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Agenda Report

**Re: Approval Of Chair Walker And Vice Chair Castillo's Recommendations For: 1) Approval Of Member Recommendations, and 2) Consideration of Committee Assignments**

This agenda report serves to submit for the consideration of the Commission on Homelessness the recommendations of Chair Walker and Vice Chair Castillo for appointees to the Policy Committee. Subject to acceptance and approval of the recommended appointments, the committee would be able to proceed with assignments by the Chair or the vote of the commission for study of policy recommendations and the scheduling of meetings to allow the body commence work.

**Committee Membership**

Pursuant to **Article IV** of the bylaws of the Commission on Homelessness, the Commission may delegate to the Chair the authority to designate and appoint the members of the committees and the chairs of such committees (which members shall total no more than three including the chair).

**Committee Assignments**

In accordance with **Article VI** of the bylaws of the Commission on Homelessness established the Policy Committee. The section provides that the Policy Committee is: "...advisory and shall investigate and formulate recommendations as assigned by the Commission in accordance with these bylaws, the Brown Act, Sunshine ordinance, and/or rules applicable to the matter of study in relevant context. In the course of its investigation and formulation of recommendations to the Commission, each committee shall consult with the Oakland Homelessness Administrator and, to the extent necessary, relevant City Departments and the Office of the City Attorney."

Accordingly, Chair Walker with Vice Chair Castillo have conferred and recommend appointment of Commissioners Joey Harrison, James Mittelberger, and Candice Elder be appointed as members of the Policy Committee. The recommended members are valued professionals with wide ranging experience and knowledge of homeless policy interpretation and application. These members will provide exemplary leadership in policy review and refinement to aid the Commission in forming recommendations in the review of City proposals.

In addition to the acceptance and approval of the membership recommendations, the Commission will discuss assignments to the Policy Committee which, at minimum, includes:

- 1) Creation of the methods for outreach, review, and comment on homeless policies from the unhoused community.
- 2) Preliminary review of department budget and policy proposals
- 3) Other assignments as they may arise, subject to the capacity of the Committee.

This transmittal requests the affirmative support of the recommended membership to the Policy Committee. We look forward to discussion on this item.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chairperson Mark Walker**  
**Commission on Homelessness**