



**Agenda Item A.2**  
**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Meeting Date: September 5, 2023**

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**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk

**CONTACT:** Liana Campos, Deputy City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of Mayoral Appointment to the Public Engagement Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratify the mayoral appointment of Jessica Avila-Ruiz to the Public Engagement Commission (Youth Member) for a term ending September 2025.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 6, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23-04 creating Chapter 2.19 of the Goleta Municipal Code related to the City's Public Engagement (PEC) Commission. The role of the Public Engagement Commission is to advise the City Council and staff on matters related to public engagement in City government and governance. The Public Engagement Commission consists of seven members. One member shall be a youth member 15 years old but not more than 18 years old at the time of appointment. The youth commissioner shall serve up to a two-year term. Kyle Yao, Youth Member, notified staff that he would be moving out of the area, and therefore would not seek an additional term to the Public Engagement Commission.

**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 of appointment of Jessica Avila-Ruiz to the Public Engagement Commission, with a term ending September 2025. Ms. Avila-Ruiz interviewed before the City Council on August 24, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

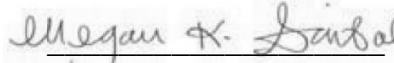
There is no direct fiscal impact associated with ratifying the Mayor's appointee to the Public Engagement Commission other than staff time needed to prepare this report.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Council is under no obligation to make an appointment at this time. The City Council may desire to see further advertising done in order to ensure a greater applicant pool prior to ratification.

**Reviewed By:**

Kristine Schmidt  
Assistant City Manager

**Legal Review By:**

Megan Garibaldi  
City Attorney

**Approved By:**

Robert Nisbet  
City Manager