Policy Council with the purpose of providing broad-based, collaborative and strategic leadership on Sacramento's response to the crisis of homelessness. The Policy Council's objectives will include establishment of shared policy direction on solutions to address the homelessness crisis; promoting alignment of coordinated system policies and integrated approaches; and accelerated knowledge sharing and actionable best practices for addressing homelessness in Sacramento.

The Policy Council is anticipated to meet three times each year beginning in the first quarter of 2020 and will be staffed by Sacramento Steps Forward. Initial meeting topics include policy direction for major initiatives (such as homeless response system, sheltering, housing); coordinated entry system improvements; and performance reviews/updates on homeless plan/programs.

In early November, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors endorsed the formation of the Sacramento Homeless Policy Council.

POLICY / RULE

The Homeless Policy Council is proposed to be comprised of twelve members as follows:

Representing:	Reps
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors	2
Sacramento City Council	2
Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Galt, Isleton, Folsom, Rancho Cordova	6

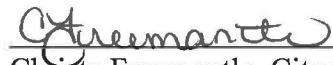
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The Folsom City Council may appoint one of its members to serve on the Policy Council, and staff recommends that a primary and alternate representative be appointed. Council Member Roger Gaylord has indicated an interest in serving as the primary, and Mayor Sarah Aquino has indicated an interest in serving as the alternate.

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council appoint primary and alternate members of the City Council to serve on the Sacramento Homeless Policy Council.

Submitted,



Christa Freemantle, City Clerk