

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 10/23/06		Item Number: <u>A-2</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Appointment to the Culver City Landlord Tenant Mediation Board.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Lillian Ikeda, CDD/Housing		Phone Number: (310) 253-5780	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Advertisements seeking applicants ran in the Culver City News and the Culver City Observer (08/17/06, 08/24/06, 08/31/06 & 09/07/06). Applicants were notified (09/11/06). The Landlord Tenant Mediation Board was notified (07/26/06 & 09/11/06). Master Notification List (10/18/06).			
Department Approval: Susan Evans (09/28/06)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (10/18/2006)	
City Controller Approval: Mary V. Noller (10/18/2006)			
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council consider the applicants and appoint a member to the vacant Tenant Alternate position on the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The Landlord Tenant Mediation Board ("Board") was established by the City Council in 1981 to offer voluntary mediation services to the tenant-landlord community. Those services were expanded on May 20, 1987 by Title 15 of the Culver City Municipal Code to provide mandatory "good faith" mediation to rental disputes surrounding rent increases in Culver City. The purpose and objectives of the Board are: 1) to build and strengthen communications between tenants and landlords; 2) to reduce tensions in the rental housing market by providing a means for tenants and landlords to resolve disputes related to rent increases; and 3) to educate the rental community about tenant and landlord relationships and the rights and responsibilities of both tenants and landlords. Since its creation in 1981, the Board has scheduled five hundred sixty-seven (567) mediation sessions. The Board consists of nine (9) members who each serve three (3) year terms. There are three (3) categories of membership which include: three (3) Tenant Representatives, three (3) Landlord Representatives, and three (3) Member-at-			

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Large Representatives. There are also three (3) alternate positions, one in each of the above-referenced categories.

Tenant Representatives must be a resident of Culver City and have no financial interest in residential income-producing property, either in Culver City or elsewhere.

DISCUSSION:

On June 12, 2006, the City Council made appointments/re-appointments to the Landlord Tenant Mediation Board. At that time, only one (1) application was received for the Tenant Representative and vacant Tenant Alternate position. Ricky Windom was re-appointed by the City Council as Tenant Representative and the Tenant Alternate position was left vacant.

In August/September 2006, the City Clerk's office advertised for the Tenant Alternate position and received a total of two (2) eligible applications for membership.

Tenant Alternate (1 opening)

Judy Monia
Julieanna Thompson

Both applications have been reviewed by the housing staff for eligibility and are included as an attachment.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Any person appointed to this Board is subject to the training requirements of AB 1234 (Ethics Training). The estimated cost to the City of providing this training is \$50. The Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Adopted Budget has sufficient funds to absorb this expenditure.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Chart of Applications
2. Two (2) Applications for Membership

MOTION:

That the City Council appoint _____ as Tenant Alternate on the Board, commencing October 9, 2006 with no term limit.