



## BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP REDUCTION

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Budget Engagement Commission  
March 13, 2025

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## BACKGROUND

- January 2017: BEC formed – Ordinance 7363, RMC 2.90
- June 2023: BEC considered reducing membership, voting in favor
- July 2023: Inclusiveness, Community Engagement and Governmental Processes Committee considered reducing membership, voting to continue the item for future consideration to see whether the quorum issues continued



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# BEC MEMBERSHIP

## Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.90.030:

- 18 Total: 9 residents and 9 business members, each representing:
  - 7 wards
  - 2 citywide nominations by the Mayor

### Current membership:

- 7 residents
- 5 business

Ward	Seat	Months Vacant
2	Resident	10
	Business	1
4	Business	41
6	Resident	6
7	Business	25
Citywide	Business	12

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# MEMBERSHIP HISTORY



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# ATTENDANCE 2023-2025

Meeting	Seat Filled	Present	Absent	Outcome	Reason
01/12/23	12 of 18	11	1	Held	
02/09/23	11 of 18			Cancelled	Lack of quorum
03/09/23	11 of 18	7	4	Cancelled	Lack of quorum
04/13/23	14 of 18	7	7	Cancelled	Lack of quorum
05/11/23	14 of 18	5	9	Cancelled	Lack of quorum
06/08/23	12 of 18	11	1	Held	
07/13/23	13 of 18	11	1	Held	
08/10/23	14 of 18	14	0	Held	
09/14/23	15 of 18	13	1	Held	
10/12/23	16 of 18	7	9	Cancelled	Lack of quorum
11/09/23	16 of 18	13	3	Held	
12/14/23	16 of 18	14	2	Held	
01/11/24	16 of 18	12	4	Held	
02/08/24	16 of 18	8	8	Cancelled	Lack of quorum
03/04/24	14 of 18	13	1	Held	
04/11/24	13 of 18	12	1	Held	
05/09/24	14 of 18	14	0	Held	
06/13/24	14 of 18	10	4	Held	
07/11/24	13 of 18	10	3	Held	
08/08/24	12 of 18	12	0	Held	
09/12/24	12 of 18			Cancelled	Lack of items
10/10/24	13 of 18	8	6	Cancelled	Lack of quorum
11/14/24	13 of 18	12	1	Held	
12/12/24	13 of 18	7	6	Cancelled	Lack of quorum
01/09/25	13 of 18	8	5	Cancelled	Lack of quorum
02/13/25	13 of 18	8	11	Held	

**2023 Agenda Items missed:**

- Three reports recommending Measure Z Allocations
- Three Quarterly Reports
- Amendment of FY 2023/24 Budget (Readoption)
- Proposed FY 2023/24 User Fees & Charges
- Fiscal Health Indicators
- Measure Z Spending and Priorities
- Measure Z Funding Revisions

**2024 Agenda Items missed:**

- Measure Z Spending Plan Overview
- Update – Urban Forestry Program
- One Quarterly Report

**2025 Agenda Items missed:**

- One report recommending a Measure Z Allocation
- One Quarterly Report

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# IMPACT OF CANCELLATIONS

- Resources per meeting:
  - BEC Secretary & Communications Team
    - ~25 labor hours – BEC Secretary & Communications Team
    - \$1,250 labor and materials
  - Other City Staff
    - Data gathering and content creation
    - Content review and approval
    - Meeting attendance
- Duplication of efforts (agenda carryovers)
- Lack of timely input from the BEC
- BEC Member impact – employment, childcare, other arrangements

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## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



### STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5 - HIGH PERFORMING GOVERNMENT

Goal 5.3: Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

#### CROSS-CUTTING THREADS



Community Trust



Equity



Innovation



Fiscal  
Responsibility



Sustainability  
and Resiliency



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Budget Engagement Commission:

1. Consider an amendment to Chapter 2.90 Section 2.90.030 of the Riverside Municipal Code to reduce the membership of the Budget Engagement Commission to seven Ward seats and four Citywide seats for a total of eleven members with Resident and Business seat appointments at the discretion of the appointing elected official; and
2. Forward the recommendation to the Inclusiveness, Community Engagement and Governmental Processes Committee for consideration.



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