



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

**March 12, 2025
Wednesday**

10:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The County of Riverside City Selection Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Colleen Wallace, Council Member, City of Banning at 11:30 a.m. Riverside County Board Chambers 4080 Lemon Street Riverside, CA 92501.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, and it was established that there were eighteen (18) out of the twenty-eight (28) cities represented thereby confirming that a full and legal quorum had been acquired.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colleen Wallace, Council Member – City of Banning
Linda Molina, Mayor – City of Calimesa
Jeremy Smith, Council Member – City of Canyon Lake
Raymond Gregory, Mayor Pro Tem– City of Cathedral City
Wes Speake, Council Member– City of Corona
Linda Krupa, Council Member – City of Hemet
Toper Taylor, Council Member – City of Indian Wells
Waymond Fermon, Council Member– City of Indio
Steve Manos, Council Member– City of Lake Elsinore
Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Council Member– City of La Quinta
Bob Karwin, Council Member– City of Menifee
Ulises Cabrera, Mayor – City of Moreno Valley
Cindy Warren, Mayor - City of Murrieta
Jan Harnik, Mayor – City of Palm Desert
Elizabeth Vallejo, Council Member– City of Perris
Sean Mill, Council Member – City of Riverside
Valerie Vandever, Mayor Pro Tem– City of San Jacinto
James “Stew” Stewart, Council Member – City of Temecula

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Lara, Mayor – City of Beaumont
Joseph “Joey” DeConinck, Mayor – City of Blythe
Steven Hernandez, Mayor – City of Coachella
Scott Matas, Mayor – City of Desert Hot Springs
Mike McMinn, Mayor – City of Eastvale
Brian Berkson, Mayor – City of Jurupa Valley
Greg Newton, Mayor – City of Norco
Ron DeHarte, Mayor – City of Palm Springs
Ted Weill, Mayor – City of Rancho Mirage
Ashlee DePhillippo, Mayor – City of Wildomar



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OTHERS PRESENT:

Kimberly Rector, Clerk of the Board
Breanna Smith, Clerk of the Board Executive Assistant

OPENING COMMENTS:

Steve Manos, Council Member, City of Lake Elsinore, informed the Committee that in order to serve as Chair or Vice-Chair of the City Selection Committee, the individual must be a sitting Mayor. As a result, both he and Colleen Wallace are no longer eligible to hold the position of Chair, or Vice-Chair as they are no longer serving as City Mayors.

APPOINTMENTS AND ACTION ITEMS:

1. Nomination and Election of 2025 Chair to the City Selection Committee, currently held by Colleen Wallace, Council Member, City of Banning. Colleen Wallace is seeking reappointment.

Colleen Wallace, Council Member, City of Banning nominated Linda Molina, Mayor, City of Calimesa. There being no further nominations, the motion was seconded by Wes Speake, Council Member, City of Corona and approved by unanimous vote.

2. Nomination and Election of 2025 Vice-Chair to the City Selection Committee, currently held by Steve Manos, Mayor, City of Lake Elsinore. Steve Manos is seeking reappointment.

Jeremy Smith, Council Member, City of Canyon Lake nominated Ulises Cabrera, Mayor, City of Moreno Valley. There being no further nominations, the motion was seconded by Steve Manos, Council Member, City of Lake Elsinore and approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 1, 2024, City Selection Committee Meeting.

On Motion by Valerie Vandever, Mayor Pro Tem, City of San Jacinto, seconded by Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Council Member, City of La Quinta, the minutes were approved.

Waymond Fermon, Council Member– City of Indio, Ulises Cabrera, Mayor, City of Moreno Valley, Jan Harnik, Mayor, City of Palm Desert, abstained from the vote.



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4. Nomination and Election of one Regular City Member from the Eastern portion of Riverside County to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), formerly held by Russell Betts, former Council Member, City of Desert Hot Springs, to fill the remainder of the term expiring May 4, 2026.

Raymond Gregory, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Cathedral City, nominated David Ready, Council Member, City of Palm Springs. The nomination was seconded by Jan Harnik, Mayor, City of Palm Desert. The Chair opened the floor for other nominations. Steve Manos, Council Member, City of Lake Elsinore, nominated Steve Sanchez, Council Member, City of La Quinta, with a second from Linda Krupa, Council Member, City of Hemet.

During the initial vote, David Ready received five votes, while Steve Sanchez received thirteen votes. As the motion did not pass, Raymond Gregory, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Cathedral City moved to conduct a second vote, which was seconded by Jeremy Smith, Council Member, City of Canyon Lake. In the second vote, David Ready received one vote, and Steve Sanchez received seventeen votes.

Steve Sanchez, Council Member, City of La Quinta was elected to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) to serve the remainder of the term.

5. Nomination and Election of one Regular City Member to the Countywide Oversight Board. This position serves at the pleasure of the City Selection Committee, and was formerly held by Kathleen Kelly, former Council Member, City of Palm Desert.

Jan Harnik, Mayor, City of Palm Desert, motioned to consider Agenda Items 5 and 6 together and nominated Dr. Toper Taylor, Council Member, City of Indian Wells, as the regular city member and Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Council Member, City of La Quinta as the Eastern alternate city member to the Countywide Oversight Board. The motion was seconded by Waymond Fermon, Council Member, City of Indio.

A vote was taken, resulting in 11 votes in favor and 6 votes opposed, with the City of Canyon Lake abstaining. The motion did not pass.

Cindy Warren, Mayor, City of Murrieta, motioned to bifurcate Items 5 and 6, seconded by Colleen Wallace, Council Member of the City of Banning.

For the regular city member position, Jan Harnik, Mayor, City of Palm Desert nominated Dr. Toper Taylor, Council Member, City of Indian Wells seconded by Waymond Fermon, Council Member, City of Indio. The Chair opened the floor to



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other nominations. Cindy Warren, Mayor, City of Murrieta nominated Valerie Vandever, Mayor Pro Tem, City of San Jacinto, seconded by Colleen Wallace, Council Member, City of Banning.

A vote was taken, resulting in 9 votes for Valerie Vandever and 8 votes for Dr. Toper Taylor, with the City of Canyon Lake abstaining. The vote did not pass.

Jan Harnik, Mayor, City of Palm Desert renominated Dr. Toper Taylor, Council Member, City of Indian Wells, seconded by Steve Manos, Council Member, City of Lake Elsinore. The Committee held a final vote, and Dr. Toper Taylor, Council Member, City of Indian Wells was elected as the regular city member to the Countywide Oversight Board with the City of Canyon Lake abstaining.

6. Nomination and Election of one Eastern Alternate City Member to the Countywide Oversight Board. This position serves at the pleasure of the City Selection Committee, and was formerly held by Russell Betts, former Council Member, City of Desert Hot Springs.

Jan Harnik, Mayor, City of Palm Desert, nominated Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Council Member, City of La Quinta. There being no further nominations, the motion was seconded by Raymond Gregory, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Cathedral City and approved with the City of Canyon Lake abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair opened the floor to oral communications from the public on any matter under the jurisdiction of the City Selection Committee which does not appear on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Steve Manos, Council Member, City of Lake Elsinore, commented that he would like the City Selection Committee to review its Rules and Regulations, specifically Rule 4, as it does not explicitly state that the Chair and Vice-Chair must be sitting Mayors.

During the discussion, Jan Harnik, Mayor, City of Palm Desert, commented on the importance of reviewing the City Selection Committee's Rules and Regulations. She noted that with many cities having rotational Mayors, it would be beneficial to ensure the rules work effectively in the future. She also



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suggested considering the potential option of designating the Chair and Vice-Chair positions by eastern or western representation.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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