

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: January 22, 2009

**Action Agenda
Item No. 10-b**

SUBJECT: Ten (10) Year Plan to End Homelessness Executive Team—New Appointment

DEPARTMENT:
Housing and Community Development

PUBLIC HEARING: (Y/N)

No

ATTACHMENT(S):

INFORMATION CONTACT:

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PURPOSE: To consider the appointment of a BOCC Representative to the Executive Team of the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2007, the Board of County Commissioners formally approved the Orange County 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness that was developed by a broad based coalition of community organizations comprising the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness. The main focus of the Plan is to end chronic homelessness, without excluding the needs of all homeless individuals and families. To that end, the Plan contains five goals towards the elimination of homelessness in Orange County.

- Goal 1: Reduce Chronic Homelessness
- Goal 2: Increase Employment
- Goal 3: Prevent Homelessness
- Goal 4: Increase Access to Services
- Goal 5: Increase Public Participation in Ending Homelessness

An integral component of the Plan was the establishment of an Executive Team that will ensure that the goals, objectives, and strategies of the 10 Year Plan are being met, and to help address the inevitable challenges inherent in this ambitious initiative. The Executive Team was established in August 2007 and consists of a representative from the four elected bodies, the Triangle United Way, the University, and other community representatives. The Team is currently very active and meets each 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. Former Commissioner Moses Carey was appointed as the BOCC representative to the Team at that time. Since Commissioner Carey is no longer a member of the Board of Commissioners, another Commissioner is needed to represent Orange County on the Executive Team.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appointment of a representative does not have any direct financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION(S): The Manager recommends that the Board appoint a representative to the Executive Team of the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness.