



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments
Date: September 21, 2022

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

OREGON HOUSING STABILITY COUNCIL

The Governor has reappointed the following individual to the Oregon Housing Stability Council, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

Reappointment

Javier Mena of Portland

Term

07-01-2022 – 06-30-2026

Statutory Authority

[ORS 456.567 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The council consists of nine appointees, sought from all geographic regions of the state, with expertise providing housing programs and services to persons experiencing poverty (DIFUNTORUM, FERRELL, HALL, HIGINBOTHAM, JAMISON, LI, **MENA**, NICKLEBERRY ROGERS and SANDOVAL).

They serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. The Governor designates the chair.

Duties⁴

The council guides, reviews and sets policy in cooperation with the Oregon Housing and Community Services department to develop and finance affordable housing programs the department administers. Its duties include:

- cooperating with and assisting local housing authorities to obtain federal approval to use and distribute federal rent subsidy and assistance payments;
- adopting criteria for approval of projects proposed by qualified housing sponsors to finance multifamily housing for specified populations;
- setting policy and approving or rejecting rules and standards for housing programs;
- approving or rejecting loans, grants, and other funding award proposals;
- providing policy direction and oversight to the department regarding the department's financial planning and biennial budget proposal;

¹ [Or. Const. art. III, §4](#); [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 456.567 \(2021\)](#); and see [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 456.395 to 456.690 \(2021\)](#); Oregon Housing and Community Services, *Oregon Housing Stability Council*, <<https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/hsc/Pages/index.aspx>> (last visited May 15, 2022).

- developing policies to stimulate an increased supply of housing for those with lower incomes, to address geographic and racial disparities, and to ensure funds are distributed consistent with other state priorities;
- responding to both private and public actions that may raise the cost of the housing supply in the open market;
- advising on the impact of proposed rules, legislation, and enacted laws on the cost and supply of housing;
- developing guidelines, reviewing proposals and making recommendations concerning administration of the Community Development Incentive Project Fund;
- assisting with administration of low-income home energy assistance programs and the coordination of homelessness relief efforts in conjunction with the Community Action Partnership of Oregon; and
- advising on the state housing plan.

The council may also initiate legal proceedings with governor approval and consult generally with the Department of Human Services and others concerning project applications for housing for disabled households.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Housing Stability Council, Oregon

Agency: Housing & Community Services

Authorization: ORS 456.567; HB 2442

Members: Min: 9 Max: 9

Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2

Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Human Services

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Sami Jo Difuntorum

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 06-30-2023

Mary D Ferrell

Position Number: 8

Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 06-30-2024

Claire E Hall, Chair

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026

07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022

Barb Higinbotham

Position Number: 7

Term(s): 09-23-2019 - 06-30-2023

Mary Li

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026

07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022

Javier Mena

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026

05-14-2021 - 06-30-2022

Javier Mena

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026

05-14-2021 - 06-30-2022

Sharon Nickleberry Rogers

Position Number: 9

Term(s): 06-10-2022 - 06-30-2025

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Housing Stability Council, Oregon

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Human Services

Gerard F Sandoval, PhD

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024
05-03-2017 - 06-30-2020