

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2025

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 2025 CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND
SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2025 City Council Liaison and Subcommittee Assignments and the appointment of representatives to external organizations.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City Council has established various Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces (“appointed bodies”) to leverage the expertise of Palm Desert residents and community volunteers. Members of the City Council are appointed by the Mayor to serve as liaisons to these appointed bodies. The 2025 City Council Assignments and Appointments List was developed by the incoming Mayor in consultation with the incoming Mayor Pro Tem.

Per Palm Desert Municipal Code Section 2.34.060(E), a City Council liaison facilitates communication between the City Council and the appointed body. Liaisons are not members or advocates of the appointed body and do not provide direction or influence its decisions. Their role is limited to assisting and providing information as needed. If a Primary Attendee/Liaison or Alternate is unavailable, the Primary Attendee/Liaison may designate another Councilmember to attend the meeting on their behalf on a case-by-case basis.

For reference, the December 2023 Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 806 – Agency Report of Public Official Appointments is included. This form, required by the FPPC since 2012, discloses stipends paid to public officials for their service on local and regional boards in addition to their role as City Councilmembers. Posting Form 806 on the City’s website has been the City’s practice since the requirement was instituted, allowing Councilmembers to vote on stipend-paying appointments without abstaining. Once the City Council Assignments and Appointments Roster is approved, the City Clerk’s Office will update Form 806 and post it to the City’s website.

Legal Review:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025 Council Assignments and Appointments Roster
2. Form 806, dated December 19, 2023