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City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 16, 2022

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS **AND RESIGNATION**

ISSUE:

Appoint John Goolsby to the Airport Commission Citywide seat, Richard Cardullo to the Museum of Riverside Board Ward 3 seat, **Pete Benavidez to the Budget Engagement Commission Ward 6 business seat and accept resignation of Deborah S. Cherney from the Board of Public Utilities Citywide seat.**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor and City Council:

1. Appoint John Goolsby to the Citywide seat on the Airport Commission for a term through March 1, 2024;
2. Appoint Richard Cardullo to the Ward 3 seat on the Museum of Riverside Board for a term through March 1, 2026;
3. **Appoint Pete Benavidez to the Ward 6 business seat on the Budget Engagement Commission for a term through March 1, 2023; and**
4. **Accept the resignation of Deborah S. Cherney from the Board of Public Utilities Citywide seat, effective immediately.**

BACKGROUND:

Mayor Lock Dawson recommends the City Council appoint John Goolsby to the Airport Commission Citywide seat for a term ending March 1, 2024.

Councilmember Fierro recommends the City Council appoint Richard Cardullo to the Museum of Riverside Board Ward 3 seat for a term ending March 1, 2026.

Councilmember Perry recommends the City Council appoint Pete Benavidez to the Budget Engagement Commission, Ward 6 business seat for a term ending March 1, 2023.

On August 8, 2022, the City Clerk's Office received a resignation from Deborah S. Cherney, effective immediately. Her term expires on March 1, 2025. Ms. Cherney held the Citywide seat on the Board of Public Utilities.

Riverside City Charter Section 802 provides that each board and commission have one representative from each Council Ward.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The Mayor and City Council process for appointing a board/commission member to fill a vacancy on a board or commission contributes to the City Council's Envision 2025 Strategic Plan Priority and Goal:

High Performing Government - Provide world-class public service that is efficient, accessible, and responsive to all, and the following goal:

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

The board/commission appointment process for filling a vacancy aligns with the 5 Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust and 2. Equity** - Riverside is transparent in providing timely notification when vacancies occur to provide opportunities for residents interested in community engagement and involvement on the City Boards and Commissions.

3. **Fiscal Responsibility** - Riverside is a prudent steward of public funds and ensures responsible management of the City's financial resources. The City Clerk's Office annual budget includes funding to support and maintain Board and Commission operations administration.

4. **Innovation** - Board and Commission appointments allow new members to bring innovative ideas to meet the community's changing needs and prepare for the future through collaborative partnerships and adaptive processes.

5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** - Riverside is committed to meeting the present needs without compromising the needs of the future and ensuring the City's capacity to preserve, adapt and grow during fluctuating times are met. The City is prepared to fill vacancies due to unforeseen resignations by keeping an active pool of applicants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Recruitment and appointment costs are included annually in the City Clerk's budget.

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