

Item #49

**Amendment to the San  
Antonio Housing Trust Board to  
Include SAISD Representative**

Veronica Garcia, Director



# Background



- The San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT) creates and preserves housing that is affordable, accessible, attainable, and/or sustainable
- The SAHT has four entities (Trust Fund (SAHT), Foundation, Public Facility Corporation , and Finance Corporation) with the same 11-member board
- The 11-member board currently includes 5 City Council Members, 6 Community Members, and 1 City Manager designee
- The Officers are also the same for each of the four boards

# Issue



- During discussions with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) on the downtown baseball project, SAISD expressed a desire to be more engaged on issues regarding affordable housing
- In response the City is recommending that an SAISD representative serve on the SAHT and SAHT Foundation
- The proposed Council action:
  - Amends the Declaration of Trust of the San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT) to designate one of the six Community positions on the SAHT and SAHT Foundation for the President of the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) Board of Trustees or their designee.
  - This item also appoints SAISD President Christina Martinez or her designee to the SAHT Board of Trustees as a “Community Trustee” and the SAHT Foundation Board of Directors as a “Community Director”, for a term beginning June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2028

# Issue



- The Council appointment of Mrs. Martinez or her designee will not be subject to the nomination process for the appointment of Community Trustees and Directors
- Anyone serving in that position after the initial appointment will not be subject to the nomination process however, their appointment would require approval by City Council in the same manner as all other council appointments for the SAHT and SAHT Foundation are made
- The President of the SAISD Board of Trustees may appoint a designee, however the designee must be either another member of the SAISD Board of Trustees or the current acting SAISD Superintendent
- The SAISD community designee will not be able to serve as an officer of the Board of Trustees

<b>Existing Governance Structure for SAHT, SAHT Foundation, PFC, FC</b>	<b>Amended SAHT Governance Structure (Trustees)</b>	<b>Amended SAHT Foundation Governance Structure (Directors)</b>	<b>Amended PFC and FC Governance Structure (Directors)</b>
5 City Council Members (voting)	5 City Council Members (voting)	5 City Council Members (voting)	5 City Council Members (voting)
6 Community Members (voting on SAHT and SAHT Foundation, Advisory for PFC and FC)	6 Community Members of which 1 shall be the President of the SAISD Board of Trustees or their Designee (voting)*	6 Community Members of which 1 shall be the President of the SAISD Board of Trustees or their Designee (voting)*	6 Community Members (advisory)**
1 City Manager designee (advisory only)	1 City Manager designee (advisory)	1 City Manager designee (advisory)	1 City Manager designee (advisory)

\*SAISD Representative is not eligible to serve as an officer of the board.

\*\*If a Community Member is elected to an officer position, the Community member is allowed to vote.

# Staff Recommendation



Staff recommends that the Council amend the SAHT Declaration of Trust. The recommended amendment modifies the composition of the SAHT Board of Trustees and SAHT Foundation Board of Directors to require that one of the six Community Member positions be the President of the SAISD Board of Trustees or their designee. The item also appoints President Christina Martinez or her designee to the SAHT Board of Trustees as a “Community Trustee” and the SAHT Foundation as a “Community Director”, for a term beginning June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2028.





# THANK YOU!

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