

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT:**            **CITY OF AMES APPOINTMENT TO CENTRAL  
IOWA REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY  
(CIRHA) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**BACKGROUND:**

In March 2011, the City Council approved a 28E intergovernmental agreement with Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (CIRHA) to operate and administer the City's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program within the Ames jurisdiction. As part of the 28E agreement, the City Council authorized the Mayor to appoint a member and an alternate to represent the City on CIRHA's Board of Commissioners.

At the October 22, 2013, City Council meeting, Housing Coordinator Vanessa Baker-Latimer was appointed as the primary representative for Ames/Story County on CIRHA's Executive Board of Commissioners. Her current term has expired and she needs to be reappointed. CIRHA's Bylaws were amended in 2019, and now the City Council's appointee will only be representing the City of Ames, not the county. Staff is currently working to identify a person to serve as an alternate.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the appointment of Housing Coordinator Vanessa Baker-Latimer as the primary Board Member Representative to the CIRHA Executive Board of Commissioners for the City Ames.
2. Appoint a different representative for the City of Ames on the CIRHA Executive Board of Commissioners.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Vanessa Baker-Latimer has served as the City's representative on the CIRHA board since 2013. A representative must be appointed to effectively represent the City on this board.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby appointing Vanessa Baker-Latimer, Housing Coordinator, as the primary Board Member representative to the CIRHA Executive Board of Commissioners for the City of Ames.