



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 9, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: David A. White, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office
 Subject: Confirming "At-Large" Appointments to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution confirming "At-Large" appointments to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There are no fiscal impacts attributed to confirming appointments to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force (Task Force).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On February 18, 2021, the Task Force convened for the sole purpose of appointing individuals to serve as "At-Large" members on the Task Force¹. In making these appointments, the Task Force was asked to consider identifying individuals that bring perspectives, expertise or experience that may be missing in initial appointments made by the City Council, Mental Health Commission, Police Review Commission, Youth Commission, Associated Students of the University of California, and the Berkeley Community Safety Coalition. As outlined in the enabling legislation² for the Task Force, appointments should be made with the goal of achieving a balance of the following criteria:

- a. Active members of the community
- b. Representation from impacted communities
 - Formerly incarcerated individuals
 - Victims/family members of violent crime
 - Immigrant community
 - Communities impacted by high crime, over-policing and police violence

¹ https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Level_3_-_Commissions/-Reimagining-Public-Safety-Task-Force_2-18%20Meeting%20Packet.pdf.

² https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2021/01_Jan/Documents/2021-01-19_Item_18_Revisions_to_Enabling_Legislation_for_Reimagining.aspx.

- Individuals experiencing homelessness
 - Historically marginalized populations
- c. Faith-based community leaders
- d. Expertise/leadership in violence prevention, youth services, crisis intervention, and restorative or transformative justice
- e. Health/public health expertise
- f. City of Berkeley labor/union representation
- g. Law enforcement operation knowledge
- h. City budget operations/knowledge
- i. Committed to the goals and success of The Task Force

"At-Large" appointees are not required to be residents, as long as they are active, committed Berkeley stakeholders and work in the City.

After some discussion on the applicants and the process of selecting the "At-Large" members, the Task Force ultimately selected the following three individuals for City Council's consideration:

- Alex Diaz
- Frances Ho
- Liza Lutzker

BACKGROUND

On January 19, 2021, the Berkeley City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 69,695-N.S. that is the enabling legislation for the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force (Task Force)³.

The enabling legislation indicates that the Task Force shall consist of the following:

- One (1) representative appointed by each member of the City Council and Mayor;
- One (1) representative appointed from each of the Mental Health, Police Review and Youth commissions;

³ https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2021/01_Jan/Documents/2021-01-19_Item_18_Revisions_to_Enabling_Legislation_for_Reimagining.aspx.

- One (1) representative appointed by the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC), subject to City Council confirmation;
- One (1) representative appointed by the Berkeley Community Safety Coalition (BCSC) , subject to City Council confirmation; and
- Three (3) additional members to be appointed "At Large" and recommended by the Task Force, all subject to confirmation by the City Council.

As of February 5, 2021, City staff received appointments from the City Council, Mental Health Commission, Police Review Commission, Youth Commission, ASUC, and the BCSC. These appointments consist of the initial 14-members of the Task Force.

To solicit community interest in the three (3) "At-Large" positions on the Task Force, city staff developed an application and issued a press release on January 20, 2021 notifying the community of the application. The City received eighteen (18) applications by the deadline of February 8, 2021⁴. Applications were provided to Task Force to consider in making its appointments.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no direct environmental impacts associated with the action being requested by City Council.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The appointments presented to the City Council reflect the recommendation of the Task Force.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City Council could decide not to approve one or more of the individuals selected to serve as "At-Large" members of the Task Force. Should City Council take this action, city staff will work with the Task Force to identify additional individuals for City Council consideration.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

⁴ [https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Level_3_-_Commissions/List%20of%20Applicants%20\(01\).pdf](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Level_3_-_Commissions/List%20of%20Applicants%20(01).pdf).

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONFIRMING “AT-LARGE” APPOINTMENTS TO THE REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the City Council of the City Berkeley passed a package of items providing direction for the development of a new paradigm of public safety in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, the Berkeley City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 69,695-N.S. that is the enabling legislation for the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2021 the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force met to appoint individuals to serve as “At-Large” members of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force; and

WHEREAS, after careful deliberation and thorough discussion, the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force has identified three (3) individuals, subject to City Council confirmation, to serve as “At-Large” members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby confirms the appointment of the following individuals as “At-Large” members of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force:

- Alex Diaz;
- Frances Ho; and
- Liza Lutzker.