

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

November 6, 2025



To: City Council
From: City Manager Department
Prepared by: Angelica Avila, City Clerk
Subject: **Appointment of Two Planning Commissioners**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** the Council Ad Hoc Committee recommendations for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027; and

APPOINTS Lawrence Bouffard on the Planning Commission; and

REAPPOINTS Glenn Schubert 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 consists of appointed residents who serve two-year terms aligned with the calendar year. The terms of Chair Bahneman and Commissioner Schubert conclude on December 31, 2025. Chair Bahneman is completing his second term and is not eligible for re-appointment. Commissioner Schubert is eligible for re-appointment under Council policy.

The City received 14 applications from residents interested in serving on the Planning Commission. These applications are valid for six months and may be considered in the event of an unexpected vacancy. All applications are available for public review at City Hall, City Clerk Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays.

An Ad-hoc Committee consisting of Mayor Whitman and Councilmember Penna conducted interviews with all applicants between September 20 and October 30, 2025. Following the interview process, the Committee recommends the appointment of the following individuals:

- Glenn Schubert (2nd term)
- Lawrence Bouffard (1st term)

Upon Council approval, the appointed Commissioners will begin their terms on January 1, 2026. Staff will notify all applicants of the Council's decision and coordinate onboarding for the new Commissioners.

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).)