



Agenda Report

April 19, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN TENANT MEMBERS, ONE ALTERNATE TENANT MEMBER, FOUR AT-LARGE MEMBERS, AND ONE ALTERNATE AT-LARGE MEMBER TO THE PASADENA RENTAL HOUSING BOARD (PRHB)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment; and
- (2) Approve the nominations and make initial appointments to the Pasadena Rental Housing Board in accordance with City Charter Sections 1811(c) and (d), as follows:
 - Seven Tenant Members (one from each Council District)
 - Four Members to serve four-year terms
 - Three Members to serve two-year terms
 - One Alternate Tenant Member (citywide) to serve a four-year term
 - Four At-Large Members (citywide)
 - Two Members to serve four-year terms
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 - One Alternate At-Large Member (citywide) to serve a four-year term

BACKGROUND:

On December 12, 2022, the City Council certified the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election results showing that Measure H, "The Pasadena Charter Amendment Initiative Petition Measure Imposing Rent Control", received 53.8% approval of the total votes cast and is deemed approved by the voters. Ten days later, in accordance with newly adopted City Charter Article XVIII, Measure H became effective on December 22, 2022. Further, pursuant to City Charter Section 1811(c), "Rental Board members shall be appointed by the City Council at a public meeting within 120 days of the effective date of this Article." The 120-day deadline for the City Council to complete the appointment process is Friday, April 21, 2023.

On Monday, January 23, 2023, the City Clerk’s Office opened the application period for community members to apply to serve on the Pasadena Rental Housing Board (PRHB). Over the course of several weeks, the City Clerk’s Office issued more than **60** applications to eligible Pasadena residents.

As of April 17, 2023, the City Clerk’s Office received **39** submitted applications, and verified **37** as being complete, with **2** still pending and needing additional signatures to be considered complete. All applications, whether verified as complete or still pending, have been submitted to the City Council for consideration. Attachment A provides a breakdown of the applications by district and in alphabetical order, noting whether applications are submitted for Tenant and/or At-Large seats, and the status of the submitted application (whether qualified or pending). Attachment B provides a redacted copy of all the submitted applications organized by district and alphabetically, in the same order as is reflected in Attachment A.

City Council Nominations for Tenant Seats

At the March 13, 2023 City Council meeting, staff provided an update on the application process for the PRHB, including a proposed timeline for the City Council to make the initial appointments to the Board. As explained by staff, the City Charter sets a deadline of 120 days from the effective date of Measure H to appoint the PRHB, which sets the deadline to be no later than April 21, 2023. Since the time the proposed timeline was suggested to the City Council, some adjustments have been made to accommodate the Council’s review of applications, as well as allowing some late submitting residents to complete the application process. Following is a breakdown of the current timeline for the Council to make PRHB appointments:

Date applicants encouraged to submit applications to the City Clerk	March 23, 2023
City Clerk distributed application materials to the City Council for review and consideration	March 27, 2023
Councilmembers requested to provide nominations for Tenant (by District) and Tenant Alternate seats, as well as five At-Large nominations	April 12, 2023 (then extended to April 17, 2023)
City Council to make appointments to the Pasadena Rental Housing Board (adjusted to allow for additional time to make appointments)	April 19, 2023 (Special meeting)

TENANT NOMINATIONS BY DISTRICT

Following are the nominations made by each Councilmember for applicants to serve as one of the seven Tenant members from each District (primary Tenant nominations are listed first in bold), along with a second name (where submitted) as a proposed nomination for the Alternate Tenant seat:

Representing District 1 Nominated by Councilmember Hampton	Tenant Nomination:	Emanuel Najera
	Alt Tenant Nomination:	Aaron Markowitz
Representing District 2 Nominated by Vice Mayor Williams	Tenant Nomination:	Dianne Romero Chavez
	Alt Tenant Nomination:	Carol Hicks
Representing District 3 Nominated by Councilmember Jones	Tenant Nomination:	Brandon Lamar
	Alt Tenant Nomination:	Allison Henry
Representing District 4 Nominated by Councilmember Masuda	Tenant Nomination:	Barbara Pitts
	Alt Tenant Nomination:	Allison Henry
Representing District 5 Nominated by Councilmember Rivas	Tenant Nomination:	Yaneli Soriano Santiago
	Alt Tenant Nomination:	Gian McCoy
Representing District 6 Nominated by Councilmember Madison	Tenant Nomination:	Ryan Bell
	Alt Tenant Nomination:	No nomination submitted
Representing District 7 Nominated by Councilmember Lyon	Tenant Nomination:	Deborah Dunlop
	Alt Tenant Nomination:	Katherine Hindman

Pursuant to City Charter Section 1811(d), "Four (4) of the tenant appointees initially appointed shall serve for four (4) years; the terms of the remaining initial tenant appointees shall be two (2) years." In addition, City Charter Section 1811(d) also states, "Members may serve no more than eight (8) consecutive years."

AT-LARGE NOMINATIONS

The following list of At-Large Applicants received nominations by members of the City Council. To ensure compliance with the Brown Act, staff will report out the tabulation/tally results of the City Council during the public meeting and as part of the staff presentation prior to the City Council’s deliberations.

Applicant Name	Position	District
Penny Carter	At-Large	1
Aaron Markowitz	At-Large	1
Arnold Siegel	At-Large	1
Tyler Werrin	At-Large	1
Peter Dreier	At-Large	2
Simon Gibbons	At-Large	2
Thea Orozco	At-Large	2
Marie McDonald	At-Large	2
Leon Arellano	At-Large	3
Michael Chapman	At-Large	3
James E. C. Creely	At-Large	3
Lourdes Gonzalez	At-Large	3
Allison Henry	At-Large	3
Adela Torres	At-Large	3
Yaneli Soriano Santiago	At-Large	5
Michelle White	At-Large	5
Ira West	At-Large	5
Terry Tornek	At-Large	7

Pursuant to City Charter Section 1811(d), “Two (2) of the at-large appointees initially appointed shall serve for four (4) years; the terms of the remaining initial at-large appointees shall be two (2) years. The initial term for any alternate shall be for four (4) years. Attachment C provides the text of City Charter Section 1811.

FISCAL IMPACT:

City staff will return to the City Council at a separate meeting to seek the initial operating budget allocation (with such funds advanced by the City, which the City may later seek to get reimbursed), in accordance with Section 1811(l)(2) of the Charter.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Jonsky
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – List of Applicants to Serve on the Pasadena Rental Housing Board
Attachment B – Applications from Residents Interested in Serving on the PRHB
Attachment C – Text of City Charter Section 1811