



City of Arts & Innovation

Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee

TO: MAYOR'S NOMINATING AND SCREENING COMMITTEE DATE: AUGUST 11, 2026

FROM: CITY CLERK WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENTS

ISSUE:

Recommend City Council Standing Committee and Regional Organization assignments to the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee consider the City Council Standing Committee and Regional Organization assignments for recommendation to the City Council.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution 24389, Section XIII stipulates the establishment of eight (8) Standing Committees within the City Council, each comprising of three members. The committees oversee specific areas within the city's governance structure and form an integral part of the City Council's structure, ensuring consistency and continuity in decision-making processes.

The Standing Committees are:

- Economic Development
- Finance
- Housing and Homelessness
- Governmental Processes
- Land Use
- Mayor's Nominating Screening
- Mobility and Infrastructure
- Safety, Wellness, and Youth

Resolution No. 24389 also mandates that each Councilmember assume roles as Chair, Vice-Chair, and Member across three Committees. The Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee (MNSC) consists of the Mayor as Chair and members of the Governmental Processes Committee.

Furthermore, the resolution states the consideration of new assignments should follow each election and emphasizes honoring the preferences of senior Councilmembers to the greatest extent possible. The preferences, along with seniority rankings, are detailed in attached charts, proposing two rosters that prioritize these preferences accordingly. Below is a chart identifying the date that each City Council member assumed office.

ELECTED OFFICIAL SENIORITY	
Philip Falcone	4/9/2024
Clarissa Cervantes	7/13/2021
Steven Robillard	4/9/2024
Chuck Conder	6/6/2017
Sean Mill	4/9/2024
Luis Hernandez	7/7/2026
Steve Hemenway	11/5/2019

DISCUSSION:

The City Clerk conducted a poll among Council members to ascertain their preferences. Primarily, three members with the most seniority expressed their desire to maintain their current assignments within Standing Committees and Regional Organizations. One senior member requested new committee assignments, while the incoming members provided their preferences for assignments.

Given the existing commitments of the most tenured members, there appears to be minimal scope for reassignments. Therefore, the staff requests that the MNSC review the current assignments within Standing Committees and Regional Organizations, take into consideration the preferences of Council members, and subsequently make recommendations for any necessary adjustments.

Moreover, because a Special Municipal Runoff Election is scheduled for November 3, 2026, a second City Council reorganization will be necessary after the successful candidates are seated. Accordingly, the appointments made during this reorganization will be temporary, and the Council will be asked to reconsider committee and regional organization assignments in January 2027 to reflect the newly constituted City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Assignments to City Council Standing Committees and Regional Organizations do not incur any fiscal impact since the costs for staffing these committees are already accounted for within the annual budget.

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Attachments: Current Standing Committee Roster
Current Regional Organization Roster
City Council Standing Committee and Regional Organization Preferences