

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 26, 2026

PREPARED BY: Sarah Castro, Sr. Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND
SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve amendments to the 2026 City Council Liaison and Subcommittee Assignments.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On January 22, 2026, the City Council approved the 2026 City Council Liaison and Subcommittee Assignments and Appointment of Representatives to External Organizations.

Since that time, staff has requested that the Mayor consider appointments to two newly established 2x2 committees: Desert Recreation District, and College of the Desert. In addition, staff is formally incorporating the Dining Deck Liaisons to Staff into the 2026 roster, consistent with the roster approved by the City Council on June 12, 2025.

The Artists Council has requested the establishment of a City Council Liaison. The liaison would serve in a non-voting, non-board capacity and participate in monthly coordination meetings with the Board Chair and Executive Manager, as well as attend select events, as appropriate, to support communication and collaboration.

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. Revised 2026 City Council Roster

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): Not Applicable

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.