



Orange County
Housing
Authority

APPLICATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Deadline to submit – April 6, 2026

NAME: Johnny Hieu Nguyen

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOW LONG AT THIS ADDRESS? 17 Years DAYTIME TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES: ☒ YES ☐ NO

NAME OF COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? ☒ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, NAME COUNTY YOU ARE REGISTERED IN: Orange

Within the last five years, have you been affiliated with any business or nonprofit agency(ies)?

☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you own real estate or personal property or have financial holdings, which might present a potential conflict of interest, including, but not limited to housing assistance payments contracts with the Orange County Housing Authority?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes to either question, please explain.

Westminster Tet Parade Foundation Board of Directors

List all current professional or community organizations and societies of which you are a member:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DATES OF MEMBERSHIP
<u>Westminster Tet Parade Foundation</u>	<u>8/2025 - Present</u>

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DATES OF MEMBERSHIP
<u>Garden Grove Administrative Board of Appeals</u>	<u>2/2025 - Present</u>

Have you been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor crime since your 18th birthday, excluding arrests of detentions that did not result in a conviction; convictions that have been judicially dismissed, expunged or ordered sealed; and certain marijuana related convictions that are older than two years, as listed in California Labor Code § 432.8 (including violations of California Health and Safety Code Sections 11357(B) AND (C), 11360(C) 11364, 11365 AND 11550 – as they relate to marijuana)? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain.

Regular meetings are generally held in-person on the 4th Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Ana.

Can you attend regularly?

☒ YES ☐ NO

*Johnny Nguyen**4/6/2026*

SIGNATURE

DATE

**SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

1. Please explain your interest in serving on the H&CD Commission.

As an Orange County, and specifically Little Saigon, resident for the past 17 years, I have seen the county and region grow more and more unaffordable for everyday families. I've been a student who has struggled to find housing before the school year, have lived with 2 other roommates in a one-bedroom, and have seen fellow community members struggle after the pandemic. Through those experiences, and with a passion for serving my community, I want to make a difference to working families who may be experiencing housing insecurity, are struggling to make ends meet, or rely on local/county assistance. I want to be a voice for them on this commission. I have experience as the Vice-Chair of the Garden Grove Administrative Board of Appeals, where I have heard residents who wish to appeal their water bills, and also service on the Westminster Tet Parade Foundation Board of Directors, where we had successfully fundraised for the 2026 Tet Parade, with a coalition of community leaders, business owners, and faith-based leaders.

2. In addition to activities related to the Orange County Housing Authority, Commission members also vote on recommendations for affordable housing developments and a variety of community development projects. Do you have any related experience, training or knowledge that makes you a good candidate to provide objective input and recommendations on a variety of housing related issues?

I am currently working as an Energy Engineer for Altura Associates, an engineering firm focused on energy efficiency consulting. Our firm has worked on numerous building types including healthcare facilities and multi-family housing projects, focusing on energy efficiency and occupancy comfort. I believe this perspective is important in ensuring that tenants are ensured equal opportunity to sustainable and comfortable accommodations.

3. H&CD Commission members include five representatives appointed by the Board of Supervisors, two from the Cities Selection Committee, two At-Large members and two tenants who are receiving housing assistance. If selected, what perspective can you bring to this group?



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As a former renter, student, and member of the Little Saigon community, I believe I bring a wealth of perspective. As a former renter, I have experienced housing insecurity along with fellow students. I believe it is important to have young perspectives on any commission, especially on the local and county level, to ensure that all voices are heard. Housing has become unaffordable in Orange County, especially in Little Saigon, and bringing a young perspective from that community will ensure that community members have their voices heard.

4. The H&CD Commission requires a commitment generally on the fourth Thursday of each month. Do you foresee any challenges attending these meetings on a regular basis? Are there any conflicts of interest that may arise with your appointment to the H&CD Commission?

No

5. Do you have any business associations, affiliations, contracts, or any other involvement in an activity(ies) that could be a conflict interest?

No

6. Is there any other information you would like to share?

No

Johnny Nguyen, EIT

Education

University of California, San Diego

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Specialization in Renewable Energy and Environmental Flows, minor in Political Science

Work Experience

Energy and Commissioning Senior Analyst

July 2023 - Present

Altura Associates | Irvine, CA

- Conducted technical analyses to support development and verification of energy savings (ECMs) for buildings
- Performed field work including site audits, systems testing, and development of energy improvement measures
- Supported pre-functional and functional testing protocols to verify the operating energy performance of building HVAC systems
- Assisted project managers with contract documents, project pricing, and commissioning reports
- Supported new building construction projects with submittal reviews, subcontractor coordination (Procore/Facility Grid), issue log management, and leading commissioning meetings

VSFS Intern - Center of Environment, Energy, and Innovation (EEI) Energy Division

Sept 2022 - May 2023

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) | Remote

- Provided support for energy programs across USAID's energy portfolio
- Studied USAID's Climate Strategy and supported energy officers in developing template to track key performance indicators
- Synthesized relevant program reports and highlighted key lessons learned

Energy Services Intern

June 2022 - Sept 2022

Trane | Bellevue, WA

- Used internal software to assist with customer's facilities and provide small energy projects for customer issues/opportunities
- Collaborated with energy engineers to prescribe best methods for measurement and verification of energy performance
- Calculated customer energy savings (ECMs) and conducted energy modeling projects with Comprehensive Solutions team
- Developed tool categorizing utility rebate opportunities and electric/gas tariffs in Pacific Northwest/Rocky Mountain region

Research & Projects

Mechanical Team Lead

Triton Solar Decathlon | La Jolla, CA

Aug 2021 - June 2023

- Implemented energy modeling software and assisted with building regulations and code
- Designed mechanical systems and optimized HVAC/Ventilation technology for a net-zero Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)
- Prepared written reports and presentation materials for Orange County Sustainability Decathlon contest

Research Assistant

Davidson Lab | La Jolla, CA

Sept 2020 - Mar 2021

- Identified large-scale power system studies that include California and western states in a regional power system
- Cataloged and examined interest group positions (IOUs, state regulators) on various renewable energy policies
- Conducted a meta-analysis of the effects of regional coordination on overall costs, generation mixes, and emissions

Leadership

Member, Board of Directors

Aug 2025 - Present

Westminster Tet Parade Foundation | Westminster, CA

- Supported the City of Westminster with fundraising for the annual Tet Parade and other cultural events
- Appointed by Vice-Mayor of Westminster and unanimously confirmed by Westminster City Council

Vice-Chair & Commissioner

Feb 2025 - Present

Garden Grove Administrative Board of Appeals | Garden Grove, CA

- Provided final interpretation of the provisions of building codes, city codes and ordinances; and reviewed water billing disputes
- Appointed by Mayor of Garden Grove, unanimously confirmed by Garden Grove City Council, and elected Vice-Chair by fellow commissioners

Skills

Programming: MATLAB, Arduino, Axon

Software: SkySpark, CxAlloy, AutoCAD, Revit, Fusion360, Procore, Openstudio, Facility Grid, Trane Trace