



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2026

PRESENTER: Jerry Jones, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: 2026 Appointments to Planning Commission (JJ)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt a resolution approving Mayor's appointment of two members to the Planning Commission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Planning Commission is comprised of five (5) members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council for three-year terms. The Planning Commission advises the City Council on land use matters, including general plan amendments, zoning changes, environmental impact determinations, annexations, subdivisions, and other related matters. The Commission also makes decisions on site plans, use permits, development plans, and variances. Vice Chairperson Kevin Nehring and Commissioner Robert Bandy's three-year terms ended on December 31, 2025.

To fill these vacancies, an advertisement for applications for planning commissioners was published in the Kerman News, posted to the City's website and social media, and posted at City Hall on October 8, 2025. The City also sent the advertisement to the Chamber of Commerce to post at their office and send out to their members. The deadline for interested individuals to submit their application was November 14, 2025. Three applications were received prior to the deadline. The applications were received from Kevin Nehring (for re-appointment), Rosa Sanchez, and Jaspreet Badesha. The applications are included as **Exhibit 'A'**.

Staff met with the Mayor to review the three applications received. Based on Kevin Nehring's years of service on the Planning Commission and City Council, and resulting knowledge on planning and land use matters for the City, the Mayor elected to appoint him to another term. In order to gather more information about Rosa Sanchez and Jaspreet Badesha, the Mayor requested Staff to meet with each of them to discuss their interest in the Planning Commission, any relevant past experience, and to give them an overview of what the roles and responsibilities of a planning commissioner are. After meeting with Rosa Sanchez, she felt that the responsibility may be more than she could commit to at this time and requested to withdraw her application. Staff met with Jaspreet Badesha and after hearing about Planning Commission further, he is eager and willing to learn and grow into the role as a planning commissioner to help guide the growth of the City. As such, the Mayor has elected to appoint Jaspreet Badesha to the second available seat.

The City Council is asked to consider the Mayor's appointments and consider their approval by adopting the proposed resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution w/Exhibits