

# PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF THE MAYOR & MAYOR PRO TEM



City Council Meeting of April 11, 2024



PALM DESERT

# BACKGROUND

## **September 30, 2021: Current Procedures Adopted**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-61 establishing the current seniority-based rotation, adding provisions to address tie breakers when two or more members are in the same or different districts.

## **February 15, 2024: Ad Hoc Committee Appointed**

The City Council appointed Mayor Quintanilla and Mayor Pro Tem Harnik to an Ad Hoc Committee to review selection procedures for the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

## **March 11, 2024: Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation**

The Ad Hoc Committee met and considered seniority-based, district-based, and nomination-based options. The Committee recommended adoption of a district-based rotation.

## **March 25, 2024: City Council Direction**

The City Council voted 4-0 to direct staff to prepare a resolution modifying the seniority-based rotation based on the Q&A Memo, dated March 25, 2024.

# RESOLUTION NO. 2021-61

**Seniority-Based Rotation:** Members must have one year experience to serve as MPT and two years experience to serve as Mayor.

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## Regular Rotation

Priority shall be given to the Member with the longest continuous service since last serving as Mayor, if ever.

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## Same District Tie Breaker

When two or more Members are sworn into office the same day, the member with the highest number of votes shall be inserted first into the rotation.

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## Different Districts Tie Breaker

When two or more members are sworn in on the same day in different districts, ties shall be broken with a coin toss.



# PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**Seniority-Based Rotation** (Based on Q&A Memo Response):  
Members must have one year of experience to serve as MPT and two years of experience to serve as Mayor.

## OTHER PROVISIONS IN RESOLUTION:

- Partial Terms
- Removal of the Mayor and/or MPT by 4/5ths Vote
- No Option

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### Regular Rotation

In appointing the MPT, priority shall be given to the Member with the longest continuous service since last serving as Mayor, if ever.

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### Tie Breaker

**Game of Chance:** Ties shall be broken using a game of chance:

- Two Members: Coin Toss
- Three Members: Draw Straws

The order of calling the coin toss or selection of straws shall be determined by alphabetical order of the Member' last name.

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### Declining Service as MPT

If a Member declines service as Mayor or MPT, then that member's future placement in the rotation will be as if they served in the year for which service is waived.

**QUESTIONS?**