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Dear Clerk's Office,
Do we submit the day of agenda item for my comment to be there? Thanks

The choice of Lisa Jones as CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission is deeply disappointing. Ms Jones' long tenure in the SDHC leadership, including several years under Rick Gentry's leadership (found discriminatory in the courts) does not inspire confidence. Recall September 9th, 2022 Council hearing where Ms Jones said that SDHC was aware of the "do not return" list but *had not prioritized reforms*. Fast forward and it'll be 5 years in March of SDHC sitting on their hands under her leadership.

Blacks are 5 times more likely to experience unsheltered homelessness. Blacks are overwhelmingly more impacted by the "do not return" list. In not prioritizing reforms, Ms Jones is not prioritizing racial equity.

Also recall that Blacks only received 20% of the rental stability dollars from COVID relief funds, despite the huge racial disparities in the effects of COVID on housing. Unbelievably, the SDHC applauded this appalling *lack* of equity.

True equity is for all people to have equal access to livable housing. Where there are longstanding racial disparities, due in part to the very policies of the San Diego Housing Commission, distributing resources proportionally according to race is *not* equity. Given the depth of the disparity, the SDHC needs to focus far more on the least served populations.

True equity won't happen until we distribute resources in the manner necessary to close the gap outcome disparities for our Black citizens. San Diego's residents, all of them, deserve better than maintaining the status quo at the San Diego Housing Commission by the choice of Ms Jones.