

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: September 14, 2023

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

REQUEST: ACCEPT A RESIGNATION FROM THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

With regret, accept the resignation of Jonathan Stutz from the Civic Engagement Committee.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

Recently, it came to staff's attention that several appointed body members may live outside of City limits or are seasonal residents. City staff conducted a review and verified appointed members' residency and as a result it was discovered that Anyse Smith, of the Civic Engagement Committee, and Debra Norby, of the Cultural Arts Committee, reside outside of City limits. On August 24, 2023, the City Council accepted their voluntary resignations.

Additionally, City staff had been working with Jonathan Stutz, of the Civic Engagement Committee, to review whether he resides in Palm Desert full-time or seasonally. After discussion, Mr. Stutz voluntarily resigned from the Civic Engagement Committee due to his seasonal residency.

With the resignation of Mr. Stutz, City staff has verified all appointed members are registered voters or residents of the City. In the future, City staff will review all applications for residency status and the City Council will be informed whether any candidates reside outside of City limits.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact as a result of this action.