

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UKIAH MODIFYING THE DIVERSITY AND EQUITY STANDING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS:

1. The population of the City of Ukiah and the larger community living in the Ukiah Valley who work and shop in the City of Ukiah consist of a diversity of demographic groups, including individuals and families who are low income, persons with physical or mental disabilities, persons from the LGBTQ+ community, members of Native American tribes and communities in Mendocino County, members of the Hispanic/Latino community, persons of color, people whose primary language is not English, youth 21 years and younger, and seniors 65 years and older; and
2. These different demographic groups face unique barriers to accessing employment and municipal services and have different needs affecting their receipt of municipal services than the general population; and
3. Other demographic groups exist in this area which are not specifically identified in this resolution, but the identified groups are believed to be the most substantial of such groups; and
4. If other such groups are identified as significant as a result of the Committee's work or otherwise, the membership of the Committee can be expanded to include them in the future; and
5. The City has established a standing committee of the City Council, known as the Diversity and Equity Standing Committee, which is an advisory body reporting to the City Council and to the City Manager and City Department Heads, as a means to adopt written objectives to improve diversity and equity in the City's workforce and in the provision of municipal services; develop a written Action Plan to achieve those objectives; implement and oversee the Action Plan; provide an annual review and update to the City Council on the Committee's progress; and propose revisions to the plan as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. MEMBERSHIP; APPOINTMENT

The Equity and Diversity Standing Committee ("Committee") shall consist of eleven (11) members. The members shall consist of two members of the City Council and one member from each of nine organizations in the City of Ukiah or the Ukiah Valley, including Redwood and Potter Valleys, which serve or represent: (1) Persons with lived experience of poverty (currently or formerly living at or below the poverty level); (2) Persons with physical or mental disabilities; (3) Persons from the LGBTQ+ community; (4) Native American tribes and communities in Mendocino County; (5) Persons from the Hispanic/Latino community; (6) Persons of color (7) Persons whose primary language is not English; (8) Youth 21 years and younger; and (9) Seniors 65 years or older. In addition, committee members must either reside or work in the City of Ukiah. Members shall be appointed by the City Council based on written applications submitted by deadlines established by the City Council and any oral interviews the City Council may elect to conduct.

2. TERM OF OFFICE; VACANCIES

- A. Terms of Office. All appointments to the Committee shall be for a term of two (2) years during which the member serves and the will and pleasure of the City Council. Appointments to fill vacancies during a term of office shall be filled as provided in Section 1. The person appointed shall serve for the remainder of the term of that vacancy. Members whose terms expire may be reappointed to serve subsequent terms.
- B. Vacancies. Vacancies may occur as a result of the member's death or incapacity, resignation, no longer residing or working in the City, termination by the City Council with or without cause or failure of a member to attend three (3) meetings in any consecutive four-month period without the prior approval of the Committee.

3. DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Having developed and implemented its two-year Action Plan and incorporated DEI priorities into the City's major planning documents and strategic plan, the Committee shall now have the following responsibilities:

1. To continuously assess the impact of the City's DEI efforts within the community and make recommendations regarding City programs, policies, and services as necessary.
2. To serve as ambassadors promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the community and representing the City's commitment to these values.
3. To raise public awareness about the City's commitment to DEI initiatives and values by sharing information about City programs, policies, employment opportunities, and services through social media channels, email, and word of mouth.

4. EXPENSES OF MEMBERS; NO COMPENSATION

The members of the Committee shall receive no compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

5. CHAIRPERSON; OFFICERS

The Committee shall elect a presiding officer to preside at special and regular meeting. City staff assigned by the City Manager shall provide support services, including preparation and posting of agendas, preparing minutes, staff reports and other documents as required for the conduct of the Committee's business.

6. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE.

- A. Brown Act. The Committee shall comply with the Brown Act. Upon the first appointment of its members, it shall establish a meeting date and time for regular meetings and a procedure for placing items on its agendas. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, City staff assigned to assist the Committee or by the Committee during a regular or special meeting.
- B. Parliamentary procedure. The Committee shall adopt any rules it considers necessary for the orderly conduct of its meetings which may, but are not required to, use all or any portion of Robert's Rules of Order or the City Council rules for conducting City Council meetings.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 3rd day of April 2024 by the following vote on roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Rodin, Orozco, Sher, Crane, and Mayor Duenas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



Josefina Duenas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristine Lawler, City Clerk