



City of Arts & Innovation

# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 5, 2021**  
**FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION AND BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES INTERVIEWS**

**ISSUES:**

Interview applicants for the Community Police Review Commission and Board of Public Utilities.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Mayor and City Council interview, reinterview, and appoint applicants to the:

1. Ward 2, 4, and 6 seats on the Community Police Review Commission for terms ending March 1, 2025; and
2. Ward 4, 5, 6, and 7 seats on the Board of Public Utilities for terms ending March 1, 2025.

**BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

Section XIV(A) of the City Council Rules of Procedure and Order of Business (Resolution No. 23035) provides that for vacancies on the Community Police Review Commission, Board of Ethics, Planning Commission, and Board of Public Utilities, the Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee reviews applications submitted and identifies applicants for interview with the Mayor and City Council. The City Clerk notifies the Mayor and City Council of those selected for interview. The Mayor and each member of the City Council may add additional applicants for interview, if desired. The Mayor and City Council immediately vote on the appointments following the interviews. With a full quorum, five affirmative votes are required.

The Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee met on December 15, 2020, with Chair Lock-Dawson and Members Melendrez, Fierro, and Conder present, and unanimously recommended that the City Council (1) interview (a) Richard A. Torres, Joseph R. Victorian-White, Blake R. Williams, and Leni C. Zarate for the Ward 2 seat; (b) re-interview Phil DeBrier for the Ward 4 seat; and (c) re-interview Norma O. Berrellez for the Ward 6 seat on the Community Police Review Commission for terms through March 1, 2025; and (2) interview (a) Michelle R. Adams for the Ward 4 seat; (b) Edward B. Godwin, Nancy E. Melendez, and Robert Rodriguez for the Ward 5 seat; (c) Rosemary Heru for the Ward 6 seat; (d) re-interview Jo Lynne Russo Pereyra for the Citywide seat; and (e) re-interview Gildardo "Gil" Oceguela for the Ward 7 seat for the Board of Public Utilities for terms through March 1, 2025.

Subsequently, Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra notified the City Clerk's Office of her decision to not seek a second term on the Board of Public Utilities. Ms. Russo-Pereyra held a Citywide seat with a term ending on March 1, 2021.

Subsequently, Councilmember Conder requested Gary Montgomery interview for the Ward 4 seat on the Board of Public Utilities.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Recruitment and appointment costs are funded in the City Clerk's Office budget.

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Concurs with:



Patricia Lock-Dawson, Chair  
Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee

Attachments: Interview Schedule  
Community Police Review Commission Roster and Applications  
Board of Public Utilities Roster and Applications