



STAFF REPORT
7/26/2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Celina Jimenez, Economic Development Director
SUBJECT: Appointments to the Cultural and Arts Commission

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint to the City of Coachella Cultural and Arts Commission, five new Commissioners and one Alternate Commissioner.

BACKGROUND:

The Cultural and Arts Commission was established on February 10, 2021 by Ordinance No. 1173 with the purpose of enacting a Cultural and Arts Commission that would in an advisory capacity, advise the City Council on matters pertaining to enrichment of the community through the fine arts, visual arts, performing arts, arts education, historic preservation and cultural issues; to serve as an advocate for cultural activities and programs within the city; to implement the city's Art in Public Places program, and to encourage the integration of cultural affairs into the social and economic fabric of the city to improve the quality of life for city residents.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The City invited applications and closed the application submission period on February 3, 2023 and was extended to allow for more applicants. Six Coachella residents submitted applications for the identified vacancies:

1. Armando Lerma
2. Clara Nieblas
3. Irene N. Rodriguez
4. Javier Figueroa
5. Juan Ponce Ramos
6. Oralia Ortiz

Council may at this time direct selection of Commissioners as follows:

1) Vote to elect the applicants currently on file (attached hereto); 2) Choose to establish a new application period to invite additional applicants to apply for the vacant Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner positions; and/or 3) Provide alternate direction.

FISCAL IMPACT

None of the recommended actions have a direct fiscal impact on the adopted budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Applications received (6)