



# CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

January 30, 2025



# Background

- 1/9/25: Mayor Brooks resignation, Council discussed appointment process and directed staff to invite 2 candidates from recent election to be interviewed January 16<sup>th</sup>
- 1/16/25: Due to scheduling conflicts unable to find time where all could meet. In response, Council directed staff to publish an open application with questions and return on January 30<sup>th</sup>



# Legal Requirements

- CA Govt. Code 36512 (b): Council must either appoint somebody by March 13<sup>th</sup> or call for special election.
- Qualifications: at least 18 years of age, registered voter, resident



# Background

- Public Outreach: Application advertised via press release, social media, website, and a hard copy flyer
  
- 10 applications received
  - ▣ 2 withdrawn: Dennis Norton & John Mulry



# Application Review

- Ranked Choice Voting
  - ▣ Utilized by large voting pools
  - ▣ Rank all candidates in order of preference
  - ▣ Instant run-off vote
- 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

1. Determine if modified rank choice voting should be used by Council to review applicants, or an alternative process
2. Utilize process
3. Make a motion and at least 3 votes to appoint a successor to the vacant City Council seat