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STAFF REPORT

Subject:	The Board of Directors will consider the appointment of Board member Jennifer Kreitz to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
Presented by:	Olya Egorov, Housing Navigator
Approved by:	Patricia Robertson, Executive Director

BACKGROUND

In June of 2019, the Board of Directors created a standing committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) through Resolution 19-01 as recommended in the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan. The objective of the Committee is to incorporate Diversity, Equity, Inclusion practices and initiatives into the organization and the broader community in relation to the provision of housing. Due to the pandemic, staff capacity, and Board turnover, the Committee ceased regular meetings. The DEI Committee is governed by the rules of the Brown Act public meeting requirements as outlined in Resolution 19-01.

In December 2023, staff requested consideration of appointments to revive the DEI Committee. At that time, one Board member was appointed by the Board of Directors.

NOMINATION

Jennifer Kreitz currently serves as the District 1 representative on the Mono County Board of Supervisors, directing county investments in community programs and assets, including housing. She represents the designated seat for Mono County on the Eastern Sierra Community Housing Board of Directors. Jennifer and her family have lived in Mono County for over twenty years where she has worked and volunteered at the Mono County libraries and Mammoth Lakes Housing.

NEXT STEPS

- 1. The Board of Directors shall consider the appointment of Jennifer Kreitz to the Committee through a motion and a vote.
- 2. If applicable, the Board of Directors shall appoint other members to join the Committee through a motion and a vote.
- 3. Staff lead Olya Egorov will schedule the first meeting of the DEI Committee in April or May. For questions or comments, please contact Olya at <u>olya@eschousing.org</u>.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Directors should consider and vote upon the nomination of Jennifer Kreitz to the DEI Committee. The Board should provide additional staff direction as necessary.