



City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Rick Gierok, Interim City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2026

RE: Appointment to Community Redevelopment Agency - West Town Representative

Introduction:

This item is for consideration of an appointment to the non-voting West Town Representative position on the Downtown & East Town Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

Background:

Resolution Number 22-76 established two non-voting community representative positions on the CRA, including the West Town Representative. Lori Pittsley previously served in this position and resigned effective March 2025. Pursuant to Resolution Number 22-76, subsequent appointments are for four-year terms.

The City advertised the vacancy and received applications from Ryan Benaglio, Amie Cardona, and Vladislav Khashchuk. Staff reviewed the applications and confirmed that all three applicants meet the applicable eligibility requirements and have completed the required background checks. The applications are attached for the Commission's consideration.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the City Commission appoint Ryan Benaglio, Amie Cardona, or Vladislav Khashchuk to the West Town Representative position for a four-year term beginning on August 20, 2026 and ending on August 20, 2030.

Policy Implications:

Not applicable.

Alternatives:

Decline to make an appointment and direct staff to re-advertise the position.

Budget/Staff Impact:

Not applicable.

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