

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I cannot attend today's in-person meeting, but I wanted to leave a comment supporting Tanisha Saunders. I am her former high school counselor, and I am currently a K-12 education administrator. Tanisha is brave, courageous, resilient, intelligent, and determined. She was formerly in foster care and had experienced bouts of homelessness. Despite the trauma that she experienced, she continued to persevere. She made it her mission to give back by using her voice and sharing her lived experiences with others in foster care and experiencing homelessness to provide them with a sense of hope and an example of what it's like to live out your life's purpose. I support her appointment to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission because she has a proven record of working with educators, policymakers, and community partners to remove barriers for youth impacted by trauma. She is open-minded, inclusive, and intentional about creating equitable opportunities for underserved populations. Tanisha is resourceful, reliable, and innovative. In the past, she did not hesitate to contact me to share information about a valuable resource or new policy to support youth in foster care and youth experiencing homelessness. Her passion for helping others and making a positive difference is evident. I am beyond proud of the person she is today and to have witnessed her growth and success. I do not doubt that she will be a great asset to the LAHSA. If you're looking for someone with a proven record of actively volunteering with an organization to make a change, look no further than Tanisha Saunders. She will represent the committee with pride, dedication, and professionalism. For questions or additional information about Tanisha, please get in touch with me via e-mail. Kim Faulkner K-12 Education Administrator