



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001818

MEETING DATE: 09/29/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Orange County Housing Authority
SUBMISSION BY: Chair Chaffee
NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY (DEPT): OC Community Resources
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Dylan Wright, 714-480-2788
Julia Bidwell, 714-480-2991

SUBJECT: Nomination(s) for Appointment to the Housing & Community Development Commission

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
N/A	N/A	CONSENT CALENDAR 3 Votes Board Majority

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Reappoint Dr. Tiffany Mitchell to the Housing and Community Development Commission

City & Zip: Tustin 92780
Position Slot, if applicable: Member-At-Large
Name of incumbent being replaced: Reappointment
Terms Years: 2
Dates: 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2028
Vacancy created by: Expiration of Term
Remarks: N/A
Registered Voter: Yes, Orange

2. Appoint Johnny Hieu Nguyen to the Housing and Community Development Commission

City & Zip: Garden Grove 92841
Position Slot, if applicable: Member-At-Large
Name of incumbent being replaced: Wayne Carvalho
Terms Years: 2
Dates: 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2028
Vacancy created by: Expiration of Term
Remarks: N/A
Registered Voter: Yes, Orange

3. Reappoint Cecilia Hupp to the Housing and Community Development Commission

City & Zip: Brea 92821

Position Slot, if applicable: Member (1)
Name of incumbent being replaced: reappointment
Terms Years: 2
Dates: 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2028
Vacancy created by: Expiration of Term
Remarks: N/A
Registered Voter: Yes, Orange

4. Appoint Ben Wong to the Housing and Community Development Commission

City & Zip: Seal Beach 90740
Position Slot, if applicable: Member (2)
Name of incumbent being replaced: Michael Frost
Terms Years: 2
Dates: 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2028
Vacancy created by: Expiration of Term
Remarks: N/A
Registered Voter: Yes, Orange

5. Appoint David Smith to the Housing and Community Development Commission

City & Zip: Placentia 92870
Position Slot, if applicable: Tenant Member
Name of incumbent being replaced: Helen Smith Gardner
Terms Years: 2
Dates: 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2028
Vacancy created by: Expiration of Term
Remarks: N/A
Registered Voter: Yes, Orange

6. Reappoint Carla Wilkerson to the Housing and Community Development Commission

City & Zip: Dana Point 92629
Position Slot, if applicable: Tenant Member
Name of incumbent being replaced: reappointment
Terms Years: 2
Dates: 07/01/2026 to 06/30/2028
Vacancy created by: Expiration of Term
Remarks: N/A
Registered Voter: Yes, Orange

SUMMARY:

The appointment of the recommended nominees to the Housing and Community Development Commission ensures continued compliance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Board of Supervisors requirements for oversight of the Orange County Housing Authority and Housing and Community Development.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pursuant to the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange 15-017, all members of the Housing and Community Development Commission (H&CD Commission) shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors (Board) acting as the Board of Commissioners for the Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. Section 1-2-302 specifies the terms, qualifications, and methods of appointments to the H&CD Commission.

The 11 members of the H&CD Commission are selected as follows:

1. The H&CD Commission shall recommend two individuals to serve as At-Large members of the H&CD Commission and two individuals to serve as OCHA tenant commission members.
2. Two of the members of the H&CD Commission shall be City representatives as recommended by the City Selection Committee.
3. Each member of the Board shall nominate one member of the H&CD Commission, representing the five supervisorial districts in Orange County.

Under Rule 16 of the County of Orange Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, appointments to a board, commission, or committee that are not designated for nomination by a specific supervisorial district shall be deemed “At-Large” appointments.

During a meeting on August 27, 2026, the H&CD Commission recommended the following nominees for appointment or reappointment for the term ending June 30, 2028. All nominees are Orange County residents and registered voters as listed in the voter verification below:

Name	Orange County Resident? (Y/N)	Registered Voter (Y/N)	Category	Term
Dr. Tiffany Mitchell	Y	Y	Member-At-Large	2 Years
Johnny Nguyen	Y	Y	Member-At-Large	2 Years
Cecilia Hupp	Y	Y	Member (1)	2 Years
Ben Wong	Y	Y	Member (2)	2 Years
David Smith	Y	Y	Tenant Member	2 Years
Carla Wilkerson	Y	Y	Tenant Member	2 Years

OC Community Resources requests the Board approve the reappointment of Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Cecilia Hupp, Carla Wilkerson and the appointment of Johnny Nguyen, Ben Wong, and David Smith to the H&CD Commission as referenced in the Recommended Actions.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Application and Resume
Attachment B - Johnny Nguyen Application and Resume
Attachment C - Cecilia Hupp Application and Resume
Attachment D - Ben Wong Application and Candidate Statement
Attachment E - David Smith Application and Resume
Attachment F - Carla Wilkerson Application and Resume

