



# CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

June 12, 2025



# Background

- 5/8/25: Vice Mayor Pedersen resignation
- 5/22/25: Council discussed appointment process and directed staff to use similar process as January 2025
- Application period 5/27/25 – 6/3/25



# Legal Requirements

- CA Govt. Code 36512 (b): Council must either appoint somebody by July 7<sup>th</sup> or call for special election.
  
- Govt. Code Qualifications:
  - ▣ 18 years of age
  - ▣ Registered voter
  - ▣ Resident



# Background

- Public Outreach: Application advertised via press release, social media, website, and a hard copy flyer
  
- 15 applications received by 6/3
  - ▣ 13 Qualified on 6/3, 1 Qualified 6/5
  - ▣ 1 Withdrawal on 6/12



# Application Review

- Council direction to use same process as January vacancy
  
- Modified Rank Choice - Order of Merit Voting
  - ▣ Assigned points for each rank of preference
  - ▣ First choice = 3, second choice = 2, third choice = 1
  - ▣ Person with most points is presented for consideration



# Recommended Action

- Pass a motion to appoint a successor to the vacant City Council seat (requires 3 votes)
- City Clerk to issue oath of office to appointed Council Member