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Prepared By: Arturo Casillas, Housing Programs Manager Agenda Item No. N-1
 Reviewed By: City Manager Holmberg City Attorney Finance Other (Specify)

DATE: July 9, 2007
TO: City Council
FROM: Sal Gonzalez, Housing Director
SUBJECT: Selection of Two Resident Commissioners

RECOMMENDATION

That the Oxnard City Council appoint two Resident Commissioners to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to serve a two-year term.

DISCUSSION

Housing Authority staff has solicited candidates from the general resident population of the public housing and Section 8 programs to fill the two Resident Commissioners positions on the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority. The existing two-year terms of Resident Commissioners Gaudencio Digos and Carlos Soria will expire on July 31, 2007. Two candidates have expressed an interest in serving as a Resident Commissioner and have submitted their applications for consideration. From staff's review of the candidates, both meet the minimum qualifications and are presented to the City Council for consideration for appointment as Resident Commissioners.

Housing Authority staff solicited candidates from June 19, 2007 through July 5, 2007. Notices were placed in the Ventura County Star for five days, letters were sent to Resident Advisory Board members, and applications for resident commissioner were announced in the Housing Authority's tenant newsletter on June 29, 2007.

State law requires that the two Resident Commissioners must be residents of public housing. State law also requires that one of the Resident Commissioners be 62 years of age or older. Although Section 4(b) of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA) does not expressly provide for the preemption of State laws governing Housing Authority Board membership, HUD has indicated that Congress intended the preemption of State law where there is a direct conflict with the Federal Resident Board (Board) membership requirement. Staff believes the assignment of one Public Housing resident who is 62 years of age or older will satisfy State law requirements and will not conflict with Board membership requirements which require at least one Resident Commissioner to be selected from candidates which may be a Public Housing resident or Section 8 participant.

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Staff evaluated and determined that both candidates meet the minimum qualifications for the Resident Commissioner positions. The following is a brief description of each candidate. The applications of the candidates more fully describe their qualifications and experience.

1. Gaudencio Digos, 5115 Squires Drive – Public Housing Program (senior applicant)

Mr. Digos has served as a Resident Commissioner since February 1989. He has been a resident of the City of Oxnard for 24 years and a Public Housing tenant for 21 years. He is a member of the Philippine-American Senior Citizens of Ventura County. Mr. Digos is also a member of the Oxnard Tennis Center and participates in tournaments for seniors. He has attended advanced Tenant Commissioner training and is an individual member of the National Association of Housing and Urban Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). He is a retired maintenance foreman with a 19-year service record in the Philippines. Mr. Digos is requesting reappointment to the Oxnard Housing Commission.

2. Carlos Soria, 223 W. Hill Street – Public Housing Program (senior applicant)

Mr. Soria has served on the Housing Commission since November 8, 1994. He has been a resident of Oxnard for 47 years and a Public Housing resident for 28 years. Mr. Soria is a past member of the Santa Clara Parent Club. Mr. Soria is a Eucharist Minister at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He is also the coordinator for weekly rosary for seniors. He has also participated in the Resident Advisory Board. Mr. Soria is requesting reappointment to the Oxnard Housing Commission.

Staff is requesting that the City Council appoint two Resident Commissioners to serve two-year terms from August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The appointment of two Resident Commissioners will not have a financial impact upon the Housing Authority's budget or upon the City of Oxnard budget, other than that which has already been anticipated in the current year's budget.

Attachment #1 – Application of Carlos Soria for Appointment to Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Attachment #2 – Application of Gaudencio Digos for Appointment to Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

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1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Carlos Soria

Address: 223 W. Hill Street Zip Code: 93033

Telephone: (805) 486-9774 (Business): _____

Number of years as a resident of Oxnard: 48 Years

Number of years as a resident of Public Housing or Section 8 participant: 29 Years

Have you ever served on a City of Oxnard Citizens Advisory Group? If so, please list: _____

I am currently a Commissioner for the City of Oxnard Housing Authority.

Previously, I was the Secretary for the Resident Advisory Council for three years.

Age:

18-24 25-35

35-59 62 & over

2. AVAILABILITY

The Oxnard Housing Authority Commission meets on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Special meetings are scheduled as needed.

Are you available to meet on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays of each month?

Yes No

Please list any days or evenings during the week when you are NOT available: None

How many hours a month do you have to participate in Oxnard Housing Commission activities?
Whatever amount of time is needed.

Availability to attend workshops and seminars out of the City.

Whatever is needed.

3. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Highest grade or degree completed: One year of college in Mexico.

Areas of study: No major declared.

4. OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION (optional) I have been retired for the past 16 years.

Please attach a complete employment history which includes the following information for each position: 1) Employer name and address, 2) Job title, 3) Description of job duties, 4) Length of time in the position.

5. CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Please list any community or service organizations in which you have been active: _____

Eucharist Minister at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Team Captain for Eucharist Ministers.

Coordinator for weekly rosary at senior facilities.

Involved in the expansion plans for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

In the past involved with Santa Clara Parents Club.

6. Have you ever served on a commission or board or had other government experience related to community service?

Yes No

If yes, please describe: Three Years Vice President of Pleasant Valley Tenant Assoc.

Participated with the Resident Advisory Board for the Housing Authority. Involved in effort for Police Storefront on Cypress Road. As a Tenant Commissioner met regularly with the Mayor, City Council Members, and Chief of Police.

7. Explain your experience and understanding of the Public Housing and Section 8 programs.

Experience as a participant in Public Housing Program and also serving on the Board.

Experience with Section 8 Program through involvement with Resident Advisory Board.

As a Commissioner attended several training sessions which covered both programs.

8. To assess the expectations you have about Commission membership and to understand the expectations other people have of you as a Commission member, please complete the following statements:

a. As a Commission member, I believe I bring the following strengths, skills and knowledge as assets: I am interested in protecting the tenants. Twice a month I inspect the Public Housing facilities and report any concerns to the appropriate person. Serving ten years as a Commissioner has given me insight into the budget. HUD and NAHRO has provided training to cover current issues and ongoing operation of the Housing Programs.

b. I want to serve on this Commission because: I have been able to contribute to the success
of improvement projects in the Public Housing Programs.

9. Are you a registered voter of the City?

Yes No

10. Additional Comments

Please use this space to provide any additional information or statements. Your comments are very much appreciated and will greatly assist the Housing Authority Commission in giving your application the fullest consideration possible.

During my tenure as Housing Commissioner I have attended several training workshops
for Commissioners. I am a member of the National Association of Housing and
Redevelopment Organization (NAHRO) as an individual member. I would like to continue
as a Commissioner to help out the community not just with the housing programs. I
want to be involved with the construction of Las Cortes. I would try my
best I could to assist in whatever I can.

Date: Jun 25/07 Signature: Carlos Aguila Jr

OXNARD HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: GAUDENCIO DIGOS

Address: 5115 Squires Drive, Oxnard, CA Zip Code: 93033

Telephone: (805) 4889341 (Business): N/A

Number of years as a resident of Oxnard: 20

Number of years as a resident of Public Housing or Section 8 participant: _____

Have you ever served on a City of Oxnard Citizens Advisory Group? If so, please list: _____

Since 1989 Tenant Commissioner for the City of Oxnard's Housing Authority

Age:

- 18-24 25-35
 35-59 62 & over

2. AVAILABILITY

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Are you available to meet on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays of each month?

Yes No

Please list any days or evenings during the week when you are NOT available: _____

I am unavailable on Sundays and Holidays.

How many hours a month do you have to participate in Oxnard Housing Commission activities?

I can participate as needed.

Availability to attend workshops and seminars out of the City.

I can participate as needed.

3. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Highest grade or degree completed: One Year of college - College of Engineering in Manila, Philippines

Areas of study: _____

4. OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

Please attach a complete employment history which includes the following information for each position: 1) Employer name and address, 2) Job title, 3) Description of job duties, 4) Length of time in the position.

5. CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Please list any community or service organizations in which you have been active: _____

Fil-American Senior Citizens of Ventura County involved in construction of booths every Fourth of July and other celebration activities in the city of Oxnard. Member of Oxnard Tennis Center, Partidicated in tournaments for seniors. Member of U.S. Tennis Association where it is launching a massive school program for young tennis plavers. Member of Friends of Oxnard Public Library.

6. Have you ever served on a commission or board or had other government experience related to community service?

Yes No

If yes, please describe: I have twentv-five years of experience in governments, private exnosures serving with honesty and integrity in Quezon City Philippines and the City of Oxnard. Held the office of Tenant Commissioner since 1992. Participated for the past six years with the Resident Advisory Board to develop the Annual Agency Plan

7. Explain your experience and understanding of the Public Housing and Section 8 programs.

For more than 20 years I have been a public housing tenant in Pleasant Valley Village. I recommended the proper disposal of garbage, enforcement of speed limits and parking areas intended for tenants.

8. To assess the expectations you have about Commission membership and to understand the expectations other people have of you as a Commission member, please complete the following statements:

a. As a Commission member, I believe I bring the following strengths, skills and knowledge as assets: I have twenty-five years of experience working with government agencies in the Philippines and with the city of Oxnard. I serve with honesty and integrity. I stay current and informed on housing issues.

b. I want to serve on this Commission because: _____
I have been able to contribute to the success of improvement projects in the
Public Housing Programs.

9. Are you a registered voter of the City?

Yes No

10. Additional Comments

Please use this space to provide any additional information or statements. Your comments are very much appreciated and will greatly assist the Housing Authority Commission in giving your application the fullest consideration possible.

During my tenure as Housing Commissioner I have attended several training
workshops for Commissioners. I am a associate of the National Association
of Housing and Redevelopment Organization (NAHRO) as an individual member.

Date: June 26, 2007

Signature: _____

