

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Social Services	(2) MEETING DATE 3/10/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Laurel Weir/781-1833	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve two appointments and one re-appointment to the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC). All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the appointment of Tracy Schiro to fill the County Agency seat vacated by Lee Collins, Dee Torres to fill the Interested Community Member seat vacated by Thomas Clough, and Jessica Thomas to renew her term for the K-12 seat on the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) for terms expiring on January 1, 2018.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) n/a	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT n/a	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT n/a	(9) BUDGETED? n/a
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) n/a		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP n/a	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? Yes	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: <u>January 06, 2015</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Morgan Torell			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)  All Districts.			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Social Services / Laurel Weir

DATE: 3/10/2015

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

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## **DISCUSSION**

The Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) serves as an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors and is responsible for the County's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. The HSOC also serves as the body that oversees local implementation of federal Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Due to term limits, there is currently a vacant seat on the HSOC for a representative from a County based agency, as well as a vacancy for an Interested Community Member seat on the HSOC (see Attachment A). The County agency seat was previously held by Lee Collins and the Interested Community Member seat was previously held by Thomas Clough. To fill the aforementioned seats, the HSOC has nominated Tracy Schiro (County Agency) and Dee Torres (Interested Community Member). In addition, Jessica Thomas has completed her first term as a representative of K-12 schools and has applied for a second term in that position. The HSOC is recommending re-appointment of Jessica Thomas to the K-12 seat.

Tracy Schiro is the Assistant Director of the San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services. As Assistant Director, she is responsible for day to day implementation and oversight of all programs administered by the Department of Social Services, including General Assistance, CalFresh (a federally funded nutrition assistance program), CalWORKs (including Welfare to Work), Medi-Cal, an SSI advocacy program for General Assistance recipients, and, most recently, the Housing Support Program for CalWORKs participating families. She also serves on the First 5 Commission in San Luis Obispo County and on the statewide Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Task Force.

Dee Torres has a long history of working on community issues, with a special focus on homelessness. She began working with the homeless population 25 years ago as a volunteer and beginning in 1998, has worked in various capacities to address homelessness, including having overseen the Prado Day Center and the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter in San Luis Obispo. She also has previously served on the Homeless Services Oversight Council as a representative of a Non Profit Provider for a term that ended in January 2015. She is applying for and is eligible to serve a second term on HSOC.

Jessica Thomas is the Program Coordinator for Homeless and Foster Youth Services at the County Office of Education. In that capacity, she works with all of the K-12 school districts in San Luis Obispo County and Cuesta College to ensure that all homeless and foster youth in San Luis Obispo County have access to the same educational experience and resources as all students. She assists with: school enrollment, resolving school placement disputes, transfer or tracking of

school records, tutoring services, identifying school resources, and responding to questions related to school policy and Education Code. She has served as Chair of the HSOC Ad Hoc Youth Committee, which organized a county-wide homeless youth survey and youth Point in Time Count. She is applying for and is eligible to serve a second term on HSOC.

The Maddy Act requires that the Board of Supervisors approve all changes to HSOC membership. This report requests approval of the HSOC's recommendations.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The HSOC voted on January 21, 2015 to recommend the appointments of Tracy Schiro, Dee Torres, and Jessica Thomas. The Clerk Recorder's office has confirmed the terms of office are accurate and that the posting requirements have been met.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with these appointments.

#### **RESULTS**

The immediate results of the action requested today will be to help the HSOC to continue to improve assistance to homeless persons by adding the expertise of Tracy Schiro, Jessica Thomas, and Dee Torres.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachment A - HSOC Membership Composition as of Feb 2015
2. Attachment B - Tracy Schiro application
3. Attachment C - Jessica Thomas application
4. Attachment D - Dee Torres application