



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

ISSUES:

Appoint Christen Montero to the Planning Commission Ward 2 seat and Abigail Thranow to the Board of Ethics Ward 3 seat; and file the resignations of Yundra Thomas from the Budget Engagement Commission Ward 5 Business seat, Jordan Sisson from the Cultural Heritage Board Ward 1 seat, and Rafael Elizalde from the Planning Commission Ward 3 seat.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Mayor and City Council:

1. Appoint Christen Montero to the Planning Commission Ward 2 seat for a term through March 1, 2027;
2. Appoint Abigail Thranow to the Board of Ethics Ward 3 seat for a term through March 1, 2030;
3. File the resignation of Yundra Thomas from the Budget Engagement Commission Ward 5 Business seat;
4. File the resignation of Jordan Sisson from the Cultural Heritage Board Ward 1 seat;
5. File the resignation of Rafael Elizalde from the Planning Commission Ward 3 seat effective immediately.

BACKGROUND:

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

Pursuant to Resolution 24318, Section XIV (A), Councilmember Cervantes recommends that the Mayor and City Council appoint Christen Montero to the Planning Commission Ward 2 seat for a term through March 1, 2027.

Councilmember Robillard recommends that the Mayor and City Council appoint Abigail Thranow to the Board of Ethics Ward 3 seat for a term through March 1, 2030.

On January 6, 2026, the City Clerk's Office received a resignation from Yundra Thomas. Yundra Thomas held the Ward 5 Business seat on the Budget Engagement Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

On February 7, 2026, the City Clerk's Office received a resignation from Jordan Sisson. Jordan Sission held the Ward 1 seat on the Cultural Heritage Board for a term expiring on March 1, 2030.

On February 9, 2026, the City Clerk's Office received a resignation from Rafael Elizalde. Rafael Elizalde held the Ward 3 seat on the Planning Commission for a term expiring on March 1, 2029.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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