



# NEWPORT BEACH

## City Council Staff Report

July 23, 2024  
Agenda Item No. 19

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** Confirmation of Nominations to Fill an Unscheduled Vacancy on the  
Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission

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### **ABSTRACT:**

Due to Heather Ignatin recently being selected to the City Arts Commission, the City Council has the opportunity to fill the vacant position on the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission pursuant to the City Charter, City Council Policy A-2 (*Boards, Commissions and Committees*), and the Maddy Act.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a) Determine that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Confirm the nominations of Travis Piridy and Sara Weber to fill the vacancy on the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Heather Ignatin was appointed to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission (PB&R) in 2017 and reappointed in 2021 for a term that expires on June 30, 2025. However, on June 25, 2024, the City Council appointed Ms. Ignatin to the City Arts Commission for a full four-year term and, therefore, she can no longer serve on PB&R.

In compliance with City Council Policy A-2 and the Maddy Act, the City Clerk prepared and posted a Notice of Unscheduled Vacancy on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, in the City Clerk's Office, at the Central Library, on the bulletin board in the City Council Chambers, and on the City's website. In addition, the notice was published in the *Daily Pilot* on Saturday, June 29, 2024. As per the notice, applications were accepted by the City Clerk's Office until noon on Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

Pursuant to City Council Policy A-2, Mayor Will O'Neill appointed himself, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton, and Councilmember Lauren Kleiman to the Ad Hoc Appointments Committee. At the conclusion of the application period, the applications were forwarded to the ad hoc committee members for their review.

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Following a review of the applications, the Ad Hoc Appointments Committee recommends the nomination of Travis Piridy and Sara Weber. Copies of the applications are attached hereto as Attachment A.

Appointment to PB&R will take place at the Tuesday, August 27, 2024 City Council meeting. The person appointed to fill the unscheduled vacancy on PB&R can apply for the full four-year term (2025-2029) during the annual vacancy process in 2025.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

**NOTICING:**

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment A – Applications