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Subject: public input - 5/16/19 Santa Monica Housing Commission meeting

Dear Commissioners and City Staff,

Please accept this email as my public input for the May 16, 2019 Santa Monica Housing Commission meeting.

RE commission seat set aside for a homeless of formerly homeless individual

1. I would like to propose that it is required that future applicants be asked to disclose any potential conflict of interest arising from a relationship with a homeless service provider who solicits funding from the City.

Ms. Renee Buchanan, who has been occupying the seat set aside for a person with lived experience of homelessness has also been an employee of the City's only homeless services provider, OPCC dba The People Concern. At a 2018 Commission meeting Ms. Buchanan stated her opposition to the prospect of the Housing Commission taking up the issue of complaints about OPCC dba The People Concern as voiced by multiple client whistleblowers. This behavior can be construed as effectively representing the interests of her former employer rather than the homeless community in Santa Monica. Ms. Buchanan has failed to recuse herself from the discussion of the complaints the client whistleblowers have been voicing about the agency.

Hopefully in the future the Commission will be able to attract a currently or formerly homeless individual whose interests are not co-mingled with that of a homeless service provider who depends on City funding.

2. I would like to propose that there should be a more specific requirement of current or RECENT experience of homelessness for the special seat on the commission.

The commissioner currently occupying the the seat set aside for a person with lived experience of homelessness was homeless fifteen years ago and seems to be disconnected from the reality that the individuals experiencing homelessness in Santa Monica are facing today. I would like to propose that in this case RECENT be understood to be five or fewer years at the time of application or re-application for the seat.

RE commissioner attendance

I think it is very important for the Commission Chair to ensure that the commissioners with a poor attendance record or a record of ongoing tardiness are formally asked whether they wish to remain on the Commission. We are a City of approximately 90,000 residents and as a community we should be able to find commissioners who are serious enough about their appointment and duties to find the time to attend the commission meetings and be on time.

As a member of the community I would like to take this opportunity to ask Commissioner Gerwitz to step down due to his poor attendance record both during this term and the many terms commissioner Gerwitz served on the Santa Monica Housing Commission in the past.

Regards,
Olga Zurawska

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1. Renee Buchanan LinkedIn profile showing employment with OPCC
2. Renee Buchanan Housing Commission attendance record



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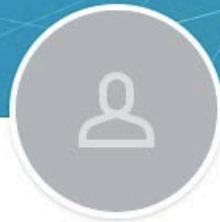


Jobs



Messaging

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Rene Buchanan

Billing Manager at OPCC/Integrated Mobile Health Team

OPCC • UCLA

Santa Monica, California • 51

Connect

Experience



Billing Manager

OPCC

Mar 2012 – Present • 5 yrs 11 mos

Santa Monica, Ca



Administrative Coordinator

OPCC

Jul 2008 – Feb 2012 • 3 yrs 8 mos

Santa Monica, Ca

Renee Buchanan
Santa Monica Housing Commission

MONTH	YEAR	ATTENDANCE
September, 15	2011	Present
October, 20	2011	Present
November, 17	2011	Present
December	2011	CANCELLED
January, 19	2012	Present
February, 16	2012	Present
March, 15	2012	Present
April, 19	2012	Present
May	2012	CANCELLED
June, 21	2012	Present
July, 19	2012	CANCELLED
July 26,	2012	Present
August	2012	CANCELLED
September, 20	2012	Present
October, 18	2012	Present
November, 20	2012	Present
December	2012	CANCELLED
January, 17	2013	Present
February, 21	2013	Present
March, 21	2013	Present
April, 18	2013	Present
May, 16	2013	Present
June, 20	2013	Present
July, 18	2013	ABSENT
August, 15	2013	CANCELLED
September, 19	2013	Arrived at 4.48pm
October, 17	2013	Present
November, 21	2013	Present
December, 19	2013	ABSENT
January, 16	2014	CANCELLED
February, 20	2014	ABSENT
March, 20	2014	Present
April, 17	2014	ABSENT
May, 15	2014	Present
June, 19	2014	Present
July, 17	2014	Present
August, 21	2014	Left at 7.42pm
September, 18	2014	CANCELLED

Renee Buchanan
Santa Monica Housing Commission

October, 16	2014	Arrived at 4.37pm
November, 20	2014	ABSENT
December, 18	2014	ABSENT
MONTH	YEAR	ATTENDANCE
January, 15	2015	ABSENT
February, 14	2015	ABSENT
February, 19	2015	Present
March, 19	2015	Present
April, 16	2015	Present
May, 21	2015	Present
June, 18	2015	Arrived at 4.44pm
July, 16	2015	ABSENT
August, 20	2015	Arrived at 4.44pm
September, 17	2015	Present
October, 15	2015	Arrived at 4.35pm
November, 19	2015	ABSENT
December, 17	2015	Present
January, 21	2016	Present
February, 11	2016	Arrived at 4.37pm
February, 18	2016	ABSENT
March, 17	2016	Present
April, 2	2016	ABSENT
April, 21	2016	Present
May, 19	2016	Present
June, 16	2016	Present
July, 21	2016	Present
August, 18	2016	ABSENT
September, 15	2016	Present
October, 20	2016	Present
November, 17	2016	Arrived at 4.41pm
December, 8	2016	Present
January, 19	2017	Arrived at 4.46pm
February, 4	2017	ABSENT
February, 16	2017	Arrived at 4.48pm
March, 30	2017	Arrived at 4.37pm
April, 20	2017	Present
May, 18	2017	ABSENT
June, 15	2017	ABSENT
June, 20	2017	ABSENT
July, 20	2017	Present
August, 17	2017	CANCELLED

Renee Buchanan
Santa Monica Housing Commission

September, 21	2017	CANCELLED
October, 2	2017	CANCELLED
October, 19	2017	Present
November, 16	2017	Present
December, 21	2017	Arrived at 5.01pm
MONTH	YEAR	ATTENDANCE
January	2018	NO MINUTES
February, 15	2018	ABSENT
March, 15	2018	Present
April, 19	2018	Present
May, 3	2018	ABSENT
May, 17	2018	Present
June, 21	2018	Arrived at 4.38pm
July, 19	2018	Present
August, 16	2018	Present
September, 20	2018	Arrived at 4.36pm
October, 18	2018	Arrived at 4.35pm
November, 15	2018	Present
December, 21	2018	ABSENT
January, 17	2019	Arrived at 4.36pm
February, 21	2019	
March, 21	2019	ABSENT
April, 18	2019	ABSENT
May, 16	2019	
June, 20	2019	
July, 18	2019	
August, 15	2019	
September, 19	2019	
October, 17	2019	
November, 21	2019	
December, 19	2019	