

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2023

PREPARED BY: Erika Castellano, Assistant to the City Council

REQUEST: APPROVAL OF THE 2024 CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2024 City Council liaison and subcommittee assignments and appointment of representatives to external organizations.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City Council has formed a wide variety of Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Taskforces (“appointed bodies”). These appointed bodies enlist the expertise and guidance of Palm Desert residents and community volunteers, and members of the City Council are appointed by the Mayor to serve as liaisons.

In accordance with the Palm Desert Municipal Code 2.34.060(E), a City Council liaison facilitates communication between the City Council and the appointed body. The City Council liaison is not a member nor an advocate of the appointed body and does not give direction or influence decisions but can assist and provide information.

The 2024 City Council Assignments and Appointments List was developed by the incoming Mayor in consultation with the incoming Mayor Pro Tem. When a Primary Attendee/Liaison(s) and Alternate(s) are unavailable, the Primary Attendee/Liaison(s) may designate another Councilmember to attend said meeting in their absence, on a case-by-case basis.

The following ad hoc subcommittees were established in 2023 and are included in this year’s list of assignments:

- Downtown Zoning Subcommittee
- Library Subcommittee
- Palm Desert Aquatic Center Subcommittee

It is recommended that the following ad hoc subcommittee be deleted as it is no longer necessary:

- Elections Subcommittee (related to districting)

Additionally, provided for your reference is a copy of the current (January 2023) Fair Political Practices Commission’s (FPPC) Form 806 – Agency Report of Public Official Appointments. The form, required by the FPPC since 2012, and posted on the City website, provides the public with information about stipends paid to public officials for their service on other local and regional

boards beyond what is provided as an elected Palm Desert City Councilmember. Posting it, in lieu of Councilmembers abstaining from the vote on specific appointments to these stipend-paying bodies, has been the City's practice since the rule was imposed. Once action is taken to approve the City Council Assignments and Appointments Roster, the City Clerk's Office will update the FPPC Form 806 and post it to the City website accordingly.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2024 Council Assignments and Appointments Roster
2. Form 806 – Agency report of Public Official Appointments dated January 10, 2023.