

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** David Newman, Councilmember  
Mikey Taylor, Councilmember

**DATE:** February 28, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura's Board of Commissioners Appointments**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve re-appointment of Charles Lech and Mark Lunn, as City of Thousand Oaks representatives to the Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura's Board of Commissioners for a four-year term ending March 2027.
2. Find that this action is not a project as defined under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**No Additional Funding Requested.** Cost limited to the indirect cost of staff time for processing applications and assisting in the interview process, which is included in the Adopted FY 2022-23 General Fund Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura (AHACV) is a Public Housing Authority representing seven jurisdictions including the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Ojai, Moorpark, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the County of Ventura. AHACV serves as the City of Thousand Oaks' Housing Authority and represents each of its seven-member jurisdictions in that capacity. AHACV is governed by a 15-member Board of Commissioners, two appointed from each of the seven local government jurisdictions and one appointed as an "at-large" resident Commissioner. Agency Commissioners are appointed for four-year terms, and the resident Commissioner, by state law, serves a two-year term.

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On behalf of its member agencies, AHACV implements the Federal Section 8 Rental Subsidy Program for residents within its member jurisdictions, and also owns and manages 355 public housing units within Ventura County; 163 units (46 percent) of which are located in Thousand Oaks. AHACV is also a non-profit developer of affordable housing projects, located within member jurisdictions and currently owns and manages 726 affordable units (not public housing) available for income-eligible families and seniors. Of these, 211 units (29 percent) are within Thousand Oaks. The City and its former Redevelopment Agency partnered with AHACV in the development of these affordable projects.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

The City Clerk Department conducted a recruitment to fill the 2023-2027 Commissioner terms. Four persons applied, including both incumbents, Charles Lech and Mark Lunn. Councilmember David Newman and Councilmember Mikey Taylor conducted interviews on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, with the four candidates via Zoom.

Based on information provided in the applications and personal interviews, the interview committee recommends re-appointment of Charles Lech and Mark Lunn to serve as City of Thousand Oaks representatives to the Board of Commissioners of the AHACV for four-year terms ending in March 2027. Copies of their applications are included as Attachment #1.

**COUNCIL GOAL COMPLIANCE:**

Meets the following City Council goal:

B. Provide municipal government leadership which is open and responsive to residents, and is characterized by ethical behavior, stability, promoting public trust, transparency, confidence in the future, and cooperative interaction among civic leaders, residents, business representatives, and staff, while recognizing and respecting legitimate differences of opinion on critical issues facing the City.

**PREPARED BY:** Lynn Oshita, Community Development Analyst

Attachments:

Attachment #1 – AHACV Board of Commissioners Applications