

Agenda Report

April 19, 2021

TO: Honorable City Council
FROM: Victor M. Gordo, Mayor and Chair of the Public Safety Committee
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF THREE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION NOMINEES TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required; and
2. Appoint three community-based organization nominees to the Community Police Oversight Commission, as further described in this Agenda Report.

BACKGROUND:

On October 5, 2020, the City Council adopted an ordinance creating a Community Police Oversight Commission, as well as an Independent Police Auditor. On January 25, 2021, the City Council approved a resolution setting forth a policy for appointment of the 11 members of the Community Police Oversight Commission, created by the Council in October 2020. Three of the members of the Commission will be recommended by community-based organizations.

The resolution provides that, for each community-based organization vacancy, staff will publicize the opportunity for community-based organizations to recommend applicants for a vacant position on the Commission and submit the applications it receives to the Public Safety Committee. The Committee would review the applications and submit at least three nominations to the City Council to consider for appointment. The Council would first consider the Committee's nominations, but the Council could also consider other applications that have been considered by the Public Safety Committee. This allows the Council to potentially appoint either those nominated by the Committee, or another candidate whose application was reviewed by the Committee.

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In view of the resolution, and the three current community-based organization vacancies on the Commission, staff publicized the opportunity for applications, and applications for the community-based organization positions on the Commission are attached to this Agenda Report. Community based organizations were represented by 13 candidates who applied for the three community-based organization positions.

The Public Safety Committee considered the applications at its April 7, 2021 meeting. At its April 14, 2021 meeting, the Committee interviewed seven of the applicants. The Committee unanimously nominated the following candidates for the three community-based organization openings on the Commission: (1) Florence Annang (Pasadena NAACP); (2) Juliana Serrano (All Saints Church); and (3) for the third position, the Council is asked to consider among Alexis Abernathy (Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of the Links), Patrice Marshall McKenzie (Pasadena Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority), and Mikala Rahn (Learning Works).

In order to guide the Council's decision-making, the candidates have been invited to attend Monday's City Council meeting and give two-minute presentations.

At this point, consistent with the resolution setting forth a policy of appointment of Commission members, the Council should first consider the Public Safety Committee's nominations. If the discussion on the Committee's nominations does not yield three appointments, the Council could then move on to consider other applications among the attached.

Separate from this agenda item on appointment of community-based organization members to the Commission, at the April 26, 2021 City Council meeting, the Council will consider appointment of the eight nominees of the Mayor and each Councilmember to the Commission.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378. The appointment of members to the Community Police Oversight Commission is an organizational and administrative action that would not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

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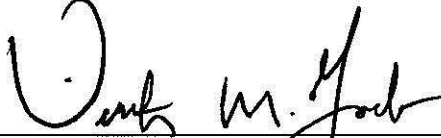
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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

Respectfully submitted,



VICTOR M. GORDO
Mayor

Attachment 1 – Applications received for community-based organization positions to
the Community Police Oversight Commission

Attachment 2 – Resolution no. 9823, Setting Forth Policy of Appointment of Members to
the Community Police Oversight Commission, adopted January 25, 2021