



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF YAMHILL COUNTY

December 17, 2015

Commissioner Mary Starrett  
Yamhill County Commissioners  
535 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
McMinnville, OR 97128

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Commissioner to the Housing Authority Board

Dear Commissioner Starrett,

We are requesting that the Yamhill Board of Commissioners officially appoint one member to the Board of the Housing Authority of Yamhill County (HAYC), effective January 1, 2016.

As you know, you and HAYC Board Chair Joyce Morrow interviewed candidates recently to fill the resident board position that will be vacated by Kevin Robertson on December 31, 2015. You both selected Catherine Jones to fill that position.

The Bylaws of the Housing Authority Article III – Membership, Section 4 – Geographic Representation, state that “The Authority shall make recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners for appointing members to the Authority. In considering new members, the Commission shall strive for geographic balance.” Ms. Jones resides in Willamina and with the other HAYC board members being from McMinnville and Newberg, will be a good representative for the West Valley.

In addition, Ms. Jones has not only had current experience as a client of the Housing Authority of Yamhill County but also has experience working with our agency as a provider. Ms. Jones served as an advocate for families in need. In addition, Ms. Jones served as a board member with 2 years as board chair for the Benton County Victim/Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) which provides mediation services for specific situations.

On December 15, 2015, the remainder of the board affirmed that decision. Ms. Jones would serve a new 5-year term to expire on December 31, 2020.

Therefore, we request that the Yamhill Board of Commissioners officially appoint Catherine Jones to the HAYC Board effective January 1, 2016 to serve a term that expires December 31, 2020.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Elise Hui  
Executive Director

Cc: HAYC Board members

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Board of Commissioners on  
12.31.15 by Board Order  
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