



Sonoma County Community Development Commission
Sonoma County Housing Authority
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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 20, 2022

To: Community Development Committee

From: Martha Cheever, Housing Authority Manager

Subject: Nomination of Tenant Representative to the Community Development Committee

Federal, state, and local law require that two participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program serve on the Housing Authority's Community Development Committee ("Committee") as tenant representatives. At least one tenant representative must be over the age of 62, and one must be formerly homeless. County ordinance states that tenant representatives must be nominated by the Committee and then appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

In December 2021, tenant representative Jessica Vega resigned from the Committee. To fill the vacancy, staff implemented a recruitment process. All Housing Choice Voucher participants who were homeless at entry into the program were notified of the opportunity to apply. Four applications were received in response to the solicitation. A selection panel sub-committee, made up of Chair Susan Hollingsworth Adams and two staff members interviewed the most eligible applicants. The sub-committee reflected on the purpose of the Community Development Committee and the type of issues on which it deliberates while also considering the knowledge, skills, and experience of each applicant.

Recommendation: Nominate Erin McDermott for appointment by the Board of Commissioners to serve as a tenant representative on the Community Development Committee.

