



## **Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, October 30, 2012  
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**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ISSUES RELATED TO MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE STRATEGIC HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

#### **Strategic Housing Finance Corporation**

- Seven members; five appointed by individual Court members, two by the Court as a whole
- Staggered six-year terms
- The two Court-appointed slots are vacant
- The terms of two incumbents serving in slots appointed by members of the Court are expired
- Not subject to the Uniform Appointment Process

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:** IGR recommends that the Court:

1. Adopt a revised schedule of board appointments as laid out in Attachment A.
2. Assuming the schedule of terms is adopted:
  - a. Schedule action to make two appointments by the full Court to the vacancies, one to expire on December 31, 2015, and the other to expire on December 31, 2016.
  - b. Schedule action, at those Commissioners' discretion, to fill the Precinct 4 slot for a term to run from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2018, and to fill the Precinct 1 slot for a term to expire on December 31, 2014.

## **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

There are seven members of the **Strategic Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) Board of Directors**. Five members are appointed by individual members of the Court and two are appointed by the Court as a whole. Appointments are for terms of six years, and there is no limit on the amount of terms an appointee may serve. Appointees must be residents of the county.<sup>1</sup> Because there is overlap between the missions of the Housing Authority and the SHFC, some individuals serve on both boards; however, the two boards are, and should be, independent.

The current members of the SHFC and their dates of appointment are included as Attachment A. The Commissioners Court as a whole makes two appointments to the Board of Directors; the other appointments are made by individual members of the Court.

The two slots filled by the full Commissioners Court are currently vacant, but the two incumbents in those slots had served eight years each. In addition, the incumbents in two of the slots filled by members of the Court have been serving for over eight years. IGR recommends that the Court adopt a schedule of terms for the SHFC Board of Directors that staggers them so that one member is replaced each year, with the exception of one year, when two slots will become vacant.

If the Court adopts the schedule of terms proposed in Attachment A, then the Court should make two appointments to the vacancies on the Board, one for a term to expire on December 31, 2015, and the other for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

In addition:

1. Commissioner Gómez should take action to appoint (or reappoint) a member to the Board in the Precinct 4 slot, for a term to run from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2018.
2. Commissioner Davis should take action to appoint (or reappoint) a member to the Board in the Precinct 1 slot, for a term to run until December 31, 2014.

<sup>1</sup> Strategic Housing Finance Corporation of Travis County, By-Laws, June 12, 2004. (See Attachment C)

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:** No fiscal impact.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:** None.

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## ATTACHMENT A

### Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors

(This agency is **not** covered under the Uniform Appointment Process)

Name	Appointing Authority	Date(s) of Appointment	Current Term Expiration Date	Proposed Term Expiration Date
Willie S. Anderson	County Judge	5/31/2011	5/31/2017	12/31/2017 ... 12/31/2023 ... 12/31/2029
Melvin Wrenn	Precinct 1	6/1/2004	6/30/2010	12/31/2014 ... 12/31/2020 ... 12/31/2026
Sarah Dale Anderson	Precinct 2	11/16/2010 reappointed 1/24/2012	8/31/2017	12/31/2017 ... 12/31/2023 ... 12/31/2029
Ofelia Elizondo	Precinct 3	7/5/2005 reappointed 10/25/2011	7/31/2012	12/31/2013 ... 12/31/2019 ... 12/31/2025
Richard Moya	Precinct 4	6/1/2004	6/30/2010	12/31/2012 ... 12/31/2018 ... 12/31/2024
Vacancy [Craig Alter]	Court Appointment	[11/9/2004]	[11/30/2010 Resigned 10/16/2012]	12/31/2015 ... 12/31/2015 ... 12/31/2021
Vacancy [Joe Albert Ramos (+)]	Court Appointment	[11/9/2004]	[11/30/2010]	12/31/2016 ... 12/31/2022 ... 12/31/2028