



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001319

MEETING DATE: 05/19/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

SUBMISSION BY: Chair Chaffee

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY County Executive Office

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SUBJECT: Recommended At Large Nomination to Commission to Address Homelessness

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Appoint the following one nominee to the Commission to Address Homelessness effective May 19, 2026, to complete the existing term ending December 10, 2027:

- a) Karen Loddby, Behavioral Health Bureau Lieutenant, as the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department Representative

City & Zip: Yorba Linda 92886

Position Slot, if applicable: Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department Representative

Name of incumbent being replaced: Virgil Asuncion

Terms Years: Two

Dates: December 11, 2025, to December 10, 2027

Vacancy created by: Resignation

Remarks: N/A

Registered Voter: Yes, Orange County

SUMMARY:

Appointment of the recommended nominee to the Commission to Address Homelessness will fill the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department vacancy to bring together local leadership to address homelessness in Orange County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Commission to Address Homelessness (Commission) Bylaws detail the membership composition and appointment process in Article II. As such the Commission shall establish a Membership Ad Hoc Committee to recruit, evaluate, and make recommendations for appointments to the Commission to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for final approval. When evaluating Commission candidates for the Board’s consideration and approval, the Membership Ad Hoc Committee considers and evaluates

executive level individuals that are highly regarded in his or her respective field and community due to his or her knowledge, expertise, achievements, leadership, and commitment to address homelessness in Orange County.

On February 18, 2026, the Commission approved the launch of recruitment process to evaluate and make a recommendation for appointment for the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department Representative to be submitted to the Board for final approval.

Per the Commission Bylaws, the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department Representative holds a leadership and/or command level role with knowledge of the Orange County System of Care.

The Office of Care Coordination launched the Membership Recruitment process on February 24, 2026, and established a deadline of March 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for interested candidates to submit their applications and resume for consideration by the Membership Ad Hoc Committee. The applications and resumes received were shared with the Membership Ad Hoc Committee for review and consideration. The Membership Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss the candidates and unanimously recommended the following candidate to be presented to the Commission for appointment:

- a) Karen Loddby, Behavioral Health Bureau Lieutenant, as the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department Representative

Recommended Candidate Background

Karen Loddby has nearly 20 years of experience in the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department and currently serves as a Lieutenant in Patrol Operations within the Behavioral Health Bureau. She brings a well-rounded background spanning custody operations, patrol operations, training, and investigations, with a strong emphasis on leadership, interagency collaboration, and crisis response. In her current role she works with individuals experiencing homelessness and acute mental health crises, where she emphasizes the importance of de-escalation, stabilization, and connections to appropriate services and resources. As part of her responsibilities, she oversees and ensures delivery of ongoing training programs such as the Crisis Intervention Team and Homeless Liaison Officers, ensuring personnel are equipped with the best practices for engaging individuals experiencing homelessness. She also leads coordinated, multidisciplinary responses by partnering with Orange County Outreach & Engagement, Orange County Health Care Agency, Orange County Public Works, Orange County Community Resources, and community organizations, and by helping implement systemwide strategies that address the complex needs of vulnerable populations.

The Office of Care Coordination requests the Board approve the recommended appointments to the Commission, as referenced in the Recommended Action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A Karen Loddby Nomination Packet - Redacted