

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 2.8  
(ID # 23811)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

FROM : HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

SUBJECT: HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS / COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP: Approval of Three Appointments to the Community Action Commission (CAC) Board for a Term of Two Years; All Districts. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the appointment of three new commissioners to the Riverside County Community Action Commission, each for a two-year term: District 2 – Public Sector: Delia Zapien; District 4 – Public Sector: Roger Nunez; and District 5 – Low-Income Representative: Cindy Lemke.

ACTION: Consent

Michael J. Weber, Deputy Director of Housing Authority 6/3/2024

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: June 25, 2024  
xc: HWS/CAC, Commission, Appointee(s), COBLW

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> n/a			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 23/24-26/27	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Riverside County Community Action Commission (CAC) was formally established by the Board of Supervisors to provide guidance on anti-poverty programming and funding, and to advocate for the needs of low-income communities and residents. The primary responsibility of the CAC is to collaborate with the Riverside County Community Action Partnership (CAP) in advising and guiding how CAP's funding can have the most impact in assisting residents to improve their financial health within their respective districts. In accordance with Riverside County Board of Supervisors' Policy A-21, Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees, the CAC advises the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in alignment with the Delineation of Powers Agreement between the Governing Board and the Community Action Commission.

The CAC is a tripartite board composed of a minimum of fifteen (15) members representing three sectors: one-third (1/3) representing the Public Sector; one-third (1/3) comprising low-income individuals or representatives of the low-income community; and one-third (1/3) representing the Private Sector, including members from business, industry, labor, religious groups, education, or other significant community interests. All members must represent a Riverside County supervisorial district and receive formal appointment by the Board of Supervisors.

The individuals listed below have applied to, been reviewed by, and are recommended by the CAC Board for membership on the CAC for a two-year term:

**Public Sector Representatives**

**District 2** - Ms. Zapien (appointed by Leslie Altamirano to take her place as CAC member) obtained a bachelor's degree in human services while maintaining a strong interest in community-based programs and the non-profit sector. She has volunteered with Oasis of Southern California for over two decades, leading to her roles as a program director for Big Brothers Big Sisters and Cops, Clergy, and Community-Safe Haven, where she managed two facilities providing a safe haven for troubled youth. She also founded IE4Teal, an ovarian cancer awareness organization that provides education, awareness campaigns, and support services, offering hope and assistance to women and families affected by ovarian cancer. Currently, she is an active volunteer and board member of the Community Prosperity Action Team at Reach



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Out in Jurupa Valley. In addition to her non-profit endeavors, Ms. Zapien is also a successful business owner, running her own trucking company since 2017.

**District 4** - Roger Nunez brings over twenty-three years of experience working with the County of Riverside's Children Services Division, providing him with insight into the advocacy needs of families and children in rural and marginalized communities for a better quality of life. Elected to the Desert Hot Springs city council in 2020, Mr. Nunez used his position to advocate for the underserved Latino residents, constituting 72% of the city's population. He continues to champion fair representation for all Spanish-speaking and minority residents. Committed to protecting Coachella Valley residents, Mr. Nunez has served as an advocate for human rights on the Coachella Valley Human Rights committee. He has collaborated with law enforcement and community leaders to ensure policies uphold compassion, empathy, and education within marginalized areas of the Coachella Valley.

**Low-Income Sector Representative**

**District 5** - Ms. Lemke received her real estate license in 2018 and has worked for SoCal Real Estate & Associates for many years, serving clients in Riverside County. She is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Hemet, secretary for the John R. Williams Memorial Scholarship Foundation, and a former chairman and planning commissioner for the City of Hemet. Additionally, she serves as a lector and is a member of the parish council at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. She is also the chairman of TIP (Trauma Intervention Program), a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers assisting citizens in emotional crisis, and a board member for Care-A-Van Transit Inc., a non-profit providing transportation services for the elderly. Ms. Lemke is currently the Executive Director of the Hemet San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The Community Action Commission (CAC) positively impacts residents and businesses by addressing poverty and creating economic opportunities for all Riverside County residents.

  
Erianna Lontajo, Principal Management Analyst 6/18/2024