

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Leticia De Lara	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO	Vice-
Director Carole Rogers, RN	Chris Christensen, CAO	President/Secretary
Director Evett PerezGil	Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer	Karen Borja
Director Les Zendle, MD	Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer	
Director Arthur Shorr	and Outreach Director	Treasurer Mark
	Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	Matthews
	Legal Counsel	
	Jeff Scott	

DISCUSSION ACTION AGENDA ITEMS A. Call to Order President De Lara called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. **Roll Call** The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present except Vice-President Borja and Director Matthews. B. Pledge of Allegiance President De Lara asked those in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. C. Approval of Agenda President De Lara called for #21-05 MOTION WAS MADE by approval of the agenda. **Director Rogers and seconded** by Director Shorr to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. **AYES – 5 President De Lara, Director** Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES - 0ABSENT – 2 Vice-President Karen **Borja and Director Matthews D. Public Comment** There was no public comment. E. Housing Workshop as a **Social Determinant of** Health 1. The Intersection of Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, Housing and Health explained the District's discussion **Understanding Social** on housing over time and the **Determinants of Health** Board's decision to hold a and Housing as a Key workshop. COVID has increased the pressure on those cost-burdened



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with rent, at risk of losing their homes, and potentially increasing the number of homeless in the Coachella Valley. Dr. Bárzaga provided context on housing and homelessness and exploring opportunities in the region, further summarizing his document on The Intersection of Housing and Health Understanding Social Determinants of Health and Housing as a Key Social Determinant of Health, highlighting the housing characteristics as a key social determinant of health for discussion. The three key items identified by the community in the ongoing aspects of the community health needs assessment are access to care, economic stability, and the built environment.

2. Coachella Valley
Housing Catalyst Fund –
A Bold Housing
Investment Solution,
Lift to Rise & Riverside
County

Heather Vaikona, Chief Executive Officer, Lift to Rise, provided a presentation on the catalyst fund, the District's support of Lift to Rise's emergency response, the long term solutions, and introducing Lift to Rise's catalyst fund team, Omar Carrillo Tinajero, Associate Director of Innovation & Learning, Center for Community Investment; Araceli Palafox-Parks, Deputy Director, Lift To Rise; Robin Hacke, Executive Director, Center for Community Investment; Mike Walsh, Deputy Director, County of Riverside Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions, and Nancy Andrews, Retired CEO, LIIF.

The team expanded on Ms. Vaikona's presentation, describing



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	affordable housing as a key social	
	determinant of health, the impact	
	of housing instability on children,	
	housing stability health	
	improvement, health solutions	
	related to housing, investment	
	solutions and multiple sources of	
	capital and funds, the investment	
	pipeline, racial equity, the Ivy Palm	
	Motel for housing, investor	
	opportunities, and the fund	
	implementation.	
	After Board discussion, President	
	De Lara described exploring the	
	Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst	
	Fund, requesting that staff	
	introduce the topic to the Program,	
	Strategic Planning, and Finance and	
	Administration Committees using	
	the grant funding strategic areas	
	and recommendations for next	
	year's funding.	
	year 3 furtaing.	
	Director Zendle suggests that the	
	committees explore different	
	components, such as the Finance	
	and Administration Committee	
	examine the legal implications,	
	Strategic Planning determines ways	
	the housing catalyst fund could fit	
	into the strategic plan, and the	
	Program Committee learn more	
	about the project from an	
	outcomes point of view with	
	deliverables and President De Lara	
	and the Board approving.	
J. Adjournment	President De Lara adjourned the	Audio recording available on the
	meeting at 5:11 p.m.	website at
		http://dhcd.org/Agenda-Board-of-
		Directors
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ATTEST:	Uticia De Lara
	Leticia De Lara, President
	Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board