

State of California

Public Utilities Commission
San Francisco

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 26, 2024

To: The Commission
(Meeting of June 20, 2024)

From: Commissioner Matthew Baker

Subject: Reappointments to the Low-Income Oversight Board

I. SUMMARY

Public Utilities Code § 382.1 establishes a Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) to advise the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) on issues concerning low-income electric, gas, and water customers. The LIOB is comprised of eleven members who serve two-year terms from the date of appointment by the Commission. Of the six LIOB members whose terms are expiring, five seek reappointment. I am requesting your approval of the following reappointments to the LIOB for two-year terms: Mr. John Tang, Mr. Jason Wimbley, Ms. Lisa Castilone, Mr. Paul Irwin, and Ms. Patricia Watts.

II. REAPPOINTMENT OF WATER CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LIOB

Mr. John Tang is Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Government Relations for San Jose Water Company. Mr. Tang has more than 27 years of experience in environmental engineering and public affairs and currently leads San Jose Water Company's regulatory affairs, corporate communications, and government relations programs. As San Jose Water Company's chief representative before the CPUC, Mr. Tang is responsible for developing and executing the company's regulatory policy and strategy and stewarding relationships with community groups and organizations, business leaders, and governmental representatives. Mr. Tang also works on initiatives involving low-income ratepayers and communities, including the water rate assistance program.

Previously employed by FMC Corporation as an environmental engineer, Mr. Tang managed the remediation of a diverse portfolio of contaminated industrial facilities, including state and federal Superfund sites in the United States and Canada. He serves on

the boards of the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce and the California Water Association. Mr. Tang is a member of the American Water Works Association's Public Affairs Council and chairs the National Association of Water Companies' Regulatory and Legislative Committee. He is an Adjunct Professor at San Jose State University's College of Engineering and holds both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University. Mr. Tang is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of California and resides in Santa Clara County.

III. REAPPOINTMENT OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (CSD) REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LIOB

Mr. Jason Wimbley is seeking reappointment as the CSD representative on the LIOB. Mr. Wimbley is an incumbent member of the board, appointed to his initial term as the CSD representative in 2006. CSD has requested an extension of Mr. Wimbley's participation as its representative on the LIOB for another two-year term. As such, I would like to request your approval of Mr. Wimbley to continue to serve as the CSD representative of the LIOB. He is the Chief Deputy Director of CSD, a role he began in 2013. Prior to that role, he served as CSD's Energy Program Director and was responsible for ensuring the successful administration of federal energy assistance programs to low-income Californians. Mr. Wimbley possesses extensive experience with low-income energy assistance program administration. He worked with local governments, utility companies, and community-based organizations to foster strong partnerships and advance energy initiatives to serve the needs of low-income and disadvantaged communities. Mr. Wimbley resides in Sacramento County.

Mr. Wimbley also serves as the Vice Chair of the LIOB effective March 14, 2024. LIOB members are granted the authority to select a Chair and a Vice-Chair, to a one-year term, among its appointed members. With this reappointment, Mr. Wimbley will fulfill both roles on the LIOB.

IV. PUBLIC MEMBER REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE LOW-INCOME OVERSIGHT BOARD

Ms. Lisa Castilone is a public member of the LIOB, first appointed in February 2020. As the Community Development and Tribal Manager for the non-profit organization Grid Alternatives, Ms. Castilone has been a driving force in bringing renewable energy solutions to underserved communities for over 14 years. With a passion for sustainability and environmental justice, Ms. Castilone secures funding and develops programs to serve low-income and disadvantaged populations in the Inland Empire

region. As Director of Tribal Programs, she focuses on expanding renewable energy efforts within tribal nations, developing plans and strategies for partnership and program implementation. Ms. Castilone's leadership extends to staff management, overseeing project execution and advocating for renewable energy solutions. Ms. Castilone resides in Riverside County.

Mr. Paul Irwin is a public member of the LIOB, first appointed in February 2020. In his role as the Executive Housing Director of the North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority in Madera County, Mr. Irwin directs affordable housing, community development, and transportation activities for the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California. He serves on the CalTrans Native American Advisory Committee. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master of Urban Planning and Graduate Certificate in Real Estate Development from the University of Michigan. Mr. Irwin resides in Madera County.

V. PRIVATE WEATHERIZATION CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LOW-INCOME OVERSIGHT BOARD

Ms. Patricia Watts serves as the private weatherization contractor representative on the LIOB, first appointed in January 2012. She is the founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer of FCI Management Consultants, which offers a broad level of expertise in energy and water efficiency services. Ms. Watts developed her knowledge and skills from an expansive 24-year career in the electric utility industry with the Southern California Edison Company. During that time, she held management positions in customer service, energy services, marketing, public affairs, and community relations and acquired in-depth knowledge of the electric utility industry in both regulated and deregulated environments. She attended the Minority Business Executive Program and the Advanced Minority Business Executive Program at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth University and the National Minority Supplier Diversity Council's Advanced Management Education Program at the Kellogg School of Management. Ms. Watts resides in Los Angeles County.

VI. CONCLUSION

These individuals are highly qualified to serve on the LIOB, and I ask for approval of their reappointments with an effective date of June 20, 2024. Thank you.