

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## December 19, 2024



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**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
**Prepared by:** Angelica Avila, City Clerk  
**Subject:** **Indian Wells Golf Resort Advisory Committee Appointment**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council Sub-Committee recommends the Council **APPOINT** Jim Kent to fill the vacancy on the Golf Resort Advisory Committee for the remainder of the term ending on June 30, 2026; and

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

### DISCUSSION:

An unscheduled vacancy on the Golf Resort Advisory Committee has occurred due to the election of Dr. Toper Taylor to the Indian Wells City Council. Dr. Taylor submitted his resignation from the Golf Resort Advisory Committee prior to being sworn in as a new Council Member. The City's annual recruitment was conducted in April 2024 with appointments in June 2024. Dr. Taylor was reappointed to a two-year term that expires June 30, 2026.

The Council has authority to make appointments with current applications for unexpected vacancies. Per Council Policy Manual section 3.03.070 (g)(3)-Unscheduled Vacancies, "the Council may consider candidates for unscheduled or foreseen committee vacancies that occur within a 6-month period of the annual recruitment. Following the conclusion of the annual recruitment, applicants will remain active in the City Clerk's office for 6 months."

The Council Sub-Committee of Council Member Griffith and Council Member Peabody conducted the initial review and interviews of the applications submitted. The Council Sub-Committee is recommending the Council appoint Mr. Jim Kent to fill the unexpected vacancy for the remainder of the term ending on June 30, 2026.

Alternatively, the City Council could instruct City staff to conduct a new recruitment for the unscheduled vacancy.

**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).)