



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

## ICH FULL COUNCIL NOMINATION PROCESS

### Background

The [Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005](#) established the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) for the “purpose of facilitating interagency, cabinet-level leadership in planning, policymaking, program development, provider monitoring, and budgeting for the Continuum of Care of homeless services.”

In November 2014, Mayor’s Order 2014-258 modified the way appointments to the ICH were made. The purpose of the change was twofold: 1) to increase the transparency of the appointment process, and 2) to bring the District into compliance with Federal requirements under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, which requires that stakeholders of the homeless services system have a role in selecting the individuals that will represent their interests on the community’s Continuum of Care (CoC) Board.<sup>1</sup> These changes have since been incorporated into local legislation via the Homeless Services Reform Amendment Act of 2017.

### Nomination and Appointment Process

Per these appointment procedures, the ICH Executive Committee is currently soliciting nominations for seats expiring in 2022 to develop a slate of non-government candidates for appointment to the ICH. Candidates selected for the slate will be notified by the Executive Committee in February and will be asked to submit a formal application to the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) if interested in serving. The slate will be finalized based on this information and submitted to the Mayor. The Mayor will then submit nominations to the City Council based on the slate.

### Criteria for Selection

The ICH Racial Equity & Inclusion Workgroup (REI) is currently reviewing the criteria and process for selection of ICH Full Council members appointed to serve. ICH staff will infuse REI feedback and input into the process to ground the Full Council appointment process in racial equity and inclusion. We want to ensure that the ICH Full Council is a diverse set of stakeholders who represent the diverse makeup of the District and the homeless services system. All recommendations will be shared with the ICH Executive Committee during the October Committee meeting for additional input and approval.

### 2021/2022 Timeline

ICH Executive Committee Issues Request for Nominations	November 9, 2021
Nomination Submission Deadline	January 3, 2022
Non-Conflicted Stakeholder Panel Reviews Nominations	January 2022
ICH Executive Committee Reviews Non-Conflicted Stakeholder Panel Recommendations & Approves	February 8, 2022
ICH Submit Nominations to MOTA for Approval by the Mayor	February 2022
Orientation and Committee Assignments for New Members including mandatory ethics training	within 2 weeks of Approval (which will depend on the Council schedule for passage of the submission)

<sup>1</sup> The ICH has been designated to serve as the District’s CoC Board for the purposes of application for and administration of Federal homeless assistance resources.

## Open Seats

Seats with terms ending in 2022:

- Advocates: 2 open slots
- Providers: 4 open slots
- Constituents with lived experience: 3 open slots
- Private Sector (business, philanthropic or other private sector organization with resources or expertise to contribute to addressing homelessness in the community): 2 slots

Note that there are no term limits so members with expiring terms can be nominated for another term.