

## Item 22



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 15, 2013  
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**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS RELATED TO THE STRATEGIC HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, INCLUDING:

- A. PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES;  
AND,
- B. INTERVIEW SCHEDULE AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES.

### **SUMMARY AND IGR COORINDATOR RECOMMENDATION:**

On October 30, 2012, the Commissioners Court issued a Call for Applications to fill two vacancies on the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors. Fifteen qualifying applications were received and, on December 11, the Court identified four candidates it wished to interview for the two vacancies. On January 22, 2013, the Court set the interviews for the afternoon of Thursday, February 14, 2013.

IGR recommends that the Court:

- a) adopt the attached set of questions, as may be amended, to be asked of each candidate; and,
- b) schedule interviews for that afternoon in the following order:
  - 1:30 – Ed Wendler
  - 2:15 – Wilmer Roberts
  - 3:00 – Richard Anton
  - 3:45 – Magdalena Blanco

## **BACKGROUND:**

### **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 (Place 6 and Place 7) are vacant, with terms expiring December 31, 2015 (Place 6) and December 31, 2016 (Place 7).
- Not subject to the Uniform Appointment Process

### **Timeline**

10/30/2012	Court issues a Call for Applications
11/30/2012	Deadline for receipt of applications
12/4/2012	The Court decides to individually review and rank candidates, and to compare the rankings at its December 11, 2012 meeting
12/11/2012	The Court decides to interview four candidates but does not set a time to conduct the interviews
1/22/2013	The Court schedules the interviews for a Work Session on the afternoon of February 14, 2013

## **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 remaining five appointments are made by individual members of the Court.

The two slots filled by the full Commissioners Court – Places 6 and 7 – are currently vacant. The term of the person in Place 6 term will expire on

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

December 31, 2015, and of the person in Place 7 on December 31, 2016. It is for these two slots that the Court will be interviewing the candidates.

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

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:** None.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Current roster of SHFC Board of Directors members, January 1, 2013.
- B. Proposed set of questions to be asked of each candidate, February 6, 2013.
- C. Applications for candidates for the SHFC Board of Directors, Fall, 2012.

# ATTACHMENT A

## Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors

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

Place	Name	Appointing Authority	Date(s) of Appointment	Current Term Expiration Date	Adopted** Term Expiration Date
5	Willie S. Anderson	County Judge	5/31/2011	5/31/2017	12/31/2017 ... 12/31/2023 ... 12/31/2029
1	Melvin Wrenn	Precinct 1	6/1/2004 reappointed 11/13/2012	12/31/2014	12/31/2014 ... 12/31/2020 ... 12/31/2026
2	Sarah Dale Anderson	Precinct 2	11/16/2010 reappointed 1/24/2012	8/31/2017	12/31/2017 ... 12/31/2023 ... 12/31/2029
3	Ofelia Elizondo	Precinct 3	7/5/2005 reappointed 10/25/2011	7/31/2017	12/31/2013 ... 12/31/2019 ... 12/31/2025
4	Richard Moya	Precinct 4	6/1/2004 reappointed 11/13/2012	12/31/2018	... 12/31/2018 ... 12/31/2024 ... 12/31/2030
6	Vacancy [Craig Alter]	Court Appointment	[11/9/2004]	[11/30/2010 Resigned 10/16/2012]	12/31/2015 ... 12/31/2021 ... 12/31/2027
7	Vacancy [Joe Albert Ramos (+)]	Court Appointment	[11/9/2004]	[11/30/2010]	12/31/2016 ... 12/31/2022 ... 12/31/2028