



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Legislation Text

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Extend the Criminal Justice Debt Program Advisory Committee Members' Terms Yearly as the Program is Funded During Each Budget Cycle.

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Overview: The Council initially established the Criminal Justice Debt Program and associated Advisory Committee in 2020 for one year. The funding and membership were extended through June 30, 2022 by the Council. The Council may want to continue the program with funding through the budget process.



Recommendation(s):

That the Council adopt a resolution to extend the Committee members' terms through June 30 of the following fiscal year if Council allocates Criminal Justice Debt Program funds through the yearly budget process.

Decision Points:

- Given that the Council designated outside agencies to provide members to this Committee, there is an opportunity to automate extending the membership terms based on the funding decision made through the budget process.



Attachments:

- Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS' TERMS THROUGH JUNE 30 OF THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR IF COUNCIL ALLOCATES CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT PROGRAM FUNDS THROUGH THE YEARLY BUDGET PROCESS (2022-04-06/R-4)

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2020, the Council established the Criminal Justice Debt Program Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, this Committee advises staff on final eligibility criteria, meets regularly to review applications and makes recommendations on awards after staff have screened applications against eligibility criteria, reviews program data and makes recommendations to Council on future plans and provides information to applicants about other resources for debt relief, where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Committee composed of ten members provided by the following organizations: Community Empowerment Fund (CEF), IFC, Re-entry Council Case Manager, Restoration Program Legal Counsel, Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH), NAACP Legal Redress Committee or Criminal Justice Committee member, El Centro Hispano, An impacted community member (could be the IFC or CEF seat), Orange County Clerk of Court's Office, Victims' advocate organization (possibly law enforcement, OCRC, Compass Center, etc.); and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2021, the Council extended the Committee members' terms through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Council may continue to express an interest for this program to continue and will consider funding the program through the budget process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council extends the Committee members' terms through June 30 of the following fiscal year if Council allocates Criminal Justice Debt Program funds through the yearly budget process.

This the 6th day of April, 2022.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By adopting the resolution, the Council extends the Criminal Justice Debt Program Advisory Committee Members' terms yearly as the program is funded during each budget cycle.