

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO AN AD HOC CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON
THE HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Mayor Pro Tem Harnik and Councilmember Pradetto to an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review the Hillside Development Ordinance.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Hillside Development Ordinance establishes regulations and standards for the development of properties in hillside areas, balancing environmental preservation, public safety, and responsible growth. As the City continues to experience growth and addresses evolving concerns regarding hillside development—such as erosion control, fire safety, and aesthetic impacts—a review of the ordinance is timely and necessary.

Staff recommends the formation of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to provide focused oversight and policy input on proposed updates to the ordinance. This subcommittee will:

- Review existing policies within the Hillside Development Ordinance.
- Evaluate staff recommendations and community feedback.
- Propose updates that align with the City's General Plan and sustainability goals.

In consultation with incoming Mayor Harnik, she has nominated Councilmember-elect Pradetto and herself to serve on this subcommittee.

Legal Review:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.