

# CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: January 8, 2026

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 2026 CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND  
SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the 2026 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. City Councilmembers are appointed by the Mayor to serve as liaisons to these bodies. The 2026 City Council Assignments and Appointments List was developed by the Mayor in consultation with the Mayor Pro Tem.

Pursuant to Palm Desert Municipal Code Section 2.34.060(E), a City Council liaison serves as a communication link between the City Council and the appointed body. Liaisons do not serve as members or advocates and do not direct or influence the body's decisions. Their role is limited to providing information and assistance as needed. If a Primary Attendee/Liaison or Alternate is unavailable, the Primary Attendee/Liaison may designate another Councilmember to attend on a case-by-case basis.

For reference, the January 2025 Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 806—Agency Report of Public Official Appointments—is included. This form, required since 2012, discloses stipends paid to public officials for service on local and regional boards in addition to their role as City Councilmembers. Consistent with City practice, Form 806 is posted on the City's website, allowing Councilmembers to vote on stipend-paying appointments without abstaining. Upon approval of the Assignments and Appointments Roster, the City Clerk's Office will update and post the revised Form 806.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2026 Council Assignments and Appointments Roster
2. Form 806, dated January 17, 2025

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST AWARENESS CHECKLIST:**

- Site-Specific Property Interest** – Councilmembers should check if they own or lease real property within 1,000 feet of the project site (Gov. Code § 87103(b); FPPC Reg. 18702.2).
  
- SB 1439 Applicability (Campaign Contributions)** – Applies to licenses, permits, or other entitlements for use, and to contracts or franchise agreements other than competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts.

**Applicant(s)/Appellant(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers should review any campaign contributions received within the last 12 months from parties or participants to the proceeding and must not accept contributions over \$500 from those parties for 12 months following the final decision (Gov. Code § 84308).

*Note: These indicators are informational and do not constitute a legal determination. Each Councilmember is responsible for identifying and disclosing any disqualifying interests in accordance with the Political Reform Act and FPPC regulations.*