City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: **HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: JUNE 23, 2026**

FROM: **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT** **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: **ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE NAME FROM "COMMISSION OF THE DEAF" TO "DEAF COMMISSION"**

ISSUE:

Adopt an ordinance to amend Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.100, changing the name from "Commission of the Deaf" to "Deaf Commission."

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt an Ordinance to amend the Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.100 to change name from "Commission of the Deaf" to the "Deaf Commission."

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

On June 9, 2026, the City Council introduced an ordinance to amend Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.100, changing the name from "Commission of the Deaf" to "Deaf Commission." The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 20, 2026, the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee recommended that the City Council introduce and subsequently adopt the proposed ordinance to amend Riverside Municipal Code, Chapter 2.100 to change the name from the "Commission of the Deaf" to "Deaf Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

On January 24, 2023, the City Council approved the recommendation to introduce an ordinance establishing a Commission of the Deaf, and the first reading of the ordinance adding Chapter 2.100, Commission of the Deaf, to the City's Municipal Code, was held. The final ordinance was adopted on February 7, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

On October 8, 2025, the Commission approved to recommend that the City Council change the name from "Commission of the Deaf" to the "Deaf Commission." The motion carried with Commissioner Rasmus absent.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Approved as to form: Rebecca McKee-Reimbold, Interim City Attorney

Attachment: Ordinance