

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 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Councilmember Pradetto and Mayor Harnik to an Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Unified Development Code.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On September 12, 2024, the City Council conducted a Study Session regarding the development of a Unified Development Code (UDC). Currently, land development regulations are found within, but not limited to, the following: Title 24 - Environmental and Conservation, Title 25 - Zoning, Title 26 - Subdivisions, Title 27 - Grading, and Title 28 - Flood Damage Prevention.

A UDC combines traditional zoning and subdivision ordinances, along with other City regulations—such as grading, design review, and stormwater management—into a single document. The goal of consolidating these regulations is to streamline and coordinate development processes by eliminating inconsistencies and outdated development policies.

Staff recommends the City Council appoint two of its members to an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review public drafts of the various work products throughout the project. Mayor Harnik has nominated Councilmember 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.