SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Estimate Time:

Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Housing Advisory Committee General Membership Appointments

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Appoint general members to the Housing Advisory Committee as set forth under HAC General Membership Appointments on page two of this Board Letter.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5. Quality of Life: A high quality of life for all residents, and Goal No. 7. Families and Children: A community that fosters the safety and well – being of families and children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Housing Advisory Committee has begun its challenge to advise the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) on its formation of housing policies in a manner that respects local decision making while allowing the County to accomplish its goals in making provisions for attainable housing for every economic strata throughout the county.

Background

On July 15, 2003, the Board of Supervisors adopted the HCD Mission and Vision Statements, conceptually approved HCD's request to form the HAC. On October 28, 2003 the Board of Supervisors approved and adopted the Housing Advisory Committee, Housing Advisory Committee By-laws, Code of Ethics, Organizational Structure, Origination Plan, and Implementation Time Line. The Board of Supervisors also reserved seats on the Steering Committee for a representative from each of the cities in Santa Barbara County and appointed Steering Committee and Subcommittee Members.

Between October 2003 and February 2004, an orientation was conducted for the HAC members, the Steering Committee and subcommittees elected officers to begin their work addressing various housing issues/problems and the Board appointed the elected chairperson of each of the seven committees to the Steering Committee. A report of HAC activities through June 2004 was submitted to the Board on July 27, 2004. Those activities included a Joint Meeting of the Housing Advisory Committee where four focus groups representing a cross section of members from the Steering Committee and all subcommittees evaluated and recommended modifications to policy recommendations proposed by the Homeownership and Multifamily Subcommittees. These policy recommendations were then returned to the Steering Committee to forward on to the HCD Director.

HAC General Membership Appointments

The Board is requested to appoint general members to the HAC and to a requested subcommittee. The open enrollment opportunity for HAC general membership has been duly noticed pursuant to Government Code Section 54974. The following individuals have requested to join the HAC general membership since the February 2004 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Hal Onserud
Kimberly Horn
Mark Elliott
John Foley
Kim Hamlin
Molly Marino
Gabriel Morales
Jane Helmer

Homelessness Subcommittee
Homeownership Subcommittee
Special Needs Housing Subcommittee
Special Needs Housing Subcommittee
Special Needs Housing Subcommittee
Special Needs Housing Subcommittee
Farmworker Housing Subcommittee
Workforce Housing Subcommittee

Mandates and Service Levels:

The HAC is not mandated. All positions within the HAC are volunteer positions.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no impacts to the General Fund. As required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's: (I) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); 24CFR92.207(c) and (f), and (II) the State Community Development Block Grant Program (State CDBG) sponsored under Title 25 HCD, Division 1, Chapter 7 Subchapter 2, Article 2, Section 7068; and HUD's 24CFR570.486(a) and (b), HCD has incorporated in its FY 04/05 budget monies to provide for citizens input and participation. These are the sources of funds designated to cover HAC related costs.

Special Instructions:

None

Concurrence:

County Counsel County Administrator