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To: Michelle Hick, Mayor's Executive Office Administrator
From: Janice Kimball, CEO Housing Connect
Date: September 10, 2021
RE: Housing Connect Board of Commissioners reappointment request – Gwen White

I am writing to request that Gwen White be reappointed to the Housing Connect Board of Commissioners. Her first full-term ended on August 1, 2021. Gwen is a member of Housing Connect's Resident Advisory Board (RAB) and provides valuable RAB and tenant feedback and perspective to the Housing Connect Board in her capacity as one of our commissioners. She has been a pleasure to have on the Housing Connect Board of Commissioners, and we look forward to her continued services as a commissioner. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Application Form

Profile

Gwen _____ R _____ White _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

 Email Address

N/A _____ N/A _____
 Employer Job Title

 Home Address

 Suite or Apt

 City

 State

 Postal Code

 Primary Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing Connect: Appointed

Referred by:

Qualifications

Please tell us about yourself.

I'm a mother of four wonderful children and 15 grand children and 5 great grand children. Such joy and support they give to me. Being homeless for a while my children have worked along with me to give back to the homeless giving sure they help with drive for coats, Christmas for the children. Im so proud of them !

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have spent the last four years as a commissioner and I hope to have four more. I was homeless for a time . I'm also a tenant with a section 8. I've lived in housing since 2010. I can give a voice to homeless serving all tenants plus working with the Board is such an honor.

What education, work experience, or volunteer experience do you have that applies to the board you are applying for?

I worked as Chair on the Consumer Advisory Board with 4th Street. I've been a member of CAB since 2011 to 2021. Tasks performed - outreaches with homeless community-.candle light vigils--press releases-- food drives. I also have worked with Pamela Atkinson speaking at the Parliament of Religion telling my story in Oct 2015. I was elected to be on the Board of Commissioner's on Oct 2 2017 and have been an active member since.

What unique perspectives could you bring to the board?

I have can bring a voice to the tenants and their needs. Living in housing saved my life. I have the privilege to give back to housing and to the tenants I live with. It's been a honor to work with a Board that I respect and support.

[Gwen Resume.docx](#)

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Demographics

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Are you a Salt Lake County employee?

Yes No

Are you a current member of another Salt Lake County board or commission?

Yes No

Race/Ethnicity *

District *

District 3

Gender Pronouns *

Age Range *

Languages *

English

Political Affiliation



Gwen White

Objective

To assist the board to strengthen The Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake policies and directives.

Education

- Salt Lake Community College
- Business Management Certificate | 1998
- Business

Experience

Board Commissioner | Housing Connect | Salt Lake City

Provide a voice for the tenants participating in Housing Connect's programs. Attended NARO trainings and conferences. Give feedback and suggestions during monthly meetings with other commissioners.

September 2017- Present

RAB Commissioner | Housing Connect | Salt Lake City

A liaison between the Housing Connect's Resident Advisory Board and Housing Connect's Board of Commissioners.

February 2012 – 2021

CAB Co-Chair | 4th Street Clinic | Salt Lake City

Coordinate the meetings, agendas, and oversee incoming donations. Participated in outreach programs to educate the community and assist the homeless. Presented my personal homeless story for the Pamela Atkinson Fund at the Hinckley Institute and World Religions Conference. Member of the planning committee for the community Homeless Candlelight Vigil. Advised Governor on outreach findings regarding the homeless population.

Board of Directors, Secretary | Mountain County Investments | Salt Lake City

Fundraising for the Humane Society by using different media outreach techniques. Oversaw the phone room as manager of incoming donations.

Property Manager | PF West, Tanglewood Apartments | West Valley City

Collecting rent from tenants, leased units, and follow through process of evictions. Oversaw maintenance and cleaning of the complex. Planned and executed tenant activities such as barbeques, pool parties, etc.

Awards & Acknowledgements

- Salt Lake Tribune News articles
- TV spotlight about outreach efforts with homelessness and transition in housing



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RE: Housing Connect Board of Commissioners reappointment request – Phil Bernal

I am writing to request that Phil Bernal be reappointed to the Housing Connect Board of Commissioners. Phil took over the term of a former commissioner who was not able to complete her assignment, and his first term will end on October 10, 2021. Phil actively participates in the leadership of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and provides valuable perspective on a number of national and local housing issues. We greatly appreciate Phil's service as a Board commissioner, and we look forward to his continued service as a commissioner. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Application Form

Profile

Philip _____ V _____ Bernal _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

 Email Address

Retired _____
 Employer Job Title

 Home Address

 Suite or Apt

 City

 State

 Postal Code

 Primary Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing Connect: Submitted

Referred by:

Qualifications

Please tell us about yourself.

My wife and I have lived in Salt Lake County for 49 years and I have mainly worked in higher education except for two political appointments. One for two years and the other for eight years. I have been involved with various Hispanic and non-Hispanic community organizations over the years. I also retired from the Army Reserve after 27 years of service. I have been very fortunate as I am the first in my immediate family to graduate from high school and was able to obtain two college degrees. I believe we need to help others in our society to succeed in life. I know I could never have succeeded in my personal and professional life without the help of others.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Serving allows me to help others who need assistance or guidance to resources. I believe my skills and experience helps me see the larger picture and hopefully change some procedures or policies to increase resources or make resources easier to obtain.

What education, work experience, or volunteer experience do you have that applies to the board you are applying for?

I served on Salt Lake City's Housing Authority Board for nine years before serving on Salt Lake County's Housing Authority Board (Housing Connect). Since 2013 I have served on the National Commissioners Committee for the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). From 2017 to 2019 I also served on the National Governing Board for NAHRO. I am a NAHRO certified commissioner which requires numerous training seminars.

What unique perspectives could you bring to the board?

I am aware of some HUD regulations which make it difficult for individuals to obtain housing. I also know that national and local regulations can be changed to provide people safe and affordable housing. For six months in the late 1960s I was technically homeless because I slept on the floor of a friend's apartment so I understand the trauma of not having your own housing.

[Bernal_2021_Resume_Brief.doc](#)

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District *

District 4

Gender Pronouns *

Age Range *



Languages *

English

Political Affiliation



PHILIP VINCENT BERNAL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Associate Director, Department of Public Works, Salt Lake County	2005-2013
Director of Community Relations and Diversity Affairs, Salt Lake County Mayor's Office	2005
Manager of Outreach Services, Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority	2001-2005
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Training, Readiness, Mobilization and Reserve Affairs)	1999-2001
Director of Student Services/Minority Affairs, Utah System of Higher Education	1993-1999
Assistant Director, Office of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action, University of Utah	1988-1993
Associate Director, Union Building, University of Utah	1971-1988
Financial Aid Counselor, University of California, Los Angeles	1969-1971

EDUCATION:

Master of Science, Management, University of Utah
Bachelor of Science, Journalism, University of Utah

MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

Retired, United States Army Reserve (27 years). Public Affairs Supervisor (NCOIC) for unit operation and press, radio, and video sections. Served on active duty during Desert Shield/Storm, 1990 and in Bosnia during initial NATO/U.S. deployment, 1995-96. Clearance: Secret

SELECTED COMMITTEE/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE LISTING:

U.S. Department of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board Alumni Member, 2001-2011, Fellow 2012-2014
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities/Educational Testing Service Policy Fellowship, 1999-2000
Utah AmeriCorps Committee, 1997-99
Utah ADA Coordinating Committee, 1997-99
Utah Native American Coordinating Board, 1996-99
Utah Deaf Interpreters Certification Board, 1994-98
Prevention Committee, Utah Substance Abuse/Anti-violence Coordinating Council, 1993-99
University of Utah Chicano Scholarship Committee, Treasurer, 1986-1993, 2004-2007

SELECTED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Board of Governors, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), 2017-2019
Member, National Commissioners Committee, NAHRO, 2013-Present
Member, Salt Lake County Housing Authority, 2018-Present
Member, Board of Commissioners, Salt Lake City Housing Authority, 2007-2017 (Chair, 2014-2016)
Member, Board of Directors, Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association, 2008-Present
Utah Hispanic Legislative Task Force, 2007-2010 (Co-Chair 2008)
University of Utah Alumni Board, 2005-2008 (Legislative Committee Chair, 2007)
Education/Scholarship Representative, Ibarra Foundation, 2005-2008
Salt Lake County Hispanic/Latino Advisory Task Force, 2004-2005
Utah American Indian/Alaskan Native Education Task Force, 2003-2005
Advisory Committee, U.S. Senate Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs, 1997-99
Board of Directors, Utah MESA/STEP (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement/Science, Technology, Engineering Programs), 1994-99, 2003-2005, Chair 1995/1997
Governing Board, St. Joseph Villa (Non-profit retirement care facility), 1996-99
Salt Lake County Sheriff Citizen's Advisory Board, 1992-95, Chair 1993-95
Board of Directors, Salt Lake Rape Crisis Center, 1992-94
Salt Lake Tribune Newspaper, Columnist, 1992-93
Utah Governor's Hispanic Advisory Council, 1987-91, Chair 1989-91
University of Utah President Search Committee, 1990-91