

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



ITEM: 2.5
(ID # 27166)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

FROM : HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

SUBJECT: HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS / COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP: Approve the Appointment to the Community Action Partnership Commission (CAPC) Board for a Term of Two Years, Melinda Opperman; District 1. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the appointment of one new commissioner to the Riverside County Community Action Partnership Commission, for a two-year term: District 1 – Private Sector: Melinda Opperman.

ACTION:Consent


Heidi Marshall, Director 2/24/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 11, 2025
xc: HWS, COB/CF

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25-26/27	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside County Community Action Partnership Commission (CAPC) 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 CAPC 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 CAPC advises the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in alignment with the Delineation of Powers Agreement between the Governing Board and the Community Action Partnership Commission.

The CAPC 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 of 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 individual listed below was recommended by District 1 Supervisor Jose Medina for a two-year term:

Private Sector Representative

District 1 – Melinda Opperman, Chief External Affairs Officer at Springboard Nonprofit Consumer Credit Management, Inc. (Credit.org) is passionate about advancing financial health initiatives for the region's most vulnerable residents. With over two decades of leadership at Credit.org, a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) financial wellness organization headquartered in Riverside, California, Ms. Opperman brings a wealth of expertise in financial literacy, public relations, and strategic communication. She has overseen programs that empower more than 25,000 individuals annually through education, credit and debt management, and housing

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counseling. Under Ms. Opperman's leadership, Credit.org launched Inland Empire Saves in 2013, a transformative initiative aimed at helping families and individuals build financial resilience and plan for their financial future. Her commitment to improving financial literacy has earned Credit.org numerous prestigious awards and positioned her as an industry expert and leader.

Her service at Community Action Partnership will enhance the organization's capacity to support residents with building their financial profile where credit is a cornerstone for economic opportunity. By empowering residents to strengthen their credit profiles, CAP Riverside aims to foster financial resilience and open pathways to upward mobility for low-income individuals and families.

Melinda Opperman holds a Bachelor of Science in Consumer Economics from California State University, Northridge, graduating with honors. She also completed the Civic Engagement Nonprofit Leadership Program at the University of Southern California in 2020. Her expertise and passion align seamlessly with CAP Riverside's mission to empower individuals and families to achieve financial independence and live prosperous lives.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

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