



**Sonoma County Community Development Commission
Sonoma County Housing Authority**

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 20, 2024

To: Community Development Committee

From: Martha Cheever, Deputy Director

Subject: Appointment of Tenant Representative

Federal, State, and local law require that two participants of the Housing Choice Voucher program and one person who has experienced homelessness serve on the Housing Authority's Community Development Committee ("Committee"). The Community Development Commission County ordinance states that tenant representatives must be nominated by the Community Development Commission and then appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

In June 2024, tenant representative Erin McDermott resigned from the Committee. To fill the vacancy, staff implemented a recruitment process. All Housing Choice Voucher participants who were homelessness at entry into the program were notified of the opportunity. Thirteen applications were received in response to the solicitation. A selection panel interviewed three applicants and considered such things as the applicants' knowledge, skills, and experience. Staff is recommending applicant Naomi Campbell for nomination by the Committee. Should this Committee approve the recommendation, the recommendation will be put forth for consideration by the Board of Commissioners at its December 10, 2024, meeting.

Recommended Action: Recommend the Board of Commissioners of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission appoint Naomi Campbell as a tenant representative for the Community Development Committee.

