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PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Chair Buchanan violated the US Constitution's First Amendment, specifically "the establishment clause" when she cancelled the properly and lawfully noticed regular meeting scheduled for 9/16/21 one and half day prior to 9/16/21 citing a religious holiday as a reason. The freedom of religion of the Santa Monica Community and other members of the public who wanted to attend the properly noticed 9/16.21 meeting of the Housing Commission were violated. This is unlawful and unacceptable of a commission Chair or any adult in the US to impose a religious holiday on anybody in this country. Just another proof of how unfit Ms. Buchanan is to be chair or even commissioner.
2. I demand that the Mayor's husband, Michael Soloff immediately resign from the Housing Commission due to nepotism. On July 27, 2021 the Santa Monica City Council discussed the new nepotism policy which bans immediate family members of the councilmembers from city boards, commissions and task forces. The Council, which represents the will of the people, was clear that they believe nepotism should be banned immediately, not at a later time. Mr. Soloff has been snubbing the will of the people for almost two months now, attempting to hold on to the power slipping away from him, his wife Mayor Himmelrich, and SMRR – the political association that they represent. This is not an honorable or ethical conduct.
3. I demand that Ms. Camner and Mr. Hansen immediately resign from the Housing Commission in light of the new direction the Santa Monica Council gave regarding the ban on paid lobbyists on city boards, commissions and task forces. Similarly to Mr. Soloff, these two commissioners have overstayed their welcome on the commission by a couple months now.
4. I demand that appointments to the Housing Commission, which were due by June 30, 2021 be made immediately. The current Commission membership has no business discussing the commission bylaws or any other agenda items while new appointments are

overdue for no reason other than a political game by Mayr Himmelrich who has a hard time reconciling with the fact that the majority of the Council is not aligned with her and SMRR's interests.

5. CoC representation must be immediately established as mandated by the federal law, specifically **24 CFR 578.75(g)(1)**:

(g) Participation of homeless individuals.

(1) Each recipient and subrecipient must provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policymaking entity of the recipient or subrecipient, to the extent that such entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding any project, supportive services, or assistance provided under this part. This requirement is waived if a recipient or subrecipient is unable to meet such requirement and obtains HUD approval for a plan to otherwise consult with homeless or formerly homeless persons when considering and making policies and decisions.

The SMHA is able to establish CoC representation, and there are program participants ready to serve on the SMHA Board. The Housing Commission is NOT a policymaking body, therefore does not fulfill the requirement stated in the above federal regulation. The City is resorting again to smoke and mirrors while twisting the meaning of **24 CFR 578.75(g)(1)**. The City previously tried the same approach of gaslighting to prevent the mandatory RAB and its representation on SMHA Board. It didn't work and it's not going to work in the case of CoC. Once again, the Housing Commission is **NOT** the policymaking body of the SMHA who is the recipient of the CoC funds.

6. The HC agenda online appears to show a different agenda for today's meeting than the one that was posted yesterday. This is confusing and does not allow the public to properly prepare to participate in the meeting.

LOTTERY TO SELECT COMMISSION MEMBERS

As I stated at previous commission meetings, the proposed lottery is an attempt at circumventing federal and state anti discrimination laws. I find it abhorrent and I am shocked the commission spends its time even considering such a discriminatory racist and bigoted idea.

Invitations should be sent to all SM residents to increase the number of applications to the HC and other commissions. That is what a truly democratic city would do.

RAB REPRESENTATIVES ON FUTURE AGENDA

Neither one of the RAB representatives responds to email communications from the public or RAB members. Other ways to contact the reps must be provided and the reps must be educated on their role and responsibilities, of which the main one is to

gather feedback from the RAB and relay it to the SMHA Board. Additionally, multiple requests were sent to SMHA to facilitate a zoom meeting for all RAB members prior to the discussion of the Administrative Plan. To date there is no response. It is the PHA's duty to facilitate RAB's work by providing a meeting room (during the pandemic the equivalent is a zoom meeting) and sending out notices of the meeting to all RAB members. This is another example of SMHA stonewalling the RAB and de facto disenfranchising Section 8 tenants. Nothing has changed...

DIVERSITY REPORT

Not sure why the commission is wasting their third meeting in a row now discussing an item that is not under their jurisdiction. But I have to discuss it, I propose Ms. Camner resign from the Commission to make room for diversity instead of taking up the commission's time to discuss ideology.

FW: September 23 meeting Agenda

From: Patricia Hoffman <phoffmansm@gmail.com>
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EXTERNAL

Commissioners and Staff:

I am somewhat befuddled by your September 23 meeting agenda. Unless I'm missing something, I don't see any item in which you discuss the Housing Element.

In terms of the future of housing and affordability in Santa Monica, the Housing Element is supposed to be the road map. Your voice as a body that represents the public is important. September 23 is your last chance to discuss this before the October 15 deadline.

Please add it to your agenda.

Thank you. Patricia Hoffman.