



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Date:** December 15, 2021

**In Control:** Governance Committee Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the City Clerk

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Debbie Racca-Sittre

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of Applicants to the San Antonio Housing Trust Board of Trustees.

**SUMMARY:**

Consideration of Applicants to the San Antonio Housing Trust Board of Trustees.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On June 10, 2021, the City Council approved the governance restructuring for the San Antonio Housing Trust, the San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation, the San Antonio Housing Trust

Public Facility Corporation, and the San Antonio Housing Trust Finance Corporation. These four boards created a Joint Transition Committee (JTC) to facilitate the transition to the new board structure. Under the new structure, the Board of Trustees for the Housing Trust will also serve as the Board of Directors for the Housing Trust Foundation, Public Facilities Corporation

and Finance Corporation, which will be comprised of: five City Councilmembers, one City staff representative that is advisory only, and six Community Board Members:

- 3 Representatives having experience in housing advocacy, non-profit fundraising, policy making, community engagement, or reside in an affordable housing unit: and
- 3 Housing Industry Experts having experience in real estate, financial underwriting, property development, housing finance, capital markets, lending, construction, property management, or other relevant industry experience.

Terms are for four years after initial staggering and shall have one additional four- year renewal.

The City Clerk's Office received 36 applications for the six Community Representative seats. All applications were vetted by the City Clerk's Office and provided to the JTC. After further review, the JTC recommended a final shortlist of ten applicants. One of the JTC members was also an applicant that was recommended. This member recused themselves from the voting but did participate in the conversation with respect to the other candidates, which caused concern by the City Attorney's Office.

Because of this concern, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Governance Council Committee was appointed by Mayor Nirenberg to review the 36 applications received and also make a recommendation to the Governance Committee. The Ad-Hoc Committee members included District 6 City Councilmember Cabello Havrda and District 8 City Councilmember Manny Pelaez, as neither of these Councilmembers served on the JTC and are not City Council representative members of the San Antonio Housing Trust Board. The Ad-Hoc Committee met on Friday, November 12, 2021, and the City Clerk provided background and information on the previous nomination shortlist process.

## **ISSUE:**

Both the JTC shortlist and the Ad Hoc Committee shortlist have been forwarded to the Governance Committee for consideration. Each Committee shortlisted 10 candidates and there are 4 candidates that made both shortlists. Additionally, two of the candidates withdrew their applications. The Governance Committee will interview the 14 candidates and recommend 6 candidates to City Council to serve as the Community Representatives on the San Antonio Housing Trust Board of Trustees/Directors. The following candidates will be considered:

- Eric Cooper (shortlisted by both the JTC and Ad Hoc Committee)
- Jordan Ghawi (shortlisted by both the JTC and Ad Hoc Committee)
- Rachell Hathaway (shortlisted by both the JTC and Ad Hoc Committee)
- Marinella Murillo (shortlisted by both the JTC and the Ad Hoc Committee)
- Richard Acosta (shortlisted by the JTC)
- Antoinette Brumfield (shortlisted by the Ad Hoc Committee)
- Molly Cox (shortlisted by the JTC)
- Monica Cruz (shortlisted by the JTC)
- Paul DeManche (shortlisted by the JTC)
- Brian Jarvis (shortlisted by the Ad Hoc Committee)
- Jane Paccione (shortlisted by the Ad Hoc Committee)
- Shereen Radusca (shortlisted by the JTC)
- Ronald Ruggiero (shortlisted by the Ad Hoc Committee)

- Gabriel Velasquez (shortlisted by the Ad Hoc Committee)
- Board appointments require full City Council approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Governance Council Committee could elect to not make recommendations and the Office of the City Clerk would reopen the application process and promote vacancies.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Office of the City Clerk recommends the Council Committee select six candidates to the San Antonio Housing Trust Board of Trustees from the shortlisted candidates. The recommended appointments will be submitted to the full City Council at the next available City Council Meeting for approval.