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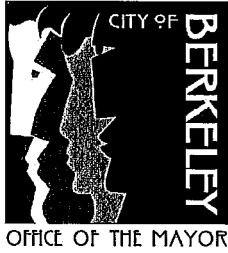
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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CITY OF BERKELEY

URGENCY ITEM AGENDA MATERIAL

Meeting Date: December 10, 2019
Item Description: Appointment of Ali Kashani to the Berkeley Housing
Authority Board

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CONSENT CALENDAR

December 10, 2019

TO: Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Arreguín

SUBJECT: Appointment of Ali Kashani to the Berkeley Housing Authority Board

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution appointing Ali Kashani to serve a four-year term on the Berkeley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

BACKGROUND

On May 22, 2007, the Berkeley City Council established a Berkeley Housing Authority (BHA) Board of Commissioners. State law mandates BHA commissioners, including successors be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

The Board currently has two vacancies, impacting their ability to reach quorum. The need to fill the vacancy is urgent, given the Board's need to deliberate and hire a new Executive Director after the passing of former director Bill Wilkins.

I am nominating Ali Kashani to serve on the Berkeley Housing Authority Board. Kashani has over 35 years of experience in real estate acquisition, zoning/planning, and financial analysis for affordable and market-rate housing in the Bay Area. This includes extensive experience in Federal, State and local funding including various HUD programs, Section 8, and California HCD, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Tax Exempt Bonds and CalHFA. He served as the founding Executive Director of Affordable Housing Associates (now SAHA) from 1993-2004, and has held board positions at Resources for Community Development, Bay Area Community Services, East Bay Housing Organizations, and Livable Berkeley. Kashani's lengthy and intimate knowledge of housing in Berkeley and the East Bay makes him an ideal candidate to fill the vacancy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONTACT

Mayor Jesse Arreguín
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ATTACHMENT(S)

(1) Resolution, (2) Résumé

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

APPOINTMENT OF ALI KASHANI TO THE
BERKELEY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Berkeley, as the governing body of the City of Berkeley, declared itself to the Commissioners of the Berkeley Housing Authority (BHA) and appointed two tenant Commissioners pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34290; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2007 the Mayor appointed and the City Council by a majority vote confirmed the appointment of 5 Commissioners and 2 tenant Commissioners to the BHA Board pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34270; and

WHEREAS, there are currently two vacancies on the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has nominated Ali Kashani, a Berkeley resident, who has over 35 years of experience in real estate acquisition, zoning/planning, and financial analysis for affordable and market-rate housing in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Kashani has served as the founding Executive Director of Affordable Housing Associates (now SAHA) from 1993-2004, and has held board positions at Resources for Community Development, Bay Area Community Services, East Bay Housing Organizations, and Livable Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Berkeley is an office filled by election of the people of Berkeley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Ali Kashani is appointed to serve as Commissioner of the Berkeley Housing Authority Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor of the City of Berkeley that, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34272(a), Mr. Kashani be appointed to serve a four-year term.

Ali R. Kashani, Memar Properties, Inc. DBA MPI Homes
President, CEO

QUALIFICATIONS

Residential Developer

Over 35-years experience in the SF Bay Area

Expert knowledge in real estate acquisition, zoning/planning analysis, design, entitlement, plan-check, and building permitting. Extensive experience in financial analyses for feasibility of affordable/market-rate projects, adept at evaluating, negotiating with general contractors and overseeing construction administration of multi-family, multi-phase projects.

Specific in-depth knowledge of rehabilitation of occupied multi-family projects including relocation, re-configuration and re-design. Extensive cross-cultural expertise in negotiations.

Extensive experience with Federal, State and local funding including various HUD programs, 201, 811, Section 8, and California HCD, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Tax Exempt Bonds and CalHFA.

Executive experience in setting up new organization's infra-structure in accounting, personnel, public relations, financial management, strategic and successor planning.

EDUCATION

Master of Nonprofit Administration 1990

University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California

Directed Research: "An Analysis and Description of the Financial Condition of Nonprofit Homeless Service/Shelter Providers in the Bay Area"

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering 1984

University of California, Berkeley, California

Emphasis on Construction Management

Associate of Science Degree 1981

Contra Costa College, San Pablo, California

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MEMAR PROPERTIES, INC. DBA MPI HOMES (2004 to present) Berkeley, CA
President and CEO

CITYCENTRIC INVESTMENTS, LLC (2007-2012) Berkeley, CA
Managing Partner

Ali R. Kashani, Memar Properties, Inc. DBA MPI Homes
President, CEO

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASSOCIATES (1993-2004)
Founding Executive Director

Berkeley, CA

RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (1988-1992)
Senior Project Manager

Berkeley, CA

BERKELEY OAKLAND SUPPORT SERVICES (BOSS) (1986-1992)
Board Member, Board Treasurer

Berkeley, CA

BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES (2006-2012)
Board Member; Board Treasurer

Oakland, CA

EAST BAY HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS (1989-2004)
Founding Board Member

Oakland, CA

LIVABLE BERKELEY (1999-2004)
Founding Board Member

Berkeley, CA

PERSONAL

40-year Berkeley Resident;

Daughters and sons ages 25, 25, 17, and 15 all born and raised in Berkeley;

Excellent physical health through diet and regular rigorous exercise including cycling, swimming and body sculpting.