Bettye Lou Wright joined the OHA Board of Commissioners in July 2019, bringing with her decades of dedicated community service. Appointed by Mayor Libby Schaaf, Ms. Wright serves as a resident member of the Board, representing the perspective of nearly 16,500 OHA client households.

Ms. Wright is a true example of a community advocate. She can be found either leading or supporting events and workshops at her local church, her neighborhood association, the OHA community or the City of Oakland at large. She is one of the founders of the OHA Crafting Guild and was one of the lead organizers of the Palo Vista Tea Party. She has been an OHA Resident Advisory Board member since 2012 and actively advances the many initiatives put forth by that advocacy group. Ms. Wright’s level of passion and sense of community is uncommon among individuals. She is a great asset and we are fortunate to have her as such a vibrant part of the OHA community.

In addition to her many volunteer civic activities, Wright volunteers parttime as a receptionist at OHA’s West Oakland district office performing clerical duties, assisting visitors and aiding staff during special events.

The mother of seven children and grandmother of 19, Ms. Wright is extremely active in the community. She is an invaluable member and contributor to the OHA Resident Leadership Program, she’s been a recurrent member of the annual OHA Holiday Splendor Committee and she attended EBHO’s Leadership Institute. She is also a graduate of the Neighborhood Leadership Institute and its corresponding NOW program. In 2015, Ms. Wright was named OHA’s Volunteer of the Year.