

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

April 3, 2025



To: City Council
From: City Manager Department
Prepared by: Angelica Avila, City Clerk
Subject: **Annual Recruitment and Interview Schedule for Committees and Commission Appointments**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** the annual recruitment and interview schedule; and

DESIGNATES Councilmember Taylor to serve on the Ad-Hoc Interview Committee for the Housing Authority and Councilmember Reed on the Ad Hoc Interview Committee for the Palm Springs Airport Commission; and

FINDS the project to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060.

DISCUSSION:

This year, there are nine (9) appointments being considered on the various Committees and Commissions. Under the Council Policy (**Attachment No.1**), three (3) seats are eligible for a two-year re-appointment with terms ending on June 20, 2027. Eligible reappointments are required to re-apply and go through the interview process. There are five (5) seats that will be termed out on the Community Activities Committee, Golf Resort Advisory Committee, Grants In Aid Committee, and Housing Authority.

The vacancies are as follows:

Community Activities Committee

1. Kay Hillary Termed out
2. Marianne Hagan 1 term left

Grants In Aid Committee

1. Kathleen Felci Termed out
2. Arlene Lucchesi Termed out

Golf Resort Advisory Committee

1. Marcie Maxwell 1 term left
2. Tim Venturi Termed out

Housing Authority Commission

1. John O'hea Termed out
2. Vacant

Palm Springs Airport Commission

1. Robert Berriman 1 term left

The annual vacancies are noticed in the Desert Sun in early April. In addition, email notifications are sent to the community concerning the committee vacancies and a link to the application with committee descriptions are posted on the City's website. The application process begins on April 4, 2025, and the deadline to apply is on **Wednesday April 30, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.**

The Council implemented Ad-hoc Interview Committees to review applications and conduct interviews with the applicants. The Council Ad-hoc Interview Committees ("Committee") consist of one or two Council Members who are assigned to that committee as the liaison or if there are no Councilmember representation on such Committees, the Council shall designate Councilmembers at a public meeting. Councilmember Penna serves as the Council liaison for Community Activities Committee and Grants In Aid Committee. Mayor Whitman and Councilmember Taylor serve on the Golf Resort Advisory Committee.

Staff recommend the Council designates Councilmember Taylor on the Committee for Housing Authority Commission and Councilmember Reed on the Committee for Palm Springs Airport Commission.

Each Committees will conduct in person interviews between May 5 through May 30, 2025. The Committees shall forward appointment recommendations to the City Clerk no later than June 2, 2025. The recommendations are to be proposed for approval at the second Council meeting in June.

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).)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Council Policy- (b) Term Limitations