



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 15

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Board and Commission Scheduled Vacancies – Confirmation of Nominees

ABSTRACT:

The annual vacancies on the City of Newport Beach’s (City’s) Boards and Commissions will occur on June 30, 2021. The process to fill the vacancies is provided in City Council Policy A-2 (*Boards, Commissions, and Committees*). As part of this process, an Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council interviewed applicants and made nomination recommendations as provided in this staff report. All vacancies were noticed according to the Maddy Act and City Council Policy A-2.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine this 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 this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
- b) Waive the portion of City Council Policy A-2 (*Boards, Commissions & Committees*) that recommends nominating two or more candidates for each vacancy, if an insufficient number of candidates are available; and
- c) Confirm the nominations made by the City Council Ad Hoc Appointments Committee:

Board of Library Trustees [1 vacancy]

Doug Coulter (incumbent)
Ash Kumra

Building and Fire Board of Appeals [2 vacancies]*

Charles Allen
Kenneth Bondy

* Since only two applications were received, the Ad Hoc Committee is only providing two names for consideration.

City Arts Commission [3 vacancies]

Gregory Cox
Maureen Flanagan (incumbent)
Barbara George
Meghan McNulty
Sara Salam
Laurel Tippet

Civil Service Board (Council nominee) [1 vacancy]

Paul Meyer
Edgar Oglesby

Harbor Commission [2 vacancies]

Scott Cunningham (incumbent)
Kevin Kramer
Steve Scully (incumbent)
Jordan Wachter

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission [2 vacancies]

Randall Black
Heather Ignatin (incumbent)
Keira Kirby
Cynthia Sender
Sheela Voleti

Planning Commission [2 vacancies]

Lauren Kleiman (incumbent)
Jonathan Langford
Lee Lowrey (incumbent)
Patrick McCann
Debbie Stevens

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to City Council Policy A-2, Mayor Brad Avery established a Council Ad Hoc Appointments Committee comprised of Council Member Joy Brenner, Council Member Diane Dixon and Council Member Will O'Neill. The Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) was charged with reviewing all applications and making recommendations to the full City Council for the Board and Commission vacancies scheduled to occur on June 30, 2021.

After the application period concluded on May 12, 2021, the Committee reviewed the applications and then conducted interviews with selected applicants on Friday, May 28, 2021. Following the interviews, the Committee members determined that they were unable to recommend at least two candidates for every vacant seat. Therefore, the Committee respectfully requests that the City Council waive the Council Policy A-2 that states, "By having a goal of two (2) or more candidates for each vacancy, it is the intent of the City Council that at least two (2) separate individuals should be considered for each vacancy (i.e., if there are two (2) vacancies, the City will attempt to have four (4) separate individuals under consideration)."

The City Council will conduct appointments to fill these vacancies at its Tuesday, June 22, 2021 meeting. All new terms will be effective July 1, 2021, with an expiration date of June 30, 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).

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – Board of Library Trustees Applications
- Attachment B – Building and Fire Board of Appeals Applications
- Attachment C – City Arts Commission Applications
- Attachment D – Civil Service Board Applications
- Attachment E – Harbor Commission Applications
- Attachment F – Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Applications
- Attachment G – Planning Commission Applications