



Ventura County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
Public Authority

July 26, 2022

Exhibit 1-IHSS Public Authority Letter

Governing Board
Ventura County Public Authority
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Subject: **Reappointment of Maria Alvarez, James Importante, Jacob Lesner-Buxton, Ramon Ortiz, Rosa Ortiz, and Patricia Gamboa Puentes to the Ventura County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority Advisory Committee.**

Recommendation:

Reappoint six current members to the In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority (IHSS-PA) Advisory Committee, effective July 27, 2022, through July 26, 2024:

Name	Member Category	Reappointment Term
Maria Alvarez	Consumer of Services	07/27/2022 – 07/26/2024
James Importante	CEO Representative	07/27/2022 – 07/26/2024
Jacob Lesner-Buxton	Consumer of Services	07/27/2022 – 07/26/2024
Ramon Ortiz	Consumer of Services	07/27/2022 – 07/26/2024
Rosa Ortiz	Provider of Services	07/27/2022 – 07/26/2024
Patricia Gamboa Puentes	Consumer of Services	07/27/2022 – 07/26/2024

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	Yes
Authority:	Welfare & Institutions Code Section 12301.6 and County Ordinance No. 4493
Source of Funding:	California Department of Social Services Allocation
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other Departments:	None

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

Discussion:

A. Background

Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 12300 et seq., the IHSS-PA is a County-administered program to serve eligible consumers who need supportive services or


assistance (i.e., personal care and/or homemaker services) in order to live as independently as possible in their own homes. Those eligible for services are aged or disabled recipients of public assistance or of low incomes.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 12301.6, subdivision (b)(3) requires that when, as in Ventura County, the county board of supervisors is the governing body of the public authority, it must appoint an advisory committee of not more than 11 individuals. County of Ventura Ordinance No. 4493 (adopted July 26, 2016), Section 3.2 designates your Board as the governing body of the Ventura County IHSS-PA. Section six establishes an 11-member IHSS Advisory Committee and specifies its duties, which include providing ongoing advice and recommendations regarding in-home supportive services to your Board and to the Human Services Agency, which serves as the administrative agency to the IHSS-PA. The IHSS-PA also assists your Board in its capacity as the governing body by establishing a registry of providers; maintaining referrals for service; providing training to providers and recipients; and monitoring compliance with personal care regulations.

B. Current Proposal/Request

IHSS-PA staff recommends that your Board reappoint six current IHSS-PA Advisory Committee members for a new two-year term as listed above. The IHSS-PA works diligently to maintain the appropriate composition of IHSS-PA Advisory Committee members in accordance with state law and Ordinance No. 4493. The proposed IHSS-PA Advisory Committee roster is attached for your review (Exhibit 2). Should your Board approve the recommended action, the committee will consist of seven voting members and two non-voting members.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-477-5323, or Leticia Ortega, IHSS-PA Executive Director, at 805-654-3446.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment:
Exhibit 2- Advisory Committee Roster