



**Agenda Item A.2**  
**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Meeting Date: November 19, 2024**

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**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**SUBMITTED BY:** Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of Mayoral Appointments to the Public Engagement Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Library Advisory Commission, the Public Tree Advisory Commission and the Design Review Board

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Ratify the mayoral appointment of Sagarika Manian, Youth Member, to the Public Engagement Commission with a two-year term ending November 30, 2026, and the appointment of Lori Goodman to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending November 30, 2025; and
- B. Ratify the mayoral appointment of Alyssa Flores, Youth Member, to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a two-year term ending November 30, 2026, and
- C. Ratify the mayoral reappointments of Luke Roberts, Elizabeth Link and Barbara Vilander to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending June 30, 2028; and
- D. Ratify the mayoral appointment of Anna Jordan to the Library Advisory Commission with a term ending June 30, 2027, and the appointment of Krista Rodkey to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending June 30, 2025; and
- E. Ratify the mayoral appointment of Karl Rider to the Public Tree Advisory Commission to fill a portion of a term ending February 28, 2027; and
- F. Ratify the mayoral appointment of Jonathan Eymann to the Design Review Board to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending February 28, 2026.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Public Engagement Commission**

The Public Engagement Commission is authorized by Goleta Municipal Code Section 2.19.20. The purpose of the Public Engagement Commission shall be to advise the City Council and staff on matters related to public engagement in City government and governance. The Public Engagement Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members. One member shall be a Youth Member. Members of the Public Engagement

Commission shall be appointed to a four-year term. There shall be no limit on the number of terms members may be appointed. The Youth Commissioner shall serve up to a two-year term.

### **Parks and Recreation Commission**

The Parks and Recreation Commission is authorized by Goleta Code Section 2.12.020. The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall be to advise the City Council on all issues related to public parks, open spaces, beaches, and indoor and outdoor recreational facilities and opportunities in Goleta. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall be composed of seven members. One member shall be a youth member. The youth member shall be at least 15 years old and not more than 18 years old at the time of appointment. The youth commissioner serves up to a two-year term.

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

The Historic Preservation Commission is authorized by Goleta Municipal Code Section 2.17.020. The purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission is to act as an advisory body to the staff, the Design Review Board, and City Council on all matters pertaining to historic preservation. The Historic Preservation Commission shall be composed of seven members, a majority of the members shall be residents of the City during incumbency.

### **Library Advisory Commission**

The Library Advisory Commission is authorized by Goleta Municipal Code Section 2.14.020. The purpose of the Library Advisory Commission shall be to advise staff and the City Council on matters affecting the Goleta Valley Library representing the interests of the library's patrons by recommending programming and services for the library.

The Library Advisory Commission shall advise the Library Board of Trustees (Board) and increase community participation in library issues by analyzing the library's needs, considering goals, anticipating future needs and problems, acting as a liaison, acting as a sounding board, and helping to develop consensus for advisement to the Board.

The Library Advisory Commission shall be composed of five members. Two members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council according to the process established in Goleta Municipal Code Chapter 2.15. Three members of the Commission suggested by the County Board of Supervisors shall be appointed by the Mayor to represent the unincorporated service area of the Goleta Valley.

### **Public Tree Advisory Commission**

The Public Tree Advisory Commission is authorized by Goleta Municipal Code Section 2.11.020. The purpose of the Public Tree Advisory Commission shall be to hear appeals of decisions on the planting and removal of public trees as provided under Section 2.11.010, and to provide advice to staff and the City Council on matters related to the Goleta Urban Forest. The Public Tree Advisory Commission shall be composed of five members.

## **Design Review Board**

The Design Review Board is authorized by Goleta Municipal Code Section 2.08.020. The purpose of the Design Review Board shall be to advise the City Council, Planning Commission, and staff and to exercise other such powers and duties as established in Goleta Municipal Code Section 17.50.070. The Design Review Board is composed of seven regular members. Of the seven members, four must be professionals and the three remaining at-large members must all reside within the City. Of the four professional members, at least two must be licensed architects, at least one member must be a licensed landscape professional (landscape architect), and at least one member shall be a design professional who demonstrates an interest in Goleta and possess significant professional experience and/or professional licensure in design-related fields, including, but not limited to, architecture, landscape design, building design, urban and industrial design. At least one professional member shall be a City resident. All members shall be skilled in reading and interpreting architectural and landscape drawings and able to judge the effects of a proposed building, structure, landscaping or sign upon the desirability and development of surrounding areas. In addition, one or more alternates may be appointed to the Design Review Board. Such alternates may participate in all general Design Review Board matters but may only vote on a project approval or other Board decision when a regular Design Review Board member is absent or recused from a meeting.

Four members shall constitute a quorum, a quorum must contain a minimum of one licensed architect and one additional professional. A quorum must also include two City residents. A professional who is also a City resident will satisfy both of these requirements.

## **Applicant Interviews at Recent City Council Meetings**

On October 22, 2024, and October 30, 2024, the City Council held special meetings to conduct interviews of all the applicants for the Public Engagement Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Library Advisory Commission, the Public Tree Advisory Commission and the Design Review Board.

At the conclusion of the Special City Council Meeting held October 22, 2024, the Mayor reappointed Luke Roberts, Elizabeth Link and Barbara Vilander to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending June 30, 2028; the Mayor appointed Alyssa Flores, Youth Member, to the Parks and Recreation Commission to a two-year term ending November 30, 2026; and the Mayor appointed Jonathan Eymann (At-Large Member) to the Design Review Board to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending February 28, 2026.

At the conclusion of the Special City Council Meeting held October 30, 2024, the Mayor appointed Sagarika Manian, Youth Member, to the Public Engagement Commission for a term ending November 30, 2026; the Mayor appointed Lori Goodman to the Public Engagement Commission to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending November 30, 2025; the Mayor appointed Anna Jordan to the Library Advisory Commission for a term ending June 30, 2027; the Mayor appointed Krista Rodkey to the Library Advisory Commission to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending June 30, 2025 and the Mayor appointed Karl Rider to the Public Tree Advisory Commission to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending February 28, 2027.

## **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 nomination received on October 22, 2024 and October 30, 2024 as follows: appointments of Luke Roberts, Elizabeth Link and Barbara Vilander to the Historic Preservation Commission with a term ending June 30, 2028; Alyssa Flores, Youth Member, to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a two-year term ending November 30, 2026, Jonathan Eymann (At-Large Member) to the Design Review Board to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending February 28, 2026; Sagarika Manian, Youth Member, to the Public Engagement Commission for a term ending November 30, 2026; Lori Goodman to the Public Engagement Commission to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending November 30, 2025; Anna Jordan to the Library Advisory Commission for a term ending June 30, 2027; Krista Rodkey to the Library Advisory Commission to fill an unexpired portion of a term ending June 30, 2025 and Karl Rider to the Public Tree Advisory Commission to fill an unexpired portion of a term expiring February 28, 2027.

It is anticipated that on December 3, 2024, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors will consider the reappointments of Marcos Aguilar (Isla Vista Community Service District) and Dave Callanan (Unincorporated Library Area) to the Library Advisory Commission. Staff will bring back an item to ratify these appoints on a later City Council agenda date.

## **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with ratifying the Mayor's appointees to the Public Engagement Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Library Advisory Commission, the Public Tree Advisory Commission and the Design Review Board other than the staff time needed to prepare this report.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Council may desire to see further advertising done in order to ensure a greater applicant pool prior to a selection process.

**LEGAL REVIEW BY:** Megan Garibaldi, City Attorney

**APPROVED BY:** Robert Nisbet, City Manager