

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
December 15, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL  
APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The special meeting was convened and held virtually by videoconference/teleconference.

**OPENING:**

Mayor Gordo called the special meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Lyon.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

Mayor Victor M. Gordo  
Vice Mayor Felica Williams  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton  
Councilmember Jason Lyon  
Councilmember Steve Madison  
Councilmember Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Jessica Rivas

Staff:

City Manager Miguel Márquez  
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

Mayor Gordo made introductory comments and provided an overview of the City Council District 3 interview and appointment selection process.

Mayor Gordo spoke on the passing of Mr. Raymond (Ray) Rivera, a long-time Pasadena resident, providing a summary of Mr. Rivera's personal and professional history, and requested that the City Council adjourn in his memory.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
REGARDING ITEMS ON  
THIS SPECIAL MEETING  
AGENDA**

The following individuals provided comments on the appointment process and/or advocating for a City Charter amendment to allow for a special election in lieu of an appointment process:

Yadi, Pasadena resident  
Jill Shook, Pasadena resident  
Emanuel Najera, Pasadena resident

The following individuals advocated for the City Council to appoint Brandon Lamar as Pasadena Council District 3 Councilmember:

Michael Williams, Pasadena resident  
Dawn Burkhardt, Pasadena resident  
Allison Henry, Pasadena resident  
Evie, Pasadena resident  
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident  
Kaveh Naeeni, Pasadena resident  
Lisbeth Vega, Pasadena resident  
Ed Washatka, Pasadena resident

Sarah Cruz, Pasadena resident

The following individuals advocated for the City Council to appoint Justin Jones as Pasadena Council District 3 Councilmember:

Deborah Douglass, Burbank resident - Jones  
Natalya Romo Jones, Pasadena resident  
Kevin Jackson, Lancaster resident  
Francis Sevellano, Atwater resident  
Sirlina Cook, Los Angeles resident  
Elaine Stokes, Lancaster resident  
Karl Percell, Glendale resident  
Leticia Martinez, Pasadena resident

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that the City Clerk's Office received one hundred forty-three letters advocating for the appointment of Justin Jones, noting that thirty-four letters are from residents in District 3, twenty-two letters are from residents' in other districts, forty-six letters from individuals residing outside Pasadena, and forty-one letters with no address listed; and reported that the City Clerk's Office received ninety-nine letters advocating for the appointment of Brandon Lamar, noting that fifty-six letters are from residents in District 3, five letters from residents in other districts, two letters from individuals residing outside Pasadena, and twenty-eight letters with no address listed; and two letters providing comments related to the appointment process; with all correspondence distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

**APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS, INTERVIEWS, AND CITY COUNCIL SELECTION OF AN APPOINTEE TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL, REPRESENTING DISTRICT 3, PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 404**

City Clerk Jomsky reported that applicants will be interviewed in the following order (as was determined by random drawing): Brandon Lamar then Justin Jones.

Brandon Lamar, District 3 applicant provided an overview of his personal and professional experiences and highlighted the divisiveness that the appointment process has caused in the community. He stated the following for the record: "I am withdrawing my name from this application process and I will see you in 2024."

Mayor Gordo, Vice Mayor Williams, and Councilmembers Masuda, Madison, Rivas and Lyon expressed their thanks, appreciation, and gratitude to Mr. Lamar for his leadership in the community and interest in serving in this important role to represent District 3, and encouraged him to continue his work.

Justin Jones, District 3 applicant, provided a brief statement and expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to continue to serve District 3.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to nominate Justin Jones to serve as the appointed City Councilmember representing District 3:

AYES: Councilmembers Hampton, Lyon, Madison, Masuda,  
Rivas, Vice Mayor Williams, Mayor Gordo  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Gordo congratulated Justin Jones as the appointed Pasadena City Councilmember for District 3.

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY APPOINTED  
DISTRICT 3 COUNCILMEMBER BY CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Jomsky administered the oath of office to Justin Jones as Pasadena City Councilmember representing District 3.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 6:14 p.m., in memory of Ray Rivera and in remembrance of the Honorable District 3 Councilmember, John J. Kennedy.

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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk