



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: September 24, 2024

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Subject: Conduct Interviews with Applicants to Various City Commissions and Appoint Members to City Commissions

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- Business Communities
- Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- Environmental Sustainability
- Housing
- Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- General Government

RECOMMENDATION

- Conduct Interviews with the applicants during a Special Meeting on September 24, 2024
- Each Councilmember shall submit a written ballot at the conclusion of the interviews to the City Clerk for Commission appointments
- Authorize the addition of an agenda item on the Consent Calendar of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2024 “Confirmation of Appointments to City Commissions and Committees”

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Commission appointments are conducted annually by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

From early July – September 6, 2024, the City Clerk’s Office conducted recruitment for vacancies on various city commissions.

The recruitment was successful, with the City Clerk’s Office receiving 33 qualified applications for consideration for appointment. Many of the applicants listed other commissions they also had interest in serving on, should they not be appointed for their first choice. The applicant choices are listed in the order in which they appeared on the application forms.

The applicant list for each commission is as follows:

Complete Streets Commission – Three (3) vacancies (full four-year terms)

7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members, with one partial-term seat expiring and two first-term seats expiring

Stephen Katz – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice	Suresh Venkatraman – 1 st Choice
Tony Li – 1 st Choice	Ralph Wyatt Adams, Jr – 2 nd Choice
Stephen Magowan – 1 st Choice	Manish Gupta – 2 nd Choice
Kartik Trivedi – 1 st Choice	

Environmental Commission – Three (3) vacancies (full four-year terms)

7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members, with one second-term seat expiring and two first-term seats expiring

Margot Czeropski – 1 st Choice	Vishwa Ramasamy – 1 st Choice
Bruno Delagneau – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice	Laura Lewis – 2 nd Choice
Raashina Humayan – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice	Kartik Trivedi – 2 nd Choice
Colm Nee – 1 st Choice	Manish Gupta – 3 rd Choice
Himanshu Raj – 1 st Choice	

Financial Commission – One (1) vacancy (short term seat expiring in September 2027)

7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members, with one short-term vacancy, expiring in September 2027

Ken Fowler – 1 st Choice	Stephen Magowan – 2 nd Choice
Charles Pigeot – 1 st Choice	Steven Paff – 2 nd Choice
Sarosh Vesuna – 1 st Choice	Manish Gupta – 4 th Choice
Bruce Winterhof – 1 st Choice	

Historical Commission – Three (3) vacancies (full four-year terms)

5 Member Commission – Currently has 5 Members, with two second-term seats expiring and one first-term seat expiring

Gina Atkinson – 1 st Choice	Alice Mansell – 2 nd Choice
Suzanne Maguire-Negus – 1 st Choice	Steven Paff – 3 rd Choice

Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission - One (1) vacancy (short term seat expiring in September 2027)

7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members, with one short-term vacancy, expiring in September 2027

Richa Agarwal – 1 st Choice	David Young – 1 st Choice
Alice Mansell – 1 st Choice	Rajiv Shah – 2 nd Choice
Steven Paff – 1 st Choice	Laura Lewis – 3 rd Choice
David Recht – 1 st Choice	Manish Gupta – 5 th Choice

Planning Commission – Four (4) vacancies (full four-year terms)

7 Member Commission – *Currently has 7 Members, with four first-term seats expiring*

Ralph Wyatt Adams, Jr. – 1 st Choice	Rajiv Shah – 1 st Choice
Manish Gupta – 1 st Choice	Eric Steinle – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice
Laura Lewis – 1 st Choice	Bruce Winterhof – 2 nd Choice
Susan Mensinger – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice	Raashina Humayan – 2 nd Choice
Richard Roche – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice	Steven Paff – 4 th Choice

Senior Commission – Three (3) vacancies (full four-year terms)

7 Member Commission – *Currently has 7 Members, with two second-term seats expiring and one first-term seat expiring*

Jayne M. Cohen – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice	Nomi Trapnell – 1 st Choice
Robert Sutis – 1 st Choice	Ralph Wyatt Adams, Jr. – 3 rd Choice
Dolores Gallagher Thompson – 1 st Choice	