Ten Year Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness
Community-Based Advisory Board

On May 24, the City Council approved a recommendation from the Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee for a Community-Based Advisory Board structure to oversee implementation of the Ten Year Plan (Plan) to End and Prevent Homelessness.

Board Responsibilities – Review and Recommend to the City Council and County Commission the following:

- Implementation for the Plan
  - Program coordination and implementation
  - Priority setting for housing programs and development
  - Advocacy and championing policies, practices and services to reduce the number of homeless individuals and families in Charlotte-Mecklenburg
  - Development of public policy recommendations that impact homelessness
- Annual Plan evaluation and assessment including updating guidelines
- Annual action plans based upon research of the most recent trends and best practices
- Partnership development and alignment of services with the community and service providers
- Resource development, allocation (operating and capital) and collaboration
  - Community capital campaign approval and calendaring
  - McKinney Funds
  - CDBG
  - HOME Funds
  - Housing development funds (i.e. Tax Credits, Housing Trust Fund, philanthropic, non-profit and Innovative Housing)
- Annual report to City Council and County Commission

Advisory Board Structure and Membership
The Advisory Board appointment process is consistent with the City Council appointment policy; members will serve no more than two 3-year terms and will follow all applicable Council Board policies.

The initial appointments will serve staggered terms of three, two and one years.

Council Appointments	*Term*
Affordable Housing	1 year term
Community	2 year term
Donors	3 year term
Financial	1 year term
Legal	2 year term

Real Estate	3 year term
Mayor Appointments (includes the Chair)	*Term*
Corporate/Economic Development Faith Community Non- Profit	The Mayor will designate the appointments with 1, 2, or 3 year terms with the Chair serving a three year term.
County Appointments	*Term*
Education Human Services Public Safety (Sheriff/Jail)	The County will designate the appointments with 1, 2 or 3 terms.
Ex-Officio Members (Non-Voting)	*Term*
Neighborhood & Business Services Director County Community Support Services Director Charlotte Housing Authority CEO	Each serves by position. Note: all terms renewable

Board Profile

Over the past year, several studies of the Plan included interviews and surveys of the groups working with issues of housing. Below are the recommendations for the selection of members for this Board gathered from that research:

- Appointments should represent both *expertise* and *commitment* to the Plan and the *diversity* within the community. Additionally, appointees should be *authentic* and *influential* to the elimination and prevention of homelessness in Charlotte
- Persons appointed should have the *trust of the community* needed to take *bold actions* towards eliminating the causes of homelessness in Charlotte-Mecklenburg
- Appointments should *avoid potential conflicts of interest* given the Board responsibility for resource allocation and development
- This will be a *working* Board; the Plan encompasses the continuum of services – preventing homelessness and providing affordable housing
- The Board will address *advocacy*, *funding* and *partnerships* with service providers
- The Board will establish *metrics* for success

Success will depend on the leaders of this effort moving forward on the Plan report while also providing structured, well-designed and inclusive opportunities to build relationships, trust and a shared vision. Members must have the expertise and experience to implement this vision and charge.