

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment Mr. Rushmore Cervantes as permanent General Manager, Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Rushmore Cervantes as the permanent General Manager, Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED.

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - AUGUST 29, 2014)

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on August 13, 2014, the Housing Committee considered a communication from the Mayor dated July 24, 2014, and a communication from the City Ethics Commission dated August 7, 2014, relative to the appointment of Mr. Rushmore Cervantes as permanent General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA).

Mr. Cervantes addressed the Committee and spoke briefly regarding his background and tenure as Interim General Manager of the HCIDLA. Additionally Mr. Cervantes discussed future goals and plans for the HCIDLA as well as issues facing the department and the City including: the shortage of affordable housing and utilizing the regional housing needs assessment to determine affordable housing goals, ramping up services such as adding counselors to FamilySource Centers to assist parents to ensure children are staying in school, "greening" the City through the HCIDLA's Gateway to Green program in which HCIDLA code enforcement inspectors work w/ multi-family housing property owners to identify energy efficiency opportunities and connect them with rebates and incentives through the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Southern California Gas Company, preservation and rehabilitation of affordable housing properties inherited from the former Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles, and addressing homelessness issues for veterans and the chronically homeless through federal programs and collaboration with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles.

After additional discussion, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Rushmore Cervantes as permanent General Manager of the HCIDLA. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

CEDILLO: YES

FUENTES: YES

WESSON: ABSENT

BUSCAINO: ABSENT

PRICE: YES

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