

Board Appointments Joe Gallegos Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Anderson is recommending Joe Gallegos, Resident of District 5, be appointed to the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board. If appointed, Mr. Gallegos will serve a term extending through December 31, 2007 and will replace William Dalton, who has resigned.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Mr. Joe Gallegos is currently the Math Department Chair at Salt Lake Community College. He served as a member of the Salt Lake City Mayor's Unity Center Advisory Group, and thinks that his background and experience can bring a unique perspective to any of the boards.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Vicki know by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 9, 2007.

COMPOSITION OF HOUSING TRUST FUND ADVISORY BOARD:

Members of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. The board will meet at least ten times per year. City ordinance states that the board shall consist of eleven appointed members, "at least one of whom has a household income which qualifies such person for affordable housing benefits or programs." All members must be Salt Lake City residents. The ordinance requires one member from each Council district who has "expertise or experience in affordable and/or special needs housing, which may include a full range of such expertise and/or experience from citizens who are considering purchasing their first home to citizens who have a strong background in affordable housing." The remaining four board members are appointed to at-large positions and shall have "experience or expertise in areas of business, real estate, or housing development generally."

Members are limited to no more than two consecutive terms. Current members include: Curtis W. Anderson, District 1; Karen Cahoon, District 5; Kent W. Moore, District 1; Peter Morgan, District 6; Eleanor Muth, district 3; Nancy Pace, District 5; and Faina Raik, District 3.

BOARD STRUCTURE:

The Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board was created to "advise and make recommendations to the City Administration and the City Council on affordable housing and special needs housing issues" for Salt Lake City. The board shall implement the policies and goals of the City's Community Housing Plan; identify criteria by which loans and grants should be made using the City's Consolidated Plan; recommend distribution of monies or assets in the Housing Trust Fund; consult with experts in areas such as finance, real estate, and affordable housing development to obtain advice on specific projects; develop an application process for funds; annually review and monitor the activities of grants and loans; and serve as a coordination body and resource for organizations interested in affordable and special needs housing issues. All actions taken by the board shall constitute recommendations to the CED Director, the Mayor, and the City Council. The CED Director and the Mayor shall have the power to review, ratify, modify or disregard any recommendation submitted by the board.