



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 4, 2023

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

ISSUE:

Appoint Mohammad Noor to the Park and Recreation Commission Ward 5 seat, Linda M. Stufkosky to the Commission of the Deaf Citywide seat, Julie Bjork to the Museum of Riverside Board Ward 6 seat, and Rich D. Vandenberg to the Budget Engagement Commission Citywide Resident seat. Rescind the appointment of Carmen L. Roberts to the Human Relations Commission Ward 2 seat and appoint her to the Commission on Aging Citywide seat. File resignations of Arthur J. Santore from the Park and Recreation Commission Ward 6 seat and Ana S. Miramontes from the Budget Engagement Commission Citywide Resident seat.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor and City Council:

1. Appoint Mohammad Noor to the Park and Recreation Commission Ward 5 seat for a term through March 1, 2027;
2. Appoint Linda M. Stufkosky to the Commission of the Deaf Citywide seat for a term that will be decided during the first meeting of the Commission;
3. Appoint Julie Bjork to the Museum of Riverside Board Ward 6 seat for a term through March 1, 2027;
4. Appoint Rich D. Vandenberg to the Budget Engagement Commission Citywide Resident seat for a term through March 1, 2025;
5. Rescind the appointment of Carmen L. Roberts to the Human Relations Commission Ward 2 seat and appoint her to the Commission on Aging Citywide seat;
6. File resignation of Arthur J. Santore from the Park and Recreation Commission Ward 6 seat; and
7. File resignation of Ana S. Miramontes from the Budget Engagement Commission Citywide Resident seat.

BACKGROUND:

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

Pursuant to Resolution 23618, Section XIV (B), Councilmember Plascencia recommends the Mayor and City Council appoint Mohammad Noor to the Park and Recreation Commission Ward 5 seat for a term ending March 1, 2027.

Mayor Lock Dawson recommends the City Council appoint Linda M. Stufkosky to the Commission of the Deaf Citywide seat for a term that will be decided during the first meeting of the Commission and Rich D. Vandenberg to the Budget Engagement Commission Citywide Resident seat for a term through March 1, 2025.

Councilmember Perry recommends the Mayor and City Council appoint Julie Bjork to the Museum of Riverside Board Ward 6 seat for a term through March 1, 2027.

On Tuesday February 28, 2023, the Mayor and City Council approved Carmen L. Roberts appointment to the Human Relations Commission Ward 2 seat, however Ms. Roberts expressed interest in serving on the Commission on Aging Citywide seat. Mayor Lock Dawson recommends the City Council appoint Carmen L. Roberts to the Commission on Aging Citywide seat for a term through March 1, 2027.

On Friday, March 17, 2023, the City Clerk's Office became aware of a resignation from Arthur J. Santore. Mr. Santore held the Ward 6 seat on the Park and Recreation Commission. His term expires on March 1, 2025.

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the City Clerk's Office received a resignation from Ana S. Miramontes. Ms. Miramontes held the Citywide Resident seat on the Budget Engagement Commission. Her term expires on March 1, 2025.

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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