

MOTION

NO. M-26-138

CITY HALL: April 9, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, Section 6-201(2)(d) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans provides for a Housing Trust Fund, in which an amount equal to not less than two percent of the annual general fund operating budget shall be appropriated and used exclusively to ensure the availability of affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City further adopted ordinances governing the use and administration of the Housing Trust Fund, including Section 70-415.342 of the Code of the City of New Orleans, which provides that no money shall be appropriated from the Housing Trust Fund in any year unless and until the City Council has appointed a housing trust fund advisory committee consisting of seven members, all of whom are electors of and domiciled in the city and who are experienced in one or more of the following areas: architecture and preservation, community development, community and housing development finance, economic development, fair housing, populations with special needs, smart growth, sustainable development, and local and regional housing and neighborhood data; and

WHEREAS, Home Rule Charter Section 3-127 provides that advisory committees shall not exist for more than one year but may be reappointed from year to year, requiring the annual reconstitution of the housing trust fund advisory committee and its membership; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with City Code Section 70-415.342, appointment nominations were timely submitted by the appointing bodies; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That, having ensured that all areas of expertise and experience required in City Code Section 70-415.342 are represented, the following persons are hereby appointed to serve as members of the housing trust fund advisory committee to advise the City Council concerning appropriations from Housing Trust Fund and shall submit reports thereon to the Council as provided in City Code Section 70-415.342:

1. Elizabeth Holman, appointment nominee of the Mayor;
2. Sabrina Mays, appointment nominee of the City Council Quality of Life Committee Chair;
3. Maxwell Ciardullo, appointment nominee of the City Council Community Development Committee Chair;
4. Ellen Lee, appointment nominee of the City Council Budget, Audit, and Board of Review Committee Chair;
5. Tashia Gaspard, appointment nominee of the City Council President, such nominee having lived experience being unhoused or living in a low-income or other affordable housing unit;
6. Monique Blossom, appointment nominee of Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center; and
7. Elizabeth Harvey, appointment nominee of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That the terms of each foregoing member shall commence immediately and end on December 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That the housing trust fund advisory committee may be reconstituted annually hereafter in accordance with Home Rule Charter Section 3-127, and as provided in City Code Section 70-415.342.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, That the Clerk of Council shall send certified copies of this motion via electronic delivery to each of the seven appointed members of the housing trust fund advisory committee.

THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, THE RESULT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.