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## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**TO:** FRUITA CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEBRA WOODS FOR MAYOR BREMAN AND COUNCILOR DOWNS

**DATE:** OCTOBER 1, 2024

**AGENDA TEXT:** BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT – A request to approve the appointment of Carrie Bechtel to the Arts and Culture Board for a three-year term to expire in October of 2027

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### BACKGROUND

On July 17, 2024, Arts & Culture Board member Marian Heesaker resigned from the Fruita Arts and Culture Board, thus creating a vacancy.

On September 11, 2024, Carrie Bechtel submitted her application for appointment to either the Livability Commission or the Fruita Arts and Culture Board. On September 17, 2024, Mayor Breman and Council Liaisons Andrea Downs (Arts and Culture Board) and Amy Miller (Livability Commission) interviewed Ms. Bechtel and subsequently recommend her appointment to the Arts and Culture board for a three-year term to expire in October of 2027.

If Ms. Bechtel is appointed, there will be two (2) remaining vacancies on the Arts and Culture Board. One of these vacancies is due to a member's term expiring in November of 2024 and the other when a member's term had already expired. Staff will continue to advertise these vacancies going forward.

### FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

### APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Boards and Commissions provide valuable input to the City and help establish goals and objectives. They provide a link between citizens of Fruita and city government.

### OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Appoint Carrie Bechtel to the Arts and Culture Board for a three-year term to expire in October of 2027
2. Instruct staff to publish a notice of vacancy and repeat the interview process.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of Mayor Breman and Councilor Downs that the City Council by motion:

- **APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CARRIE BECHTEL TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE IN OCTOBER OF 2027**