**Government of the District of Columbia**

**Interagency Council on Homelessness**

**Call for Nominations**

**Background**

The [Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005](http://ich.dc.gov/node/80832) 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, former Mayor Vincent Gray signed an order modifying the manner in which appointments to the ICH are made ([Mayors Order 2014-258: Procedures for Appointments to the Interagency Council on Homelessness](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cdcason%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CW911UKDT%5CProcedures%20for%20Appointments%20to%20the%20Interagency%20Council%20on%20Homelessness)). 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. (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.)

**Nomination and Appointment Process**

To meet this requirement, the ICH Executive Committee will solicit nominations for open seats each January and develop a slate of non-government candidates for appointment to the ICH. Candidates on the slate will be notified by the Executive Committee in early March and will be asked to submit a formal application to the Office of Boards and Commissions 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**

When developing the slate of candidates, the Executive Committee will give preference to those individuals that:

(1) Help satisfy the Federal CoC Board composition requirements at 24 C.F.R. § 578.5(a));

(2) Have been nominated repeatedly by a cross-section of community members;

(3) Bring valuable experience and expertise to the ICH; and

(4) Have proven their interest, commitment, and effectiveness in helping the ICH fulfill its purposes.

All non-government members will serve a two-year term at the pleasure of the Mayor. No term limits will apply to non-government members. When an ICH member’s term has expired, he or she must be nominated and appointed through the process described in this Mayor’s Order and summarized above.

**2015 Timeline**

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| ICH Executive Committee Issues Request for Nominations | January 16 |
| Nomination Submission Deadline  | February 20 |
| ICH Executive Committee Develops Slate of Candidates, Notifies Candidates by Email | March 3 |
| Interested Candidates Complete Office of Boards and Commissions Application | March 17 |
| Executive Committee Submits Final Slate to Mayor | March 20 |
| Mayor Submits Nominations to City Council | April 15 |
| Automatic Approval (if not approved earlier by resolution) | June 15 |
| Orientation and Committee Assignments for New Members | Last week of June |

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In accordance with [District of Columbia Mayors Order 2014-258: Procedures for Appointments to the Interagency Council on Homelessness](http://dcregs.dc.gov/Gateway/NoticeHome.aspx?NoticeID=5190487), District of Columbia residents may submit nominations for open seats on the ICH using this form. All forms must be sent to the ICH Executive Committee (Darrell.cason@dc.gov) no later than February 20, 2015.

Individuals may nominate up to five individuals across three categories – Continuum of Care Provider, Advocate, Homeless/Formerly Homeless Individual. An individual may nominate him or herself.

**Nomination #1**

**Name:**

**Agency and Title:**

**Email Address:**

**Category: \_\_\_** CoC Provider **\_\_\_**Advocate **\_\_\_**  Homeless/Formerly Homeless Individual

**Areas of Expertise or Special Interests (check all that apply):**

\_\_\_ Families with Children

\_\_\_ Unaccompanied Youth

\_\_\_ Veterans

\_\_\_ Ex-Offenders

\_\_\_ Elderly

\_\_\_ Domestic Violence

\_\_\_ HIV/AIDS

\_\_\_ Mental Health

\_\_\_ Substance Abuse

\_\_\_ Housing Development or Housing Finance

\_\_\_ Employment

\_\_\_ Research/Data

\_\_\_ Public/Private Partnerships (Business, …….Faith-Based, Philanthropy)

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Two to three sentences summarizing reason for nomination:**

**Nomination #2**

**Name:**

**Agency and Title:**

**Email Address:**

**Category: \_\_\_** CoC Provider **\_\_\_**Advocate **\_\_\_**  Homeless/Formerly Homeless Individual

**Areas of Expertise or Special Interests (check all that apply):**

\_\_\_ Families with Children

\_\_\_ Unaccompanied Youth

\_\_\_ Veterans

\_\_\_ Ex-Offenders

\_\_\_ Elderly

\_\_\_ Domestic Violence

\_\_\_ HIV/AIDS

\_\_\_ Mental Health

\_\_\_ Substance Abuse

\_\_\_ Housing Development or Housing Finance

\_\_\_ Employment

\_\_\_ Research/Data

\_\_\_ Public/Private Partnerships (Business, …….Faith-Based, Philanthropy)

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Two to three sentences summarizing reason for nomination:**

**Nomination #3**

**Name:**

**Agency and Title:**

**Email Address:**

**Category: \_\_\_** CoC Provider **\_\_\_**Advocate **\_\_\_**  Homeless/Formerly Homeless Individual

**Areas of Expertise or Special Interests (check all that apply):**

\_\_\_ Families with Children

\_\_\_ Unaccompanied Youth

\_\_\_ Veterans

\_\_\_ Ex-Offenders

\_\_\_ Elderly

\_\_\_ Domestic Violence

\_\_\_ HIV/AIDS

\_\_\_ Mental Health

\_\_\_ Substance Abuse

\_\_\_ Housing Development or Housing Finance

\_\_\_ Employment

\_\_\_ Research/Data

\_\_\_ Public/Private Partnerships (Business, …….Faith-Based, Philanthropy)

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Two to three sentences summarizing reason for nomination:**

 **Nomination #4**

**Name:**

**Agency and Title:**

**Email Address:**

**Category: \_\_\_** CoC Provider **\_\_\_**Advocate **\_\_\_**  Homeless/Formerly Homeless Individual

**Areas of Expertise or Special Interests (check all that apply):**

\_\_\_ Families with Children

\_\_\_ Unaccompanied Youth

\_\_\_ Veterans

\_\_\_ Ex-Offenders

\_\_\_ Elderly

\_\_\_ Domestic Violence

\_\_\_ HIV/AIDS

\_\_\_ Mental Health

\_\_\_ Substance Abuse

\_\_\_ Housing Development or Housing Finance

\_\_\_ Employment

\_\_\_ Research/Data

\_\_\_ Public/Private Partnerships (Business, …….Faith-Based, Philanthropy)

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Two to three sentences summarizing reason for nomination:**

**Nomination #5**

**Name:**

**Agency and Title:**

**Email Address:**

**Category: \_\_\_** CoC Provider **\_\_\_**Advocate **\_\_\_**  Homeless/Formerly Homeless Individual

**Areas of Expertise or Special Interests (check all that apply):**

\_\_\_ Families with Children

\_\_\_ Unaccompanied Youth

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\_\_\_ Research/Data

\_\_\_ Public/Private Partnerships (Business, …….Faith-Based, Philanthropy)

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Two to three sentences summarizing reason for nomination:**