



**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

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

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of Mayoral Appointments to the Design Review Board

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratify the mayoral appointments of Cecilia Brown (At-Large Member), Tamesha Schumacher (At-Large Member) Martha Degasis (Licensed Landscape Architect) with terms ending February 1, 2028, to the Design Review Board.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Design Review Board is authorized by Goleta Municipal Code Section 2.08.020. The Design Review Board is composed of seven members. Of the seven members, a minimum of four are required to be residents of the City. At least two members must be licensed architects, and at least one member shall be a licensed landscape professional (landscape architect). 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 or industrial design; and at least one professional member shall be a City resident.

**Applicant Interviews at Recent City Council Meeting**

On February 25, 2025, the City Council held a special meeting to conduct interviews with all the applicants for the Design Review Board.

At the conclusion of the Special City Council Meeting held February 25, 2025, the Mayor appointed Cecilia Brown (At-Large Member), Tamesha Schumacher (At-Large Member) and Martha Degasis (Licensed Landscape Architect) with terms ending February 1, 2028, to the Design Review Board.

**DISCUSSION:**

This item provides the Mayor with the opportunity to seek Council ratification as a result of the nominations made on February 25, 2025: Cecilia Brown (At-Large Member), Tamesha Schumacher (At-Large Member) and Martha Degasis (Licensed Landscape Architect) with terms ending February 1, 2028, to the Design Review Board.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with ratifying the Mayor's appointees to the Design Review Board other than the staff time needed to prepare this report.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Council may direct staff to reopen the recruitments to ensure a greater applicant pool prior to a selection process.

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