



# ***Agenda Report***

## ***Fullerton City Council***

**MEETING DATE:** DECEMBER 7, 2021

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY / HOUSING  
AUTHORITY / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

**SUBMITTED BY:** STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

**PREPARED BY:** LUCINDA WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

**SUBJECT:** MAYOR / CHAIR AND MAYOR PRO TEM / VICE CHAIR  
APPOINTMENT

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### **SUMMARY**

The City Council / Successor Agency / Housing Authority / Public Financing Authority selects a new Mayor / Chair and Mayor Pro Tem / Vice Chair on an annual basis.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. City Attorney conduct nomination and selection for Mayor / Chair.
2. Mayor conduct nomination and selection for Mayor Pro Tem / Vice Chair.

### **PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT**

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement/s:

- Fiscal and Organizational Stability.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

### **DISCUSSION**

Each December, the City Council / Successor Agency / Housing Authority / Public Financing Authority votes to appoint a Council / Agency / Authority Member to serve as Mayor / Chair and a Member to serve as Mayor Pro Tem / Vice Chair. The Mayor / Chair serves as the presiding officer during Council / Agency / Authority meetings and represents the City at various events. The Mayor Pro Tem / Vice Chair serves as presiding officer and represents the City in the Mayor's absence.

In October 2020, City Council approved a new policy to appoint the Mayor / Chair and the Mayor Pro Tem / Vice Chair and to break a tie when two or more Council Members

have equal seniority to become the Mayor Pro Tem. Per the new policy, City Council will select the Mayor Pro Tem based on seniority according to the number of years a member has served consecutively on the City Council without serving as Mayor. The Mayor Pro Tem shall automatically become Mayor the following year.

In the event the Council Member scheduled to next serve as Mayor Pro Tem declines the appointment, the member will move to “second position” and the next most senior member will serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

In the event a Mayor Pro Tem next scheduled to serve as Mayor chooses not to serve, the member shall continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem and the next most senior member will serve as Mayor.

Should voters elect two or more new Council Members at the same municipal election, a random selection shall determine seniority.

The following table lists the seniority of the current Council Members:

<b>Council / Agency / Authority Member</b>	<b>Last Served as Mayor / Chair</b>	<b>Years Served Without Serving As Mayor / Chair</b>
Nick Dunlap	n/a	1
Fred Jung	n/a	1
Jesus Silva	2019	2
Bruce Whitaker	2021	0
Ahmad Zahra	n/a	3

Based on the new *Selection of Mayor Pro Tem Policy*, Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap would serve as Mayor / Chair for the ensuing term because the Mayor Pro Tem shall automatically become Mayor the following year

Also based on the policy, Council Member Zahra would serve as Mayor Pro Tem / Vice Chair for the ensuing term because he has served the most consecutive years on City Council without serving as Mayor.

While the policy for rotation of City Council members intends to ease the transition of members into the Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor positions, nothing in the policy prohibits City Council from selecting any Council Member to serve as Mayor Pro Tem or Mayor by majority vote.

Staff has attached a copy of the Mayor Pro Tem selection policy for reference.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Selection of Mayor Pro Tem Policy