



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR  
March 24, 2009

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Tom Bates

Subject: Appointment of Valerie Agostino to the Berkeley Housing Authority

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the appointment of Valerie Agostino to the vacant position on the Berkeley Housing Authority (BHA).

BACKGROUND:

On May 22, 2007, the Berkeley City Council established a Berkeley Housing Authority (BHA) Board of Commissioners. State law mandates BHA commissioners, including successors, be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

On January 6, 2009, BHA Chairperson, Carole Norris, accepted the resignation of Melissa Male. Ms. Male has been an excellent commissioner, but due to demanding professional and personal responsibilities she felt it prudent to resign.

The Mayor's office followed an inclusive selection process to find a new commissioner. The Mayor's staff publicized the Board openings by issuing a press release to local media, emailing the Mayor's Office email list, posting an announcement on the Mayor's website, asking housing-related community organizations to advertise the openings, and making announcements at City Council and BHA meetings.

Council Member Linda Maio and Carole Norris, chairperson for the Berkeley Housing Authority assisted me in screening and interviewing applicants. I am recommending Ms. Valerie Agostino for the vacant position. As the Vice President of Operations for Mercy Housing in San Francisco, Valerie Agostino brings her expertise in the creation and management of affordable housing. As an affordable housing activist, Valerie understands the need and is committed to a process that works and is accountable.

FISCAL IMPACTS: None.

CONTACT PERSON: Mayor Tom Bates, 981-7100.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1 Resolution
- 2 Valerie Agostino's Resume

RESOLUTION NO. ~~##,###~~-N.S.

APPOINTMENT OF VALERIE AGOSTINO TO THE BERKELEY HOUSING  
AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY  
CODE SECTION 34270

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Berkeley, as the governing body of the City of Berkeley, declared itself to the Commissioners of the Berkeley Housing Authority (BHA) and appointed two tenant Commissioners pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34290; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2007 the Mayor appointed and the City Council by a majority vote confirmed the appointment of 5 Commissioners and 2 tenant Commissioners to the BHA Board pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34270; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2009 the chair of the Berkeley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners accepted the resignation of Melissa Male, creating a vacancy on the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Berkeley is an office filled by election of the people; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor of the City of Berkeley that Valerie Agostino is hereby appointed to serve as a Commissioner of the Berkeley Housing Authority Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it supports the Mayor's determination regarding the qualifications of Ms. Agostino and hereby confirms the Mayor's appointment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor of the City of Berkeley that, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34272(a), Ms. Agostino is appointed to serve a four-year term.



Mercy Housing

## **VALERIE AGOSTINO**

Vice-President of Operations

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Massachusetts**

Bachelor of Arts, 1974

#### **San Francisco State University**

Postgraduate courses in Gerontology Certificate Program

#### **Harvard JFK School of Government/Neighborworks**

Achieving Excellence in Community Development, 2007-2008

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Mercy Housing California, San Francisco, California**

Vice-President of Operations, July 2001-Present

Responsible for the coordination of MHC activities. Serves as lead in community and government relations, housing development, asset management, resident services, administration, staff development, and budget oversight; represents the various Mercy Housing entities that own properties and insure that the work of MHC is effectively coordinated with that of Mercy Services Corporation. In conjunction with the President, works with Boards of Directors and other regional staff to achieve organizational goals.

#### **Mercy Services Corporation, San Francisco, California**

Director of Property Operations - California, March 1994 to June 2001

Responsible for starting up the California Regional Office of Mercy Services Corporation. The company's regional management portfolio included 78 properties of affordable housing, with many properties specifically planned for residents who have special service needs. Primary responsibilities included property staff planning, pre-development and development consultation, budget development, regulatory reporting, and staff and owner relationships for managed developments in California. Duties included all Regional Property Management oversight while planning for a period of sustained organizational growth.

#### **The John Stewart Company, San Francisco, California**

*Supervisor, Retirement Housing, 1991-1994*

Responsible for overseeing the operations of housing facilities in the retirement housing division. Duties included working closely with on-site property administrators to address complex issues regarding fiscal, plant, personnel, and program management. Worked closely with owners and regulatory agencies.

#### **Claremont House Retirement Community, Oakland, California**

*Administrator, 1988-1990*

Responsible for all aspects of operating a full-service luxury retirement community. Duties included supervising daily operations; fiscal, plant, and program management and planning. Facility included licensed RCFE program.

#### **Francis of Assisi Community, San Francisco, California**

*Administrator, 1981-1987*

On-site administration of a self-managed residential facility for low-income older people and physically disabled persons. Duties included fiscal and plant management and planning, administration of Section 8 Program, and supervision of daily operations that included a case management program for frail elders and a Community Center.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLMENT**

Northern California Association of Housing Management Agents (NAHMA)

National Assisted Housing Professional Executive

Non Profit Housing Association of Northern California (NPH)

Past President, Board of Directors