



Agenda Item A.2
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk

PREPARED BY: David J. Cutaia, Senior Deputy City Clerk
Nicholas A. Norman, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Ratification of Mayoral Appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission, Public Engagement Commission, and Library Advisory Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Ratify the mayoral re-appointment of Heather McDaniel McDevitt and appointment of Arielle Goodson to the Historic Preservation Commission for portions of terms ending July 31, 2029; and
- B. Ratify the mayoral appointment of Youth Member, Noah Guillen to the Public Engagement Commission with a term ending November 2027; and
- C. Ratify the mayoral appointment of Goleta Resident, Sarah Penna to the Library Advisory Commission with a term ending July 2029.

BACKGROUND:

On November 20, 2025, the City Council held a special meeting to conduct interviews of all applicants for the Historic Preservation Commission, Public Engagement Commission and the Library Advisory Commission. At the conclusion of this meeting, the Mayor re-appointed Heather McDaniel McDevitt and appointed Arielle Goodson to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending July 2029, appointed Youth Member, Noah Guillen to the Public Engagement Commission with a term ending November 2027 and appointed Sarah Penna to the Library Advisory Commission with a term ending July 2029.

DISCUSSION:

Government Code Section 40605 provides that an elected mayor shall make all appointments to a City's boards, commissions and committees, subject to the City Council's approval. This item provides the Mayor the opportunity to seek Council ratification as a result of the nominations received on November 20, 2025, as follows: re-appointment of Heather McDaniel McDevitt and appointment of Arielle Goodson to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending July 2029, appointment of Youth Member, Noah Guillen to the Public Engagement Commission with a term ending

November 2027 and the appointment of Sarah Penna to the Library Advisory Commission with a term ending July 2029.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with ratifying these mayoral appointments other than routine staff time required to prepare this report and the stipends each commissioner receives per commission meeting as established by resolution.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may decline to ratify the Mayor's appointments. If ratification does not occur, the vacancies will remain unfilled and existing commissioners may continue serving until replaced, consistent with City policy. The Council may also direct staff to reopen recruitments to seek additional applicants.

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager