



AGENDA  
ITEM

**14**



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** September 17, 2025  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**APPROVED BY:** Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager   
**PREPARED BY:** Veronica Luna-Alvarado, City Clerk   
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of General Commissioner to the Calexico Housing Authority Board

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**Recommendation:**

City Council to make the appointment of a General Commissioner to the Calexico Housing Authority Board.

**Background:**

The position of General Commissioner to the Calexico Housing Authority Board became vacant due to the expiration of the term for Mr. Mariano Valenzuela on September 14, 2025. The City Council as a whole needs to fill this position. The position was advertised on the City website, social media, city hall and at the Calexico Housing Authority.

**Discussion and Analysis:**

Qualified applicants for this position must be residents of the City of Calexico. The following applications were received:

1. Maria Priscilla Real
2. Mariano Valenzuela
3. Juan M. Ortiz

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Coordinated With:**

Calexico Housing Authority

**Attachment(s):**

1. (1) Commissioner Applications

# ATTACHMENT NO. 1



**CITY OF CALEXICO  
APPLICATION FOR CITY COMMISSION  
And  
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

ALL APPLICANTS MUST EITHER RESIDE, BE EMPLOYED, OR REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE CITY OF CALEXICO. PROOF IS REQUIRED WHEN SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION.

APPLICATION IS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMISSION:  
(A separate application is required for each commission)

Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name Maria Priscilla Real

Residence Address [REDACTED]

Length of time at this Address: 15 years E-mail address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone No. [REDACTED] Cell/Message Phone No. [REDACTED]

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes Are you registered to vote in the City of Calexico? Yes

Do you currently serve as an elected or appointed official for any board and/or agency within the City of Calexico? N  
If yes, name of agency and position: N/A

EDUCATION: Highest level of education completed: Masters

Name of Institution where Highest Level of Education was completed: University of Phoenix

Location of Institution: 3095 N. Imperial Ave El Centro CA 92243

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION / EXPERIENCE:**  
City of Calexico

Name and Address of Employer (s)	Position Title	Dates of Employment
Patriot Enterprises	Director of Operations	01/2015- Current

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HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION? No  
If yes, Please list all offenses, date and place of offenses(s), and the sentence/line received:

\_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT/CERTIFICATION:**

I understand that upon filing, this application becomes a public record. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

[REDACTED]  
Signature and Date

08/16/25

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Applicant furnished proof of eligibility requirements via:

Proof of residency:  Yes  No

Proof of employment:  Yes  No

Voter Registration Verification:  Yes  No

Appointment By: \_\_\_\_\_

Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Clerk Verifying: \_\_\_\_\_



August 18, 2025

Honorable Calexico Mayor Diana Nuricumbo  
Mayor Protem Victor Legaspi; City Council Members Lisa Tylanda; Adriana Marquez; Lorenzo Calderon  
608 Heber Avenue  
Calexico, CA 92231

Subject: Letter of Interest – Housing Authority Board, General Commissioner Position

Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing to respectfully express my interest in serving as a General Commissioner on the Housing Authority Board of the City of Calexico. With a background in military service, business administration, housing program compliance, and community leadership, I am confident that my skills and dedication will contribute meaningfully to the Housing Authority's mission of providing safe and affordable housing.

From 2001 to 2005, I proudly served in the United States Navy, including deployment during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom. My service instilled in me discipline, integrity, and a lifelong commitment to public service.

In 2012, I earned my Master's in Business Administration, and that same year began serving as Treasurer for the Calexico Boxing Academy. I later expanded my public service as a Trustee for the Calexico School Board in 2015, where I worked to strengthen governance and accountability. Since 2017, I have volunteered with Calexico Little League, supporting programs that foster youth development and community pride.

Professionally, I served as a Housing Specialist with the San Diego Housing Commission (2017–2018), where I gained first-hand experience in housing program administration. I am also certified as a Housing Specialist through Nan McKay & Associates University, a nationally recognized leader in housing program training. In addition, I have worked as a Compliance Consultant (2018–2020) and currently serve as Director of Operations for Patriot Enterprises (2015–present), overseeing organizational compliance and operations.

I believe these experiences, together with my commitment to service, uniquely qualify me to serve as a Commissioner. I am dedicated to ensuring transparency, accountability, and the fair delivery of housing programs, while supporting policies that expand housing opportunities for the residents of Calexico.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be honored to serve the City of Calexico in this capacity and welcome the opportunity to further discuss how my background and dedication can contribute to the success of the Housing Authority.

Respectfully,

**Maria Priscilla Real**  
U.S. Navy Veteran





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Housing

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 City Clerk's Office

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name MARIANO VALENZUELA  
 Residence Address [REDACTED]  
 Length of time at this Address: 18 yrs E-mail address: [REDACTED]  
 Home Phone No. NA Cell/Message Phone No. [REDACTED]  
 Are you 18 years of age or older? YES Are you registered to vote in the City of Calexico? YES  
 Do you currently serve as an elected or appointed official for any board and/or agency within the City of Calexico? YES  
 If yes, name of agency and position: Hhd Commissioner

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EDUCATION: Highest level of education completed: college  
 Name of Institution where Highest Level of Education was completed: IVC  
 Location of Institution: Imperial

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION / EXPERIENCE:**

Name and Address of Employer (s)	Position Title	Dates of Employment
<u>City of Calexico</u>	<u>water plant operator</u>	<u>1984 - 2024</u>

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Housing Authority of Calexico

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name Juan M. Ortiz  
 Residence Address [REDACTED]  
 Length of time at this Address: 7 years E-mail address: [REDACTED]  
 Home Phone No. [REDACTED] Cell/Message Phone No. [REDACTED]  
 Are you 18 years of age or older? yes Are you registered to vote in the City of Calexico? yes  
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 If yes, name of agency and position: \_\_\_\_\_

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EDUCATION: Highest level of education completed: College  
 Name of Institution where Highest Level of Education was completed: Calys & Instituto Tecnico de Contabilidad Mexicali  
 Location of Institution: Mexicali, Mexico

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION / EXPERIENCE:**

Name and Address of Employer (s)	Position Title	Dates of Employment
Housing Authority of Calexico	Finance Dept. Supervisor	1988-2023 (Retired)

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[REDACTED] 09/29/25  
 Signature and Date

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**Juan M. Ortiz**

Tel. # [REDACTED]

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

Re: Housing Authority of the City of Calexico Board Member Vacancy

NOTE: THIRD TIME SUBMITTING MY LETTER OF INTEREST

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

This letter serves as my official request to be appointed as a board member of the Housing Authority of the City of Calexico.

I am a resident of City of Calexico for over 36 years, and I reside at [REDACTED] here in City of Calexico.

I am currently retired after being employed by the Housing Authority of the City of Calexico for over 33 years, where during my last ten years I held the position of "Director Of Finance Department" until my retirement back in April 2023.

During the many years that I worked for the Calexico Housing Authority, I was able to obtain and accumulate a lot of experience related to affordable housing specializing me in HUD programs. During the many years working for this agency, I was able to obtain different certifications (see copies) under the different areas administrated by the housing agency, including but not limited to, Public Housing Program Specialist, Section 8 program Specialist, Section 8 Budgeting Certification, Capital Improvement Modernization program and Construction Certification, Section 8 Program and Public Housing Program Inspector Certification and some others.

I also hold an active "Real Estate Broker License" approved by the State of California.

Based on my knowledge and accumulated experience related to the affordable housing industry, I strongly believe that I am prepared to be seated as a commissioner of this board and do a good job working with the rest of board members.

As I previously mentioned, I am retired, all my children are adults and all are married and working locally in the field of education and health care area.

Currently the lack of affordable housing is a problem nation wide but specially in rural areas where the federal funds are really hard to be obtained by the local agencies and I believe that I can help administration to try to apply for any funds available under State or Federal level.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of my request to be appointed as a commissioner of this agency.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Juan M. Ortiz



# Public Housing Rent Calculation Specialist

Be it known by this certificate that

**Juan M. Ortiz**



License Units: 1-9

Has fulfilled the certification requirements of  
Nan McKay & Associates, Inc. and NMA  
University; by successful completion of the  
Public Housing Rent Calculation Examination

*Nan McKay*

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Nan McKay, President