

# **ATTACHMENT A**

## **SOCIAL SERVICE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD SUMMARY OF CHARTER AND ORDINANCE AUTHORITY**

Alameda Municipal Code Section 2-11 implements provisions of the Charter of the City of Alameda and Ordinance No. 1880 N.S., establishing and setting forth duties of the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB).

The Municipal Code states: “It is the intent of the City Council in enacting this section to create an environment which will encourage and bring about mutual understanding, respect, and goodwill among groups of people in the community and to improve social services in the community.” Section 2-11.5 sets forth the functions of the SSHRB as follows:

The SSHRB shall serve as an advisory board to the City Council. It shall have as its functions the following:

- A. To encourage the formation of private social welfare organizations to meet needs not already provided for and to foster all worthy philanthropic enterprises;
- B. To foster mutual understanding, respect, equality, and goodwill among community groups;
- C. To facilitate the provisions of social services in the community by informing private agencies of needs and of areas of duplication of effort;
- D. To disseminate information concerning the programs and functions of social service and regulatory agencies, and to refer persons to the agencies which can best meet the needs of those persons;
- E. To assess and report to the City Council the social service needs of the people and the methods of meeting those needs; and
- F. To adopt a plan for the performance of the above listed functions with advice and consent of the City Council. It is the intent of this section that the City Council and Board will meet at least once a year to review the plan.

The Board shall not investigate the actions or proceedings of other City or County agencies or make findings of fact concerning actions taken or determinations made or proposed by such agencies.