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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL  
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: Imperial Valley Housing Authority Appointment <p align="center"><b>1. Appointment of One (1) Representative to the Imperial Valley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners</b></p>	
DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: City Manager's Office/City Clerk	
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: City of Imperial appoints to two individuals to serve in four-year increments on the IVHA Board of Commissioners. The IVHA Board of Commissioners are volunteer members of the community who give generously of their time to assist IVHA with reaching its goal to provide affordable housing solutions and advocating for housing opportunities for the low-income community. During the month of June, the City of Imperial accepted applications to fill an unscheduled vacancy on the Commission. Qualified Applications were received from the following individuals for the City Council's consideration:  Matthew Smith David Escobar Belen Donato Cynthia Mesa	
FISCAL IMPACT: No Negative Fiscal Impact	ADMIN SERV INITIALS <u>DE</u>
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is staff's recommendation to review the applicants information and make an appointment to fill the unscheduled vacancy.	DEPT. INITIALS <u>CB</u>
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: Agrees with staff's recommendation	CITY MANAGER'S INITIALS <u>DM</u>
MOTION:	
SECONDED: AYES: NAYES: ABSENT:	APPROVED ( )      REJECTED ( ) DISAPPROVED ( )      DEFERRED ( )  REFERRED TO:



## IMPERIAL VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY (IVHA) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPLICATION- SUBMISSION #4

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<b>Name</b>	Matthew T. Smith
<b>Telephone</b>	-
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Email</b>	<a href="#">[REDACTED]</a>
<b>Appointment Type</b>	New Appointment
<b>How many years have you lived in Imperial?</b>	4
<b>Are you a registered City of Imperial voter?</b>	Yes
<b>Are you presently employed?</b>	Yes
<b>Employer/Position</b>	Imperial County Behavioral Health Services / Behavioral Health Manager
<b>If you are retired, what was your previous occupation?</b>	
<b>Have you served on a city commission or committee before?</b>	No
<b>If yes, which city and when</b>	NA
<b>Position</b>	NA



**Summarize why you wish to serve on the Imperial Valley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, include any special qualifications or education which are particularly appropriate to the position of Commissioner.**

their social determinants of health. I review reports and statistical data to measure performance for data-driven decision-making. As a resident of Imperial, I have engaged with homeless individuals in local businesses and public spaces on multiple occasions. During these interactions, I have provided assistance that includes education on accessing community resources and helped them to access emergency medical care. My professional and personal experience has provided me with an awareness of psychosocial problems faced by those suffering from homeless or housing insecurity. Additionally, it has provided me with compassion for these individuals and an understanding of how their conditions and behavior can curtail the vibrancy of our community and its public spaces.

**What do you see as the objectives and goals of the IVHA Board of Commissioners?**

The IVHA and its board aim to provide affordable housing solutions and advocate for housing opportunities for the low-income community. I would like to see the Housing Authority strive for State, Federal, and private grant funding opportunities to be utilized to their maximum benefit for our community; for efforts to be well-directed by supporting data and community input, and for those with the greatest need for housing assistance to be proactively engaged in services that address the varied factors contributing to their condition.

**How would you help to achieve these objectives and goals?**

I would support IVHA in achieving its goals by investigating, advocating for, and collaborating with staff and fellow board members to implement varied funding sources to maximize the quantity of funding utilized in the Imperial Valley. I would seek for the Housing Authority to explore a landlord incentive program (LIP) to address the housing shortage I see in my professional efforts and to improve housing available for those most in need. I would advocate for studies on operational performance and community needs to ensure IVHA efforts are as effective as possible. Finally, I would seek to collaborate with the board members and officials of the City of Imperial to see that homeless individuals in our community are met where they are and actively referred to resources from which they may benefit.

**Do you or immediate family members have any relationship (professional, financial, other) that may present a potential conflict of interest? (Please explain)**

My spouse, Kristen Weekes Smith, is employed by the city of Imperial as a Human Resources Manager. I do not believe this would be a conflict if she is not involved in my consideration for this position.

As a Behavioral Health Manager for Imperial County Behavioral Health Services (ICBHS), I oversee cases for individuals who may receive services from IVHA. I feel this enhances my potential input as a Board Member. However, in the unlikely scenario where board input may be required on matters pertaining to an individual under ICBHS care, I would need to recuse myself from that discussion.





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<b>Name</b>	David Escobar
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Appointment Type</b>	New Appointment
<b>How many years have you lived in Imperial?</b>	35
<b>Are you a registered City of Imperial voter?</b>	Yes
<b>Are you presently employed?</b>	Yes
<b>Employer/Position</b>	Imperial Irrigation District, Senior Project Manager, Water Dept
<b>If you are retired, what was your previous occupation?</b>	
<b>Have you served on a city commission or committee before?</b>	No
<b>If yes, which city and when</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Summarize why you wish to serve on the Imperial Valley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, include any special qualifications or education which are particularly appropriate to the position of Commissioner.</b>	Growth for our local community and its residents

**What do you see as the objectives and goals of the IVHA Board of Commissioners?**

Equal and Fair Housing for all residents

**How would you help to achieve these objectives and goals?**

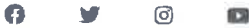
Experience and knowledge working in the Public and Private Sectors in the Imperial Valley

**Do you or immediate family members have any relationship (professional, financial, other) that may present a potential conflict of interest? (Please explain)**

None



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## IMPERIAL VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY (IVHA) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPLICATION- SUBMISSION #2

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<b>Name</b>	Belen Donato
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Appointment Type</b>	New Appointment
<b>How many years have you lived in Imperial?</b>	15
<b>Are you a registered City of Imperial voter?</b>	Yes
<b>Are you presently employed?</b>	Yes
<b>Employer/Position</b>	Calexico Unified School District/ Maintenance and Operation Department Grounds worker
<b>If you are retired, what was your previous occupation?</b>	Parent Liaison
<b>Have you served on a city commission or committee before?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, which city and when</b>	Calexico Unified School district. Safety Committee,
<b>Position</b>	Classified representative
<b>Summarize why you wish to serve on the Imperial Valley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, include any special qualifications or education which are particularly appropriate to the position of Commissioner.</b>	B.A Communication Sciences, AA Building at IVC, CAL OSHA credentials, working for Federal Home Loans Corporation as a Loan officer and reviewing applications.

**What do you see as the objectives and goals of the IVHA Board of Commissioners?**

I saw a growth opportunity in a positive way. Good improvement in our city to push economy and at the same time improving life of others.

**How would you help to achieve these objectives and goals?**

I would like to help with my experience and knowledge as much as possible. My Goal is to serve my community in order to improve life of others .

**Do you or immediate family members have any relationship (professional, financial, other) that may present a potential conflict of interest? (Please explain)**

No



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<b>Name</b>	Cynthia Mesa
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Appointment Type</b>	New Appointment
<b>How many years have you lived in Imperial?</b>	7
<b>Are you a registered City of Imperial voter?</b>	Yes
<b>Are you presently employed?</b>	Yes
<b>Employer/Position</b>	Molina Healthcare of CA/Manager of Delegation Oversight
<b>If you are retired, what was your previous occupation?</b>	NA
<b>Have you served on a city commission or committee before?</b>	No
<b>If yes, which city and when</b>	N/A
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Summarize why you wish to serve on the Imperial Valley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, include any special qualifications or education which are particularly appropriate to the position of Commissioner.</b>	I have 15 years of Case Management and Utilization Management experience with healthcare and a Nurse. I have worked at both local hospitals, several clinics, and Insurance Health plans trying to connect our community to resources. Serving on as Commissioner will allow my background to help bridge gaps that we are deficient in based off of working with our community. My wealth of knowledge will represent the City of Imperial well and represent our community as a whole

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**What do you see as the objectives and goals of the IVHA Board of Commissioners?**

An on objective is to bridge the gap by finding more resources to provide affordable housing in the city by developing low incomes homes to purchase and apartments.

**How would you help to achieve these objectives and goals?**

Seeking grants to help assist with funding low income divisions and attract developers to our area.

**Do you or immediate family members have any relationship (professional, financial, other) that may present a potential conflict of interest? (Please explain)**

My husband is the Fire Code Inspector for County of Imperial that oversees Imperial.



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