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In Control: San Antonio Housing Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing and possible action related to the appointment of Commission and non-commission members of the Public Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee (PEO) of the Housing Commission and eliminating term limits for Commission members of the PEO.

SUMMARY:

Appointments to the Public Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee (PEO) of the Housing Commission and updates to Commissioner membership length.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In May 2021, the Housing Commission formed the Public Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee (PEO). The subcommittee was charged with efficiently engaging the public through guidance, support, and oversight of the Neighborhood & Housing Services Department's public engagement as it relates to policies developed in response to the Housing Policy Framework and Strategic Housing Implementation Plan. The subcommittee seeks to give voice to communities

historically underrepresented but who make up a significant segment of the population including, but not limited to, those most impacted by housing insecurity. When the Housing Commission formed the PEO they determined the subcommittee would have four Housing Commissioners and five non-commissioner positions with 2-year terms and membership limited to two terms.

In September 2023, the Housing Commission selected four Housing Commissioners and five non-Housing Commissioners. The Commission determined some members would serve 1-year terms and others 2-year terms to establish staggered terms moving forward.

ISSUE:

During the formation of the PEO Subcommittees term limitations were placed on all members with no distinction between Housing Commission and non-Housing Commission members. However, Housing Commissioners do not have term limits to be on the Commission and have requested term limits on the subcommittee be removed. Commission members will still need to be appointed every 2 years upon expiration of their term.

Four subcommittee member terms expire in September 2024 and one subcommittee member was not able to fulfill their duties. Therefore, five new appointments are needed for the PEO.

The Housing Commissioners on the PEO reviewed applications in early August and recommend the following individuals be appointed for a term of the Public Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee to expire on September 30, 2026:

- Crystal Requejo (Commissioner)
- Briana Cruz
- Alberta Harris
- Janice Perez
- Donna Watts Lewis

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Housing Commission may choose not to approve some or all of the recommended appointees and changes to the terms.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Housing Commission approve the removal of term limits for Housing Commissioner members and the five Housing Commissioner recommended individuals be appointed with their terms to expire on September 30, 2026.