



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2016**
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: AIRPORT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT AND DECLARATION OF SEAT AS VACANT

ISSUE:

Declare the Airport Commission Ward 7 seat as vacant and appoint Eden R. Bloch, Jr., to the Airport Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor and City Council:

1. Declare the Airport Commission Ward 7 seat as vacant, effective immediately and request the City Clerk to process the vacancy; and
2. Appoint Eden R. Bloch, Jr., to the Ward 7 seat on the Airport Commission for a term ending March 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Declaration of Vacancy

On October 31, 2016, the City Clerk's Office was notified of regular meeting unexcused absences for the past three months of Airport Commissioner Rodrigo Torres. The Mayor and City Council appointed Mr. Torres to the Ward 7 seat on the Commission on May 5, 2015, for a term ending March 1, 2017.

Charter Section 805 provides that if a member of a board or commission absents himself/herself from three consecutive regular meetings, unless by permission of such board or commission expressed in its official minutes, the office shall become vacant and shall be so declared by the City Council.

On July 26, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 23035, amending the board and commission attendance policy to read:

"Section XIV.

- D. Board/commission members shall make every effort to notify the Chairperson or his/her designee no later than 24 hours prior to any regular meeting of his/her intent

not to attend said meeting. A member's inability to provide 24 hours advance notice shall not preclude the board/commission from exercising its discretion to excuse said absence as outlined in Section 805 of the City Charter. If a member of a board or commission absents himself/herself from three consecutive regular meetings of such board or commission, unless by permission of such board or commission expressed in its official minutes, or is convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, or ceases to be a qualified elector of the City, the office shall become vacant and shall be so declared by the City Council;

- E. The City Clerk shall provide quarterly attendance reports to the Mayor and City Council; and
- F. The City Clerk shall notify the Mayor for Citywide seats and the appropriate Councilmember for Ward specific seats for direction to be taken in the event of either of the following conditions: (a) a board/commission member is absent unexcused from three consecutive regular meetings of the board/commission; or (b) a board/commission member is absent, whether excused or unexcused, from more than one-third of the regularly scheduled meetings in any calendar year."

Appointment

Councilmember Burnard recommends appointment of Eden R. Bloch, Jr., to the Ward 7 seat on the Airport Commission to fill an unexpired term through March 1, 2017. This vacancy was created by the vacancy of Rodrigo A. Torres. This appointment fills the seat by a registered voter from Ward 7 in compliance with Charter Section 802.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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Concurs with:



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