

Boards and Commissions Application

Profile

Ryan

First Name

Jasinsky

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing and Community Development Commission: Submitted

Are you a resident of San Jose?

Yes No

Length of Residency

3-5 years

What district do you live in? To verify, please click here: <https://eservices.sccgov.org/rov/?tab=dt> *

District 1

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

Campbell

City

CA

State

95008

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Brandenburg, Staedler & Moore

Employer

Assistant Director of Property Management

Job Title

[Redacted]

Current Employer Address

Jazz Pharmaceuticals

Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

Executive Assistant to CEO

Spouse's Job Title

If you or your spouse is retired and receiving a pension, please state source of pension.

Interests & Experiences

High School, College, Professional, Vocational, or Other Schools Attended. Please include Major or Field of Study, Dates Attended, Degree and Date of Degree.

High School: Saint Lawrence Academy 1999-2003 College: De Anza College 2003-2006; Associate of Arts Degree in Psychology 2006 College: UC San Diego 2006-2008; BA in Psychology 2008

List any position or office held in any governmental agency, civic, or charitable organization including the dates

English

Languages Spoken

Special Awards or Recognitions Received

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member. If you are applying for the Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices, please indicate any familiarity or experience you may have with campaign laws.

I currently work for Brandenburg, Staedler & Moore a leading mobilehome provider in San Jose and throughout other areas of the Bay Area. In addition to currently representing the mobilehome industry, I have worked in Property Management managing single family homes and multifamily properties throughout San Jose and the greater Bay Area from 2008 to 2016. I want to further assist the City of San Jose to find fair practices in the housing industry that will assist all of San Jose. Real Estate is a passion of mine and given the current market conditions I see the strain that it puts on the residents, owners and City. I would truly enjoy being a part of the solution and to assist with finding new ideas to address the challenges we face.

Please state any other information which you feel would be useful in reviewing your application

I have been recommended for this position by Mike Graves and Geri Nave whom is the President of the MHET

Do you own property in the City of San José?

Yes No

If yes, please list the addresses here.

Do you rent property in the City of San José?

Yes No

If yes, is it a month-to-month lease?

Yes No

State and local law require that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interests, including sources of income, interest in real property, personal finances or investments. In addition, if appointed, you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement which identifies certain of your financial interest beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment. Please review the scopr of your board/commission in Municipal Code Chapter 2.08. Based on your best judgment, does this Board or Commission make decisions that may affect sources of income, interests in real property, personal finances or investments of you or your spouse?

Yes No

If yes, please explain. Please identify any organizations, associations, corporations, or entities by which you are employed or associated that might be affected by decisions of this Board or Commission, and the positions you hold in these entities.

Question applies to multiple boards

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Yes No

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Have you ever been required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) and failed to do so?

Yes No

Question applies to multiple boards

If yes, please explain in complete detail.

Question applies to multiple boards

Please confirm that you have reviewed and agree to comply with the San Jose Municipal Code Chapter 12.08 (Prohibition of Gifts), City of San Jose Ethics Policy (City Policy Manual 1.2.1), and City of San Jose Gift Policy (City Policy Manual 1.2.2).

Yes No

Mike Graves

Reference 1 Name

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

Geri Nave

Reference 2 Name

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Phone

Supplemental Questions

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission(s) to which you are applying?

Yes No

Would you be available to attend meetings at the scheduled time?

Yes No

Please describe your experience in serving on a Commission or Board.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to the selected commission(s).

I have been a Property Manager since 2008 and have been Real Estate Broker since 2018. I managed single family homes, multifamily properties and mobilehomes. In addition, I have managed over 50+ on/off site managers, worked on budgets for my clients and ensure that properties all well maintained and meet all City and State codes.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

My understanding of the Commission is that it advises and makes recommendations to the City Council and others regarding housing programs, policies and community development.

Please list three issues facing the City that you feel the Commission should address.

Lack of Housing development, Affordable Housing/Homelessness, Rent Control

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

If your employer or other source of income owns, leases or manages property subject to a City rent ordinance (i.e., the Mobilehome Rent Ordinance or Rental Dispute and Mediation Ordinance), or if you are unsure, please list your employer's name or other source of income and address here.

I work for Brandenburg, Staedler & Moore:

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?

I have managed many properties that were subject to the City's rent ordinance and rented to people with Section 8.

Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

Please explain your familiarity with the Community Development Block Grant Program?

I'm unfamiliar with this program.

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I am applying for a Low- or Moderate-Income Position on the Commission. See requirement below.

Yes No

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I qualify for a Low- or Moderate-Income Seat on the Housing and Community Development Commission. Please indicate how you qualify by selecting one of the following:

N/A

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I meet the requirements for one of the Housing and Community Development Commission Special Eligibility Seats. Please note, if you indicate you are mobilehome resident or landlord representative, you will need to submit a copy of a letter from that organization indicating their nomination of you as their representative.

None Selected

I would like to say . . .

Thank you for reviewing my application and I look forward to the possibility of working with the City to find solutions to the challenges affecting our residents.

(Optional) Please upload a resume.

Retirement Board Questions Only

Verification

By checking the box below, you agree with the following statement.

I agree that all of the information contained in my responses to the questions on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that, by checking the box below and submitting this application, online or otherwise, I am affixing my digital signature to this form as of the date submitted.

I Agree *

MHET Manufactured Housing
Educational Trust of Santa Clara County

Mike Graves
Executive Director
97 South Second
Suite 290
San Jose CA. 95113

June 12, 2018

To: City of San Jose

From: Geri Navé

On behalf of the Manufactured Housing Educational Trust of Santa Clara County (MHET) I am recommending Ryan Jasinsky as the Mobiehome Park Owner's choice to replace Mike Graves as our commissioner representative on the City of San José's Housing Commission, the HCDC, per the City San Jose H.C.D.C. Municipal Code

2.08.2820 - Special eligibility requirement

One member shall be a person recommended by an organization of owners of San José mobilehome parks.

Thus as the President of San Clara County Manufactured Housing Educational Trust representing Park Owners is the City of San Jose, I place Ryan Jasinsky name in nomination to represent the Park Owners on the commission.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact either Mike Graves, or myself, Geri Navé should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

 Geri Navé

CC: Dev Davis

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Martha

First Name

O'Connell

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

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Suite or Apt

San Jose

City

CA

State

95136

Postal Code

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Primary Phone

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Alternate Phone

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Employer

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Job Title

[Redacted]

Current Employer Address

NA

Current Employer of Spouse

[Redacted]

Address of Current Employer of Spouse

NA

Spouse's Job Title

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CSU

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As the mobilehome representative I am exempt from this.

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Yes No

Attorney Bruce Stanton

Reference 1 Name

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Address

[REDACTED]

Reference 1 Phone

Glenna Howcroft

Reference 2 Name

[REDACTED]

Reference 2 Address

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Question applies to Housing and Community Development Commission

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Mobilehome Resident

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I Agree *

Martha O'Connell

Attachment to Application to Housing and Community Development Commission – 2018

Education

B.A Political Science, San Jose State University

M.A. Political Theory, San Jose State University

Junior College Teaching Credential, San Jose State University

B.A. African American Studies, San Jose State University

List any position or office held in any governmental agency, civic, or charitable organization including the dates:

Incumbent Mobilehome Resident Representative Commissioner and two term Chair of the Housing and Community Development Commission, 4-29-14 to present.

Region Manager, Zone A-1, GSMOL (Golden State Manufactured and Mobile Home Owners League), December 2017 and continuing.

Associate Manager, Zone A-1, GSMOL (Golden State Manufactured and Mobile Home Owners League), December 2016 to December 2017. Promoted to Region Manager.

Member GSMOL LAT (Legislative Action Team), January 2017 and continuing.

Member GSMOL Education Fund, August 2018 and continuing.

Founding member and current President of HOME, Homeowners Organized to Maintain Equity, an advocacy group for residents of Mobilehome Parks; 2005 to present.

City of San Jose Senior Citizens Commission; 2008-2014

City of San Jose Human Rights Commission; 1992-95.

Member, Downtown Redevelopment Committee 1984-86.

NAACP Defenders Circle; 2011 and continuing.

Member and Chair of San Jose State University HIV/AIDS Committee; 1981-1999.

Coordinator; San Jose State University Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week; 1984-1999.

Special Awards or Recognition Received:

San Jose Senior Citizens Commission; Emeritus status granted.

Special Commendation from PRNS for “extraordinary services as Chair of the Senior Commission.”

Certificate of excellence from the City of San Jose for service on the Senior Commission.

San Jose State University Women’s Center recognition award.

Billy De Frank GLBT Center; volunteer of the year from two different groups.

S.I.R. Staff for Individual Rights volunteer of the year.

References:

Bruce Stanton, Corporate Council, GSMOL.

Warren Gannon, Chair of the Senior Commission,

Glenna Howcroft, GSMOL Superchapter 0018/0018/A.

Please state why you want to become a member of this Board or Commission including specific objectives which you would work toward as a member:

I want to continue as a member of the HCDC because I am not only one of the most knowledgeable members, but I am passionately committed to the issues about which the HCDC is charged to make recommendations. Not only do I faithfully attend meetings, but I am “on the ground” in the City talking to and working with the homeless, folks concerned with affordable housing, and residents equally concerned about the preservation of mobilehome parks in San Jose. When I first applied, I listed as some of my specific objectives:

- To help in this consolidation process instead of trying to sink a ship that has already sailed. (refers to the consolidation of the MAC, the ARC and the old HCDC
- To bring Mobilehome issues into the broader rubric of Housing instead of ghettoizing them
- **To serve as a voice of moderation within the context of interests that are frequently seen as adversarial: landlord versus tenant, resident versus Park owner.**

- To contribute my vast, years old knowledge of these issues to the new Commission.
- To speak for the Seniors, people living with HIV/AIDS and the disabled in the field of affordable housing.

I met all those objectives and I wish to continue to my service.

One of my specific objectives as the Mobilehome Resident Representative would be to aid in the maintenance of a collegial environment on the Commission especially with my colleague who represents the Park Owners. In the next few years we will be making recommendations on highly emotional issues. As Chair, and as a Commissioner, I have served as a bridge during many contentious discussions. I am respected across the board and this standing will help facilitate a healthy and respectful environment. We can disagree without being disagreeable.

Please state any other information which you feel would be useful in reviewing your application:

As an HCDC Commissioner, I have never missed, or been late, for a meeting. I had the same record on the Senior Commission and the Human Rights Commission. I have always taken on leadership positions in those entities and given 200% to whatever job I was assigned.

In 1994, I was told that I could not mobilize enough financial and logistical support as a Human Rights Commissioner to bring the AIDS Memorial Quilt to San Jose. Putting together a coalition of University, City, business and civic groups, I did it. I do not accept that something worth doing is impossible until I have done all I can to try to make it happen. The appreciation book signed by all those with whom I worked for a year to make the Quilt Display possible is one of my proudest possessions.

Please describe your experience on serving on a Board or Commission:

I was appointed to the HCDC effective 4-29-14 as the D1 representative. I served two terms as the Chair. My nomination for Chair was supported by both the Park owner representative, Commissioner Mike Graves, and the Park resident representative, Davlyn Jones. My reputation for fairness and effectiveness is evident by that dual support and was thereafter recognized on the last day of my second term as Chair when Commissioner Michael Fitzgerald recommended that the City present me with an award. Numerous Commissioners joined with him in that recommendation. My deep as well as broad knowledge of housing issues has been demonstrated by letters and reports I have written to Council as well as public testimony. I have been one of the most active, articulate and informed members of the HCDC during my tenure.

In December 2017, due to the resignation of the Mobilehome Resident Representative, I resigned my D1 seat and was appointed to fill the remaining one year term. I am now applying for the four year full term as the Mobilehome Resident Representative.

I was appointed to the Senior Commission in 2008. At my request I was placed on the Housing and Human Services Subcommittee (HHS), one of the two standing subcommittees of the Senior Commission.

2008 - 2009 – Secretary for the HHS

2008 – 2013. Liaison from the Senior Commission to the MAC – Mobilehome Advisory Commission. Perfect attendance. Never missed a MAC meeting. **It is critical to note that the Senior Commission had had no liaison to the MAC for years. It was my idea to reactivate this liaison appointment since Mobilehomes represent one of the most affordable housing options in San Jose for Seniors.**

2008 – 2013. One of three liaisons from the Senior Commission to the old HCDC Commission.

2013-14. One of three liaisons from the Senior Commission to the new HCDC Commission.

2008 – 2013. Frequent attendee at the ACR, Advisory Commission on Rents.

2009- 2010 – Chair of the HHS (Housing and Human Services) Subcommittee

2010- 2011 – Vice Chair of the Senior Commission

2011-2012 – Chair Senior Commission

2012-2013 – Chair of Senior Commission; awarded Emeritus status

2013 – 2014. Continuing member of HHS Subcommittee and Senior Commission.

1992 – 1995. Human Rights Commission. Chair of the Quilt Committee to bring the AIDS Quilt to San Jose.

Considering your experience and activities in business, labor, professional, social, or other organizations, indicate the experience, training, knowledge and/or skills which qualify you for appointment to this commission.

I was appointed in December 2016 as the Zone A-1 Associate Manager for the Golden State Manufactured and Mobile Home Owners League (GSMOL). In December 2017 I was promoted to Region Manager. GSMOL is the largest state organization representing mobilehome residents. I serve as a resource person for folks in the counties of Santa Clara, Alameda, San Mateo, Contra

Costa, and San Francisco. I am active with GSMOL's state lobbyist in the area of new legislation. I participate in continuing training sessions on housing issues.

On June 30, 2018 I hosted a Regional Mobilehome Owners Conference in San Jose. Residents from 31 different Parks and 13 Cities attended this all day Conference. I attach the program brochure.

In May 2017 I was awarded a "Mobilehome Residency Law Master Certificate" after weeks of training and passage of an exam. The Mobilehome Residency Law is "the Bible" of mobilehome law – a state law.

In 2005, I founded HOME, Homeowners Organized to Maintain Equity, an advocacy group for residents of mobilehome Parks. From 2005, I have immersed myself in Mobilehome issues, publishing a monthly newsletter, sponsoring information meetings with the City of San Jose's Housing Department, and interacting with Project Sentinel, the Asian Law Alliance and the Mental Health Advocacy Project to address issues in mobilehome Parks.

I did not miss a single meeting of the MAC during the time it was a standalone Commission from 2005 to its consolidation with the old HCDC. My knowledge of the mobilehome Ordinances, as well as on point case law, is extensive. My computer room is a veritable library of laws, codes, and case law on housing issues. **In September 2008, I authored a report on mobilehomes and the San Jose mobilehome ordinance for the Senior Commission to use as a resource guide.**

In the 2013 City of San Jose rent increase petition administrative hearing before Judge Michael Lowy, I held 89 proxies, representing over 100 folks in a proceeding held pursuant to the City's Mobilehome Rent Control Ordinance. The previous year, I was my Park's liaison to the attorney who was then our representative. As a member of the HHS subcommittee, I have immersed myself in housing issues since 2008. I have written countless letters to the Council on housing in my position as Chair of the HCDC and Senior Commissions and testified at Rules and City Council on equally countless occasions.

As an attendee at the Advisory Commission on Rents (ACR), I was jokingly referred to by a representative for the Landlords as "the public" since so few citizens attend those meetings. She then presented me with a copy of "The California Fair Housing Encyclopedia" at an ACR meeting as an acknowledgment of my commitment to the ACR meetings.

As a years old attendee of the HCDC before my appointment, I was far from passive. My concerns and insights have been recognized in the HCDC minutes for years.

Prompted by a story in the Mercury News about an unidentified Senior who died in a homeless shelter, I facilitated four presentations to the Senior Commission or the HHS on the issue of

homelessness from both City staff and Lifebuilders. I made a site visit to the Little Orchard Shelter and advocated for the position of Case Manager. I am a member of the Affordable Housing Network and have worked with CHAM (Community Homeless Alliance Ministry) and HOMELESS.

What is your understanding of the purpose of the Commission?

The Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) consists of 13 members who advise the Director of Housing, the Mayor, and the City Council on housing and community development matters, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

It is also one of the organs that serves as the site for mandated, official public hearings for various housing and community development issues.

Please list three issues facing the City that you feel the Commission should address:

1. In the last four years on the HCDC, I have learned a very important lesson: the City needs to do better outreach to the Community when it comes to housing issues. Whether it be the housing for the homeless projects at Senter Road and Evans Lane, the creation of a new mobilehome closure ordinance, or the changes to the apartment rent stabilization ordinance, we have heard over and over from the stakeholders that they need more meetings, more information and clearer information. This was addressed by Councilperson Tam Nguyen in a letter to the Rules Committee, agenda packet for 2-15-17 Rules meeting.

I have advocated during my entire HCDC tenure that the public meetings must not only be at night but during the day as well. Many Seniors do not drive at night. Additionally I witnessed numerous folks from Evans Lane and other neighborhoods tell the Council that they depend on public transportation and getting off at, for example, the Curtner light rail station at night is unsafe. I have also consistently advocated that the distribution of meetings notices be in multiple languages and that translators be at all meetings. If we want public buy in, we need to do better. If we want to be a representational government, we need to do better. I have also advocated for standalone Council meetings when we know that hundreds and hundreds of folks will be coming to testify.

2. Local housing issues are tied to state issues. A minority of apartments are covered under rent control. If passed by the voters in November 2018, Prop 10, the repeal of the Costa Hawkins Act, will have a tremendous impact on solving the affordable housing crisis. In 2017, I wrote "We need to work with other cities and counties for a repeal of Costa Hawkins."

3. Aging Infrastructure in mobilehome Parks. Mobilehomes are one of the last bastions of affordable housing, especially for Seniors. The failure of many of the park owners to set aside monies to pay for infrastructure repair should not be used to justify a run around rent control.

What experience do you have with affordable housing issues?

From 2005 to date advocating through HOME.

From 2008 – 2014 with the Housing and Human Services subcommittee of the Senior Commission.

From 2008 – 2014 with the Senior Citizens Commission.

From 2004 and continuing Representation of numerous Senior and disabled folks with their housing problems - interfacing with Asian Law Alliance, Project Sentinel, the Law Foundation, and the Mental Health Advocacy Project.

As Chair of the SJSU HIV/AIDS Committee, I initiated a person from the homeless community to be a participant in our annual “World AIDS Day” series of events. The issue of the incredible challenges for a person living with HIV/AIDS while a member of the homeless community was a new consideration for the SJSU Committee until I brought it to the fore. I worked with CHAM (Community Homeless Alliance Ministry) to secure a speaker and maintain one annually.

Have attended informational meetings held by CHAM (Community Homeless Alliance Ministry), marched in demonstrations for affordable housing, served food to the homeless during holiday outreaches, and collected blankets, clothing and food for the folks.

Refer to previous question on experience for more specific examples.

Please explain your familiarity with the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Community Development Block Grant Program is a federal program that awards the City money to help low and moderate income folks, address an urgent community need, and prevent or eliminate slums or blight, such as homeless encampments. The City awards money on a competitive basis to NGOs.

As an incumbent HCDC Commissioner, I have made recommendations to the Housing Department on the awarding of such funds. In 2012, I served on a San Jose City grant panel to make recommendations for the awarding of CDBG money to such programs as the Housing Trust Fund, SALA, Meals on Wheels, Catholic Social Services, and the Billy De Frank Center. I have attended numerous stakeholder meetings since 2008 held by the City to obtain input on prioritizing the expenditures of HUD monies and CDBGs. Attended all the 2010-2011 meetings of the joint County/City Senior Nutrition Program Task Force which developed a strategy to save

the Senior Nutrition Program which had been slated for total elimination. Prior to joining the HCDC, I was frequently one of the limited number of members of the public to attend the **mandated hearings** held by HCDC on the recommendations for the awarding of the CDBG grants. I have personally facilitated contact by mobilehome park residents with the Housing Department to apply for grants funded by CDBG money for rehabilitation to make their homes decent, safe, warm, and sanitary. I have hosted informational meetings with Rebuilding Together, one of the recipients of CDBG funds. Served on the PRNS Ad Hoc Committee to help come up with the scope of the RFP for the ongoing selection process for the nutrition vendor (2013). In late 2013 I was then selected to move onto the seven person panel to interview and rate the candidates for the final award of the RFP.

I was in attendance on September 12, 2013 when Housing staff made a formal presentation to the HCDC, "Overview of Federal Funding" that included CDBG.

I would like to say

I have striven to be a fair and informed HCDC Commissioner since my initial appointment. I have the respect of my fellow Commissioners across the board, regardless of whether or not we agree on specific issues. I am passionate about housing issues and want to serve a full term as the Mobilehome Resident Representative to continue to contribute to the City of San Jose. My letters of recommendation have two important themes: I am extremely knowledgeable and I am fair.



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August 23, 2018

Toni Tabor, City Clerk
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Councilperson Sergio Jiminez
Liaison to Housing and Community Development Commission
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Nomination/Recommendation of Martha O' Connell to HCDC

As corporate counsel of the Golden State Manufactured - Home Owners League, Inc. (GSMOL), I am writing on behalf of our San Jose GSMOL members to nominate and recommend the appointment of Ms. Martha O' Connell to the City's Housing and Development Commission (HCDC) as mobilehome resident representative. Martha has been capably serving our local GSMOL members as an Associate Manager, and has been active and knowledgeable with respect to mobilehome matters for many years. She serves on the GSMOL Legislative Action Team and recently coordinated a mobilehome conference for San Jose residents. She is a mobilehome resident who has experienced first-hand the issues of living in a mobilehome community. She has assisted many residents with their issues and has been a valuable part of GSMOL's leadership team in the south Bay Area for several years.

I have personally known Martha for many years, and know her to be a smart, savvy advocate for mobilehome residents. I have worked with her both as a representative of her own park in two administrative rent hearings, and as a member of the HCDC, on which she served for a number of years. I have always found her to be smart on the issues, a tireless worker and someone who is passionate about her fellow mobilehome residents. She is pragmatic and a problem solver. GSMOL believes that she will be a valuable addition to the HCDC as a resident representative.

For these reasons GSMOL nominates and recommends Martha O' Connell to serve on the HCDC in this capacity, and we give her our highest possible recommendation for this position. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at: _____ or by direct phone at: _____ should you have any questions.


Bruce E. Stanton, Corporate Counsel

cc: GSMOL Board of Directors

GOLDEN STATE MANUFACTURED - HOME OWNERS LEAGUE



GSMOL Super Chapter 0018 - Pepper Tree- and 0018A - Colonial Mobile Manor

August 28, 2018

Toni Tabor, City Clerk, City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, Calif. 95113

Councilperson Sergio Jimenez
Liaison to Housing and Community Development Commission
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, Calif. 95113

Re: Nomination/Recommendation of Martha O'Connell to HCDC

GSMOL Super Chapter 0018/0018A nominates Martha O'Connell for the position of Mobile Home Resident Representative on the HCDC, Housing and Community Development Commission.

I met Martha in November 2016. At that time, I was an inactive member of GSMOL. The day she called me, she informed me of the "Opt-In" proposal created by some of the park owners in San Jose. I secured the club house as she requested so she could come speak to the residents here. However, it was not without a bitter fight from the manager. Management had violated the Mobile Home Residency Law in order to thwart the meeting. The incident was recounted in the Dec. 2016 issue of Martha's newsletter "Straight Talk." Martha had spearheaded this fight against "Opt-In" authoring the petition which eventually garnered over 3,600 signatures. Thankfully on March 13, 2018, the long caustic fight ended with a unanimous vote from City Council to do away with the proposal.

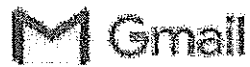
For the period that Martha has held her position as Resident Representative, she has delivered honest and solid representation. Collectively, the mobile home residents of San Jose are very grateful for her committed and persevering work she has effectuated for us in our on-going struggle to receive fair and equitable treatment.

I have personally observed Martha interacting with poor, frightened and terrorized residents. All are treated with equal attentiveness and respect. Her honesty, pragmatism and tenacity make her an outstanding problem solver between City Officials, Park owners, and the mobile home community at large. She has more than proven herself as to her passion and work ethics as one of San Jose's most effective Housing Commissioners for several years.

Since her appointment as our representative to fill an unexpired one year term, GSMOL Super Chapter 0018/0018A is again urging the San Jose City Council to re-appoint Ms. Martha O'Connell as our Mobile Home Resident Representative for a full term. The residents of San Jose's fifty-nine mobile home parks desperately need her to continue her dynamic work on the HCDC.

Sincerely,

Glenna Howcroft
GSMOL Super Chapter President 0018/0018A



nomination approved by entire board

1 message

Saul S
To: Martha O'Connell

Thu, Aug 23, 2018 at 7:56 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

The Mountain Springs Mobile Home Home Owners Association nominates Martha O'Connell for the position of Mobile Home Resident Representative on the HCDC. It was the unanimous decision of our HOA Board to nominate Martha O'Connell .

We have known her for years and trust her to represent our best interests. She is well informed, articulate and focused. We have seen her in action at HCDC as Chair and found her to be fair, knowledgeable about Robert's Rules of Order and a true consensus builder.

Martha is not only extremely well informed about mobile home issues but she knows housing across the board, from homeless to bridge housing to apartment rent control issues.

We therefore nominate Martha O'Connell to be the Mobile Home Resident Representative on the HCDC.

Sincerely,

Mountain Springs Home Owners Association

Marge Lundberg-President

Ivan Erdos-Vice President

Saul Srour-Treasurer

Teresa Mulligan-Sergeant of Arms

Judy Lara-Resident Area Contact Leader