



DISCUSSION

City of San Bernardino Request for Council Action

Date: December 7, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Robert D. Field, City Manager

Department: City Manager's Office

Subject: **Election of Mayor Pro Tempore (All Wards)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Bernardino, California, either:

1. Open nominations for a member of the City Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore, with an effective date of December 21, 2022, until the second regularly scheduled Mayor and City Council meeting in December 2023; or
2. Postpone the nomination and election of the Mayor Pro Tempore until the next regularly scheduled meeting in January, which is January 18, 2023.

Background

The position of the Mayor Pro Tempore is outlined in Section 302 of the City Charter, where the City Council shall select a Mayor Pro Tempore from one of its own members. In the event that the Mayor is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his or her office due to a temporary absence from the City, illness, or any other cause, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall have all powers and authority that the Mayor would have possessed, with several exceptions. When presiding over a City Council Meeting due to the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore may not cast an additional vote in the event of a tie or exercise veto powers over Council action; the Mayor Pro Tempore may only continue to exercise his or her vote as a Council member.

Under Section 2.01.010 of the San Bernardino Municipal Code, the City Council is to elect a Council Member to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore at the second regularly scheduled meeting in December of each year. The Council Member holding the position of Mayor Pro Tempore shall continue to hold said position until his/her successor is elected by the City Council or until said Council Member is no longer a member of the City Council, whichever occurs first. Council Member Juan Figueroa was elected as the City's Mayor Pro Tempore on December 15, 2021, and has served

in the position for the past year.

Discussion

In accordance with the requirements of Section 2.01.010 of the San Bernardino Municipal Code, the City Council is required to elect a Council Member to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Due to the cancellation of the second regularly scheduled meeting in December, the Mayor and City Council have two options:

1. Hold the election on December 7, 2022, and set the change in position to take effect on December 21, 2022, which is the date of the canceled second regularly scheduled meeting; or
2. Hold the election at the next regularly scheduled meeting in January, which is January 18, 2023.

Since there is no turnover in City Council members as a result of the elections, and by setting effective date of the newly elected Mayor Pro Tempore to be consistent with both the Municipal Code and prior council action, the City Council may choose to hold the election for Mayor Pro Tempore on December 7, 2022. If the City Council chooses to postpone the election, Council Member Juan Figueroa will continue to serve as the City's Mayor Pro Tempore until a successor is elected by the City Council. Due to the cancellation of the first regularly scheduled meeting in January 2023, the next regularly scheduled meeting in which the election can be held is January 18, 2023.

2021-2025 Strategic Targets and Goals

Electing a Council Member to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore is in alignment with all of the Key Strategic Targets and Goals: (1) Improved Operational & Financial Capacity; (2) Focused, Aligned Leadership and Unified Community; (3) Improved Quality of Life; and (4) Economic Growth and Development.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with the nomination of a Mayor Pro Tempore.

Conclusion

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Attachments

N/A

Ward:

All Wards

Synopsis of Previous Council Actions:

December 15, 2021 The Mayor and City Council elected Juan Figueroa to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore until the second regularly scheduled Mayor and City Council meeting in December 2022.