



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: October 29, 2013

Prepared By/Phone Number: Martin Zamzow / 854-9386

Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Commissioner Gerald Daugherty

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Gerald Daugherty

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AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action on reappointment of Ofelia Elizondo to Place 3 on the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors for a term to run from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2019.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Ms. Elizondo's current term is ending after only 2 years as a result of the Commissioners Court adoption last year of the staggered Director term expiration schedule. She wishes to continue serving on the board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommend reappointment for a full 6 year term ending December 31, 2019.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: n/a

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: n/a

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS: Ms. Elizondo's request for reappointment; Craig Alter's recommendation memorandum.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: n/a

Commissioner Gerald Daugherty

Travis County Commissioner

700 Lavaca

Austin, TX 78701

Commissioner Daugherty,

I would like to express my interest in continuing to serve on the board of the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation . You may recall that you initially appointed me to both the Travis County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and to the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors.

I believe that we have had a very successful year in providing safe, clean and affordable housing for the residents of Travis County and the City of Austin. Serving on the board has been rewarding and is a responsibility to which I am committed. I strive to provide constructive input and leadership to the Executive Director and his staff. It has been a pleasure and a rewarding experience to serve my community in this capacity.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve and would accept appointment as a Director of the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation and or the Travis County Housing Authority board of commissioners.

I am asking for your endorsement and along with the approval of the Commissioners Court would like to continue to serve. If you have questions or would like to meet with me, please feel free to call or email me. My contact information is as follows:

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Sincerely,



Ofelia P. Elizondo



MEMORANDUM

TO: Sam Biscoe, Travis County Judge

FROM: Craig Alter, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Travis County

DATE: September 30, 2013

RE: Expiring Terms on Housing Authority of Travis County Board of Commissioners and Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

MELVIN WRENN

VICE CHAIR

PHILLIP BARNES

COMMISSIONER

SARAH ANDERSON

COMMISSIONER

WILLIE ANDERSON

COMMISSIONER

RICHARD MOYA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CRAIG ALTER

Phil Barnes and Sarah Anderson have had instrumental influence in formulating the Housing Authority HUD recovery response, overseeing the Authority regaining financial stability, participating in business proceedings, presenting alternative business strategies that became embraced by the Board, and comprising the Housing Authority Finance Committee. Phil Barnes began his second one year term as Vice Chairman of the Housing Authority on August 23, 2013. Sarah Anderson is also a member of the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors and began her second term as President on August 24, 2013.

Willie Anderson, the resident representative, regularly attends the Housing Authority Board meetings and has undergone extensive Commissioner training offered at state and national public housing authority conferences. She was recently invited to participate on the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Commissioners Committee. She has delivered a strong resident perspective to the Board and maintains a high interest in resident education and service program development.

Ofelia Elizondo actively and consistently participates on the Strategic Housing Board and has provided leadership and insight in affordable housing development and operations. Her engagement focuses on equitable development partnership structure, risk assessment, financial management, property management effective practices, and resident services. Ms. Elizondo's current term is terminating almost four years before her six year appointment expiration as a result of the Travis County Commissioners Court adoption of the staggered Director term expiration schedule last year.

Each of the Board members referenced above merit consideration to continue in their current roles. Sarah Anderson's continued tenure on the Housing Authority Board is in its best interest given her role as President on Strategic Housing Financing Corporation.