



County of Orange

Memorandum

November 8, 2023

To: Chairman Donald P. Wagner, Supervisor, Third District

From: Frank Kim, County Executive Officer

Subject: Recommended At Large Nominations To Commission to End Homelessness

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Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Rule of Procedure 16 amended on July 13, 2021, the Office of Care Coordination recommends the following appointments to the Commission to End Homelessness for placement on the December 5, 2023, Board meeting agenda:

1. Appoint the following two nominees to the Commission to End Homelessness for a two-year term effective December 5, 2023, and ending December 4, 2025:
 - Chief Adam Hawley as the Chief of Police Representative
 - Gina Cunningham as the Affordable Housing Development Industry Representative
2. Reappoint one nominee to the Commission to End Homelessness for a two-year term effective December 5, 2023, and ending December 4, 2025:
 - Milo Peinemann as the At-Large Representative
3. Appoint the following nominee to the Commission to End Homeless for the balance of a two year-term, effective August 9, 2022, and ending August 8, 2024
 - Benjamin Hurst as the Faith-Based Community Representative

Information on the recommended at large nomination for appointment to the Commission to End Homelessness is contained in the attached Agenda Staff Report and along with the candidate applications (Attachments A-D).

Please contact Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination, at 714-834-2323 or Douglas.Becht@ocgov.com if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Attachments
Agenda Staff Report

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Attachment A – Gina Cunningham Nomination Form, Application and Resume

Attachment B – Adam Hawley Nomination Form, Application and Resume

Attachment C – Benjamin Hurst Nomination Form, Application and Resume

Attachment D – Milo Peinemann Nomination Form, Application and Resume

Cc: Clerk of the Board



**AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 12/05/2023
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIR: Chairman Wagner, Supervisor, Third District
NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY (DEPT): County Executive Office
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Douglas Becht (714) 834-5000
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SUBJECT: At-Large Nominations for Appointment to the Commission to End Homelessness

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

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SUMMARY:

Appointment of the recommended nominees to the Commission to End Homelessness will fill three expiring seats and one vacant seat to bring together local leadership to address homelessness in Orange County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Commission to End Homelessness (Commission) works in collaboration with the County of Orange, thirty-four city governments, business sector, philanthropic organizations, community organizations, faith-based organizations, health care, public safety, and other interested stakeholders to promote an effective response to homelessness within Orange County. The membership is comprised of twenty-one members, including nineteen voting members and two non-voting members.

On June 21, 2023, the Commission approved the appointment of a Membership Ad Hoc to support the membership recruitment process and recruitment process for four expiring seats and one vacant seat to the Commission to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. The seats included in the recruitment process are North Service Planning Area Representative, Chief of Police Representative, Affordable Housing Development Industry Representative, At-Large Member, and a Faith-Based Community Representative.

On July 1, 2023, the Office of Care Coordination launched the recruitment for expiring and vacant seats on the Commission. The application period was open through August 31, 2023. The Membership Ad Hoc met to review the applications received and agreed on the recommended candidates to be presented to the Commission for approval.

On October 18, 2023, the Commission approved the following candidates to serve on the Commission and recommended to the Board of Supervisors (Board) for final approval.

- a. Chief Adam Hawley as the Chief of Police Representative
- b. Gina Cunningham as the Affordable Housing Development Industry Representative
- c. Milo Peinemann as the At-Large Representative
- d. Benjamin Hurt as the Faith-Based Community Representative

A recommendation to appoint a candidate for the North Service Planning Area will be considered at a future meeting of the Commission and subsequently be recommended to the Board.

Adam Hawley was appointed as Chief of Police for the City of Brea on May 1, 2021. Chief Hawley is a 26-year veteran of the Brea Police Department. Prior to taking on his current role as Chief, Hawley served as Acting Chief of Police, Captain of the Investigative Services Division overseeing Crime and Fraud Investigations, Property and Evidence, and Records. Hawley's law enforcement career began as a Cadet with the Brea Police Department in 1995. He rose steadily through the ranks of Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. During his time with the department, Hawley served in a variety of assignments, including Field Training Officer, Detective and Professional Standards Lieutenant. Chief of Police Hawley holds bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice and is a graduate of California P.O.S.T Command College.

Gina Cunningham began her career at HomeAid Orange County (HomeAid) in early 1997 with the desire to help the underserved individuals in Orange County and has a decade of experience in administrative operations. Ms. Cunningham was hired by the founding director of HomeAid as the executive assistant, and through hard work and dedication, quickly rose to be HomeAid's Chief Development Officer. Through growth over the next two decades, in October of 2019, Ms. Cunningham was chosen to lead HomeAid as the Executive Director. HomeAid's mission is to help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness build new lives through construction, community engagement, and education.

Milo Peinemann lives in Los Angeles County; however, currently serves on the Commission as an At-Large member, a seat for which the term is currently expired. Mr. Peinemann serves as the Chief Executive Officer for American Family Housing since October 2017, an affordable and supportive housing developer agency. Mr. Peinemann has more than 20 years of experience in housing and services for people experiencing homelessness and bring an in-depth understanding of homeless services and housing policy and development, including real estate lending and investment, and asset management of supportive housing. As Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peinemann's role is to drive the organization to fulfill its mission, overseeing all aspects of operations including development, finance, real estate, and program design and

management. American Family Housing operates interim housing, permanent supportive housing and affordable housing and functions as a housing developer in Orange County.

Benjamin Hurst is the Director of Operations for The Salvation Army – Orange County since 2022. In his role, Mr. Hurst has established the world's first Salvation Army Center for Applied Research and Innovation (CARI), a social sciences research center focused on ending chronic homelessness. Mr. Hurst has secured local philanthropic funding for CARI research and operations; led the design of the "Life Transformation Program", an innovative new medical detox and substance use disorder residential recovery program designed specifically for people experiencing homelessness. Mr. Hurst continues to provide leadership and program development of the Center of Hope campus in Anaheim. Mr. Hurst is currently working on his Doctor of Social Work at the University of Southern California and is expected to graduate December 2023.

The County of Orange request the Board approve the recommended appointments to the Commission to, as referenced in the Recommended Actions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

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