

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: San Antonio Housing Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Interim Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing and possible action related to the replacement and new appointment of a non-commissioner member of the Renters' Solutions Subcommittee of the Housing Commission.

SUMMARY:

The Housing Commissioners that co-chair the Renters' Solutions Subcommittee reviewed applications from the list of previously selected alternates and are recommending Nicole Murray be appointed as a renter representative of subcommittee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 26, 2022, the Housing Commission formed the Renters' Solutions Subcommittee (RSS) to consist of nine members: two Housing Commissioners, four renters, and three property owners or property managers. The Housing Commission voted to have Commissioners Johnson and Davila serve as the Commissioner representatives on the RSS.

The RSS is charged with advising the Housing Commission on renter-related issues including, but not limited to emergency rental assistance, tenants' rights & legal aid, education, outreach, & training, and legislative items. The RSS makes recommendations to the Housing Commission on renter-related issues that are part of commission conversations and encourage the development of relationships and understanding between rental property owners, managers, and renters.

ISSUE:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, one of the original renter appointees is no longer able to participate. The Commissioners are recommending a new appointment, Nicole Murray, to take the position as a new renter representative and member of the subcommittee. Nicole Murray resides in District 10 where she rents a single-family home, is a business owner of Trexler Financial Services, holds an Associate's degree in business, and has lived in San Antonio for 15 years.

As with the previous selection criteria, the goal of the Commissioners was to identify subcommittee members with a broad range of lived and technical expertise including experience with evictions, receiving rental assistance, homelessness, and/or had lived in public housing. The Commissioners also sought a diverse group of non-commission members to include single family and multi-family apartment renters, individuals living with disabilities, various ages, survivors of domestic violence, and a mix of genders.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

Housing Commission may decide to not approve the recommended appointee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Housing Commission appoint a new renter representative, Nicole Murray, as a non-commission member of the Renters' Solutions Subcommittee.