

Council position

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Hello, Council members,

As a former Planning Commissioner, I am aware of the challenge presented you with Yvette's departure for her outside opportunity and leaving her post as Council member.

First, thank you Yvette for your service to our community.

Second, in response to Yvette's upcoming vacancy, I suggest that the Council take the most straight-forward response to fill the vacancy by appointing the largest vote count candidate in last November's election not elected, that of Margaux Keiser.

The option of holding a special election is not wise. It is first time-consuming, which will leave you with a period of difficulty finding a solid quorum, especially when members are recused from any particular matter under consideration. Additionally, such a route is very costly, funds which would compete with needed city services and backlogged capital improvements from your CIP.

If there is an option of appointing another council member, that places you in a position of favoritism which will not be forgotten.

In closing, the people have already spoken, and they have already voiced their support for Margaux.

Thank you for your consideration, Ron Burke

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