

# CITY OF PALM DESERT

## STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: May 23, 2025

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SUBJECT: REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR  
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND TASK FORCES

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Conduct interviews for existing and scheduled vacancies on the Architectural Review Commission, Building Board of Appeals, Cultural Resources Preservation Committee, Finance Committee, Homelessness Task Force, Planning Commission, and Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee.

### **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The City is currently conducting its annual recruitment and appointment process to fill scheduled vacancies on several City committees and commissions. The terms for current appointees on the Architectural Review Commission, Building Board of Appeals, Cultural Resources Preservation Committee, Finance Committee, Planning Commission, and Resource Preservation and Enhancement Committee are set to expire on June 30, 2025. New appointments will serve four-year terms beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2029.

In addition to these scheduled vacancies, there are two existing vacancies on the Homelessness Taskforce. One vacancy is for a representative from the Palm Desert business community, with a full term running from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029. The second vacancy is for an individual with lived experience of homelessness, who will serve the remainder of a current term expiring June 30, 2027.

In accordance with established City procedures, staff initiated a recruitment process, which included advertising on social media and posting public notices at City Hall. The application period has now closed. Candidate interviews will be conducted by the City Council to evaluate applicants for each position. Appointments will be formally approved at a subsequent regular City Council meeting.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. City Council Interview Policy
2. May 23, 2025 Interview Schedule
3. 2025 Maddy Act