



# CITY OF COSTA MESA

## Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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**File #:** 25-233

**Meeting Date:** 4/1/2025

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**TITLE:**

**APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS CITY COMMITTEES**

**DEPARTMENT:** CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE/CITY CLERK DIVISION

**PRESENTED BY:** BRENDA GREEN, CITY CLERK

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the City Council make appointments as follows:

1. Animal Services Committee - Make three (3) member appointments with a term expiration of April 2027 (Appointments by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, Council Member Reynolds, and Council Member Marr).
2. Active Transportation Committee - Make three (3) member appointments with a term expiration of April 2027 (Appointments by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, Council Member Reynolds, and Council Member Marr).
3. Fairview Park Steering Committee - Make three (3) member appointments with a term expiration of April 2029 (Appointments by Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, and Council Member Pettis), one (1) member appointment with a term expiration of April 2027 (Appointment by Mayor Stephens) and confirm Hank Castignetti as the Orange County Model Engineers (OCME) City liaison.
4. Finance and Pension Advisory Committee - Make one (1) member appointment with a term expiration of April 2028 (Appointment by Council Member Buley).
5. Housing and Public Service Grants Committee - Make three (3) member appointments with a term expiration of April 2027 (Appointments by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, Council Member Reynolds, and Council Member Marr) and one (1) member appointment with a term expiration of April 1, 2026 (Appointment by Council Member Buley).
6. Traffic Impact Fee Ad Hoc Committee - Make four (4) member appointments with a term expiration of April 2029; one (1) Major Developers' Representative, one (1) Small Developers' Representative and two (2) At-large positions (Appointments by Council Liaison Reynolds).

**BACKGROUND:****Animal Services Committee** (3 Appointments)

3 Committee Members/Term Expiration of April 2027

The Animal Services Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month except for August and December and provides advice and recommendations to the City Council on animal services issues and to promote pet licensing, assist with planning and execution of animal-related events. Staff received eight (8) applications for the vacancies to be filled (applications attached). Council may appoint any applicant; there is no requirement to appoint within a Council Member's district.

1. Becca Walls - District 1 (Incumbent)
2. Olivia M. Eimers - District 2
3. Carlos Salampessy - District 2
4. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
5. Dana S. Lavin - District 3
6. Mackenzie "Kenzie" Huth - District 4
7. Stephen M. Smith - District 5
8. Tammy McGregor - District 6

**Active Transportation Committee** (3 Appointments)

3 Committee Members /Term Expiration of April 2027

The Active Transportation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month and helps plan and implement an Active Transportation network for the City by improving bicycle and pedestrian connectivity throughout the City, and also assists with the review, update and implementation of the city's Active Transportation Plan. Staff received twelve (12) applications for the vacancies to be filled (applications attached). Council may appoint any applicant; there is no requirement to appoint within a Council Member's district.

1. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
2. Jose L. Toscano - District 3
3. Nicholas Lapating - District 3
4. Tiia Alcazar - District 5
5. Trace Yulie - District 5 (Incumbent)
6. Joselyn Perez - District 5
7. Austin Archer - District 5
8. Garrett R Kingsley - District 6
9. Drew John Murphy - District 6
10. Lisa Masson - District 6
11. Russell Toler - District 6
12. Joanna Farnham - District 6

**Fairview Park Steering Committee** (4 Appointments)

3 Committee Members /Term Expiration of April 2029

1 Committee Member/ Term Expiration of April 2027

The Fairview Park Steering Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every other month and evaluates the Fairview Park Master Plan, evaluates park enhancement opportunities that are compliant with Measure AA, and makes recommendations to the Parks and Community Services Commission and the City Council. Staff received ten (10) applications for the vacancies to be filled (applications attached). Council may appoint any applicant; there is no requirement to appoint within a Council Member's district.

1. Jay Humphrey - District 1
2. Andrew Campbell - District 1 (Incumbent)
3. Karen D Allen-Reid - District 2
4. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
5. Erik Roberts - District 2 (Incumbent)
6. Jose L. Toscano - District 3
7. Edwin (Bo) Glover - District 4 (Incumbent)
8. Denise Moon - District 5
9. Terri Fuqua - District 5
10. Drew John Murphy - District 6

**Finance and Pension Advisory Committee** (1 Appointment)

1 Committee Member/ Term Expiration of April 2028

The Finance and Pension Advisory Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month and provides advice to the City Council on issues related to significant financial matters and advises annually on the adoption of the City's budget, the allocation of any budget surpluses, and the City's investment performance and policies. Applicants shall have pension knowledge or shall be residents or individuals that conduct business within the City and have a background that includes experience in securities trading, financial planning, banking, auditing, accounting, or a closely related and relevant field. Staff received four (4) applications for the vacancies to be filled (applications attached). Council may appoint any applicant; there is no requirement to appoint within a Council Member's district.

1. James V Peters - District 1
2. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
3. Daniel Morgan - District 3
4. Luke Ziegenmeyer - District 5

**Housing and Public Service Grants Committee** (4 Appointments)

3 Committee Members/Term Expiration of April 2027

1 Committee Member/Term Expiration of April 2026

The Housing and Public Service Grants Committee meets twice a year and helps to promote understanding of the community development process and activities funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Additionally, the committee rates and ranks applications for CDBG public service grants, ultimately developing funding recommendations for City Council recommendations. Staff received ten (10) applications for the vacancies to be filled (applications attached).

1. Ginny Walker - District 1
2. Darrell Neft - District 1
3. Carlos Salampessy - District 2
4. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
5. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil - District 3 (Incumbent)
6. Valerie Hass - District 3
7. Andrea Schmidt - District 4 (Incumbent)
8. Jose Gomez - District 5
9. Drew John Murphy - District 6
10. Alma Fausto - District 6

**Traffic Impact Fee Ad Hoc Committee** (4 Appointments)

- 1 Major Developers' Representative /Term Expiration of April 2029
- 1 Small Developers' Representative /Term Expiration of April 2029
- 2 At-large Members /Term Expiration of April 2029

The Traffic Impact Fee Ad Hoc Committee meets on an as needed basis and the purpose of the Committee is to fund the necessary transportation/circulation improvements, which are related directly to the incremental traffic impacts imposed on the City's transportation system by the development of new and/or changing commercial, industrial, and residential uses as permitted by the General Plan. The traffic impact fee committee assists staff on all aspects related to the updating and revision of traffic impact fees. Staff received eight (8) applications for the vacancies to be filled (applications attached).

1. Carlos Salampessy - District 2
2. Syed Zia Hussain - District 2
3. Nicholas Lapating - District 3
4. Stephen Brahs - District 5 (Incumbent - Small Developers Rep.)
5. Drew John Murphy - District 6
6. Eric Vu - District 6
7. Jim Fitzpatrick - District 6
8. George M.K. Sakioka - Non-Resident (Incumbent - Majors Developers Rep.)

**ANALYSIS:**

The City opened the Committee recruitment on February 26, 2025, and press releases/solicitations were sent on February 26, 2025, March 3, 2025, March 11, 2025, March 17, 2025, March 19, 2025, and March 21, 2025. In response to the City's outreach efforts, a total of 40 applications were received.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council may choose not to make appointments to the Committees or to extend the recruitment period.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

There is no fiscal impact to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget since City Committee Members do not receive a stipend for serving on the various committees.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney has reviewed this report and has approved it as to form.

**CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:**

This item is administrative in nature.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council make appointments to various City Committees.