



## MEMORANDUM

**Council Meeting of:** January 16, 2019

**Agenda Number:** \_\_B-7\_\_

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Ivette Iraheta, Grants Administrator  
Jorge Antonio Rojas, Program Manager – Grants

Attached is a revised Staff Report and Resolution for Agenda Item B-7. The report was edited to correctly identify the appointment of DJ Becker by Council Member Robinson instead of Mayor Pro Tem Montes as stated in the original. Thank you.

cc: City Manager  
City Attorney  
City Clerk



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Approved by:

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*[Signature]*  
Department Director

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*[Signature]*  
Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REVIEW AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that City Council (Council) approve a resolution authorizing two appointments to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Review and Advisory Committee (RAC).

**SUMMARY:** The RAC meets quarterly. Meetings consist of evaluation and discussions to identify and prioritize community needs obtained through the CDBG Citizen Input process. This body makes recommendations for the annual CDBG allocations each year, that are consistent with the priorities in the five-year CDBG Consolidated Plans and the Vision Madera 2025 Action Plan. Staff and the Chair of the RAC then takes these recommendations to Council, which ultimately decides the final allocation of this grant. To continue to allow for greater community input and oversight of the CDBG allocation process, Council appointments to the Review and Advisory Committee are necessary.

**DISCUSSION:** The RAC provides recommendations for the allocation of CDBG funds through a public hearing process that allows for greater community involvement. The appointment criteria provide for a representative nominated by each Council Member and the Mayor. This seven-member body ensures a wider selection of potential candidates. The appointment criteria align with policies of other community advisory bodies and the composition of the Council. The Committee is a discretionary part of the City's CDBG process and the Department of Housing and Urban Development neither requires its formation nor prescribes its policies. The Council is highly encouraged to be bound by the recommendations, yet the Council may allocate CDBG funds according to their own preferences.

Council Member Robinson appoints DJ Becker, and Council Member Garcia appoints Olga P. Garcia. The RAC appointees serve for a period consistent with the Mayor's and Council Members' terms. The Mayor and Council Members have the option to reappoint existing RAC appointees.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The RAC operates as a volunteer advisory committee and its members do not receive compensation for their services. As a result, the RAC composition will not impact the General Fund.

**CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN:** The CDBG program has the potential to advance an extensive number of the Vision Plan's objectives and the committee performs a valuable role in the community input process.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Alternatives available for the City Council to consider are as follows:

1. Reject the appointments. This alternative has the potential to create a lack of progress on this year's CDBG allocation process; thereby, not meeting milestones and jeopardizing funding.
2. Dissolve the RAC and return to presentations by applicants followed by Mayor and Council Member agreed upon allocations.
3. Refer the item back to staff for additional information.
4. Elect to fund Administrative and Capital Projects/Public Improvements exclusively.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. DJ Becker's Committee Application
3. Olga P. Garcia's Committee Application

**RESOLUTION NO. 19\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA,  
AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT REVIEW AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madera established the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Review and Advisory Committee (RAC) to provide greater public input in the grant allocation process; and

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Robinson appoints DJ Becker and Council Member Garcia appoints Olga P. Garcia as their representatives on the CDBG RAC.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Madera, California, hereby finds, orders, and resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. Council Member Robinson appoints DJ Becker, and Council Member Garcia appoints Olga P. Garcia to the CDBG RAC of the City of Madera for the term prescribed by Ordinance.
3. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.