

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## November 7, 2024



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**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
**Prepared by:** Angelica Avila, City Clerk  
**Subject:** **Appointments for Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District and Planning Commission**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** the Council Ad Hoc Committee recommendations for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026; and

**APPOINTS** John Vallat to serve on the CV Mosquito & Vector Control Board; and

**APPOINTS** Ralph Laks, and Jim Snellenberger on the Planning Commission; and

**REAPPOINTS** Ken Welch for a second term on the Planning Commission; and

**FINDS** the action exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review under CEQA guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

### DISCUSSION

The Planning Commission and Coachella Mosquito & Vector Control District appointments are on a calendar year basis ending on December 31. The Planning Commission has two seats available for appointment and one re-appointment. Chair Schleimer and Commissioner Conway are completing their second term on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Ken Welch is eligible to be re-appointed per the Council policy for another two-year term ending on December 31, 2026.

The District terms serve either a two-year or four-year term. The District appointment terms permit a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms. The District is comprised of eleven members representing Coachella Valley cities and the County. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The appointed position does not receive a stipend ([www.cvmosquito.org](http://www.cvmosquito.org)).

The City received 10 applications from interested residents to fill the vacancies, with terms beginning on **January 1, 2025**, and ending on **December 31, 2026**. Candidate applications remain valid and are kept for 6 months should any unexpected vacancies occur. Applications received are available for public review at City Hall, City Clerk

Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

The Council Ad-hoc Committee ("Committee") conducted interviews with the applicants between September 30 through October 23, 2024. The Committee consisted of Mayor Sanders and Councilmember Griffith. The Committee is recommending the following appointments: John Vallat for a two-year term on the Mosquito & Vector Control Board. Ken Welch, Jim Snellenberger, and Ralph Laks to be appointed on the Planning Commission.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):**

The action is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly; and that the action is nonetheless exempt from the requirements of CEQA in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. (14 CCR 15061(b)(3).)