

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## July 2, 2025



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**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
**Prepared by:** Angelica Avila, City Clerk  
**Subject:** **Approval of Council Liaison to the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert Board**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **SELECTS** and **APPROVES** Mayor Bruce Whitman to serve as the City's non-voting liaison to the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert Board; and

**FINDS** the action exempt from CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

### DISCUSSION:

The Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert (CDMoD) has long served as a regional educational and cultural resource, offering interactive learning experiences for children and families. The City of Indian Wells has historically supported the Museum through various partnerships and community initiatives.

In May 2025, the Museum formally requested the appointment of a City Council representative to serve in an ex officio capacity on its Board. This appointment would strengthen communication, foster collaboration, and ensure the City remains informed of the Museum's strategic direction and programming. The liaison will attend monthly board meetings and provide regular updates to the City Council and the community during City Council meetings. The cities of Rancho Mirage and Palm Desert currently have ex officio members serving on the CDMoD Board.

The ex officio role is non-voting and intended to serve as a liaison between the City and the Museum. The appointment would not require additional compensation or formal committee restructuring. Participation would include attending regular board meetings and providing updates to the City Council as needed. This appointment aligns with the City's commitment to supporting youth education, cultural enrichment, and regional partnerships.

Mayor Bruce Whitman has indicated that he wishes to be appointed to serve as the City Council's liaison to the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this appointment.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Email Request