



MEETING DATE: 6/15/2009

ITEM NO:

20a.

COUNCIL/AGENCY AGENDA REPORT

DATE: JUNE 12, 2009

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL/
CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

FROM: GREG LARSON, TOWN MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE MCNUTT
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSING TRUST OF SANTA
CLARA COUNTY

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve appointment of Council Member Diane McNutt to the Board of Directors of the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County.

BACKGROUND:

In May, 2009, Council Member Diane McNutt was appointed to the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County Board of Directors. Council approval is necessary in light of an existing policy that prohibits members of the Town Council from membership on the governing board of any non-profit receiving financial assistance from the Town. Since 2001, the Housing Trust, a private non-profit organization, has received grant commitments from the Town Redevelopment Agency.

DISCUSSION:

On May 18, 1992, the Town Council adopted a policy entitled Public Access to Council Decision Making which states in pertinent part as follows:

"Council Members may not sit on Boards of Directors of non-profit organizations which receive funding or in-kind contributions from the Town."

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The prohibition contained in this policy is wholly local and does not arise out of State law. Consequently, Council is free to interpret, apply and find exceptions to this policy as it deems appropriate.

In order to ensure the Town's involvement in directing the actions of the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County, Council should approve an exception to its policy regarding membership on the boards of directors of non-profit organizations receiving financial assistance from the Town to enable Council Member McNutt to accept the invitation to join the Board of Directors of the Trust.

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