

IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706

MARCH 28, 2022
WEDNESDAY
5:30 P.M.

The Irwindale **HOUSING AUTHORITY** met in special session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Board Members Manuel R. Garcia, H. Manuel Ortiz;
Vice Chair Albert F. Ambriz; Chair Larry G. Burrola

Absent: Board Member Mark A. Breceda

Present: Julian A. Miranda, Executive Director, Adrian Guerra, Board Attorney, Jamie Traxler, Assistant Board Attorney; Margaret Akerblom, Board Counsel; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Director

SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ITEM C

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ASSISTANT BOARD
ATTORNEY TRAXLER

Assistant Board Attorney presented the staff report and made a PowerPoint presentation.

GILBERT GUZMAN

Gilbert Guzman stated that he has requested that Annie Ambriz speak on his behalf.

ANNE AMBRIZ

Anne Ambriz spoke in support of approving the appeal and placing Mr. Guzman on the Las Casitas eligibility list.

CARMEN ROMAN
AND DENA ZEPEDA

Carmen Roman and Dena Zepeda also spoke in support of approving the appeal.

VICE CHAIR AMBRIZ

Vice Chair Ambriz stated that, although he trusts that staff followed procedure, the Board should show compassion for Mr. Guzman's circumstances. He noted that the application process can be confusing, but Mr. Guzman made every effort to turn in his paperwork and believed that his application was complete. He further stated that the Las Casitas senior apartments were built with the needs of senior Irwindale residents in mind, and made a motion to approve Mr. Guzman's request for an appeal.

BOARD COUNSEL AKERBLOM	Board Counsel Akerblom suggested that the motion be held until after the Board finishes asking any questions it may have.
BOARD MEMBER ORTIZ	Board Member Ortiz concurred that Mr. Guzman should be returned to the eligibility list. He then asked whether the vacant units would be awarded to Irwindale residents, to which Assistant Board Counsel Traxler indicated that she did not have that information. Board Member Ortiz also asked what would occur if Mr. Guzman is permitted to remain on the eligibility list, to which Assistant Board Counsel Traxler advised that this action would not guarantee that Mr. Guzman would be awarded an apartment; he would just be returned to the eligibility list. She advised that the award of the apartments depends on how the applicants rank.
BOARD MEMBER GARCIA	Board Member Garcia agreed that Mr. Guzman should be allowed to continue in the process, and that his application be reviewed and ranked accordingly.
CHAIR BURROLA	Chair Burrola asked about the general rights that homeless individuals have, to which Board Counsel Akerblom advised that staff could advise on how applications submitted by homeless individuals are ranked per the program guidelines. She further indicated that, although she could not advise on the specific rights that homeless individuals have, she noted that this particular program offers specific considerations to homeless individuals, which staff could elaborate upon.
ASSISTANT BOARD ATTORNEY TRAXLER	Assistant Board Attorney Traxler reminded the Board that it has amended the program guidelines in November to include a category that would enable staff to rank homeless applicants. Said applicants are now able to submit signed and notarized affidavits where they state under penalty of perjury that they are homeless. Mr. Guzman would now be able to submit said affidavit.
CHAIR BURROLA	Chair Burrola acknowledged that staff followed the program rules as set by the Housing Authority Board.
VICE CHAIR AMBRIZ	Vice Chair Ambriz rephrased his motion to direct staff to bring back a resolution to grant the appeal and overturn staff's determination.
ASSISTANT BOARD ATTORNEY TRAXLER	Assistant Board Attorney Traxler noted that the appeal guidelines would require a written decision by the Board within seven days, which in this case would include the adoption of the resolution. However, the Housing Authority Board does not have another meeting scheduled until April 13. She asked whether Mr. Guzman would agree to waive the seven-day period in order for the resolution to be approved at the April 13 meeting. Mr. Guzman indicated he accepted the request.

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SPECIAL MEETING

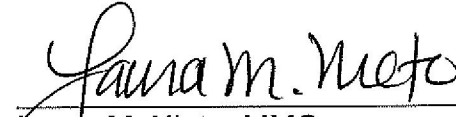
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ROLL CALL

The above-mentioned motion was seconded by Chair Burrola and the motion was unanimously approved on roll-call vote; Board Member Breceda absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Assistant Authority Secretary

Approved as submitted at the meeting held April 13, 2022.