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**Agenda Item**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**Item Number: 1.12**

**MEETING DATE:** 02/24/2026

**DEPARTMENT:** HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Mike Hodges

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Tracey Belton

**SUBJECT:**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T. BELTON**

1. Approve recommendations from the Community Action Board to appoint Mel Tungate to the Community Action Board (CAB) as a District #4 Board of Supervisor Representative for the term of January 5, 2026 through January 5, 2029; and
2. Appoint Tonia Sunseri as Board of Supervisor Representative for District #3 for the term of November 11, 2025 through November 11, 2028; and
3. Appoint Ellen Laitinen as a Private Sector District #1 Representative for the term of November 11, 2025 through November 11, 2028 ; and
4. Appoint Monica Hernandez as a District 1 Low-Income Representative for the term of November 11, 2025 through November 11, 2028.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 939

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

The Community Action Board requests the appointment of Mel Tungate to the Community Action Board (CAB) as a District #4 BOS Representative for the term of January 5, 2026 through January 5, 2029 ; Tonia Sunseri as a Private Sector District #3 Representative for the term of November 11, 2025 through November 11, 2028 ; Ellen Laitinen as a Private Sector District #1 Representative for the term of November 11, 2025 through November 11, 2028 ; and Monica Hernandez as District #1 Low Income Sector Representative for the term of November 11, 2025 through November 11, 2028. The CAB approved the applications at their February 5, 2026 Special Meeting and the CAB requests that the appointment be effective for the term stated above.

Representatives of Public Sector shall serve while in office, i.e., coterminous with their elected term, and at the pleasure of their appointive body. The Community Action Board's tripartite board reflects and promotes the unique anti-poverty leadership, action, and mobilization responsibilities assigned by law to community action agencies. CAB is responsible for assuring that it assesses and responds to the causes and conditions of poverty in their community, achieve anticipated family and community out comes, and remain administratively and fiscally sound.

As a tripartite boards, its membership consists of 1) One-third of tripartite board membership must be democratically elected representatives of low-income individuals and families who reside in neighborhoods being served; 2) One-third must be elected officials, holding office at their time of selection, or their representatives; and 3) The remaining board members must be chosen from "business, industry, labor, religious, law enforcement, education, or other major groups and interests in the community served.

The CAB has been working closely with staff and has been very supportive of the programs currently being provided including homeless and housing programs. The board has been very engaged with community outreach, with the development of the strategic plan, and with the board's committees.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact with this item.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

[Board Agenda Fact Sheet - CAB Appointments](#)  
[Mel Tungate CAB Application Redacted](#)  
[Ellen Laitinen CAB Application Redacted](#)  
[Tonia Sunseri CAB App Redacted](#)  
[Monica Sanchez Redacted](#)  
[CAB Special Meeting Minutes 2.5.26](#)