

Agenda Report

May 19, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE COUNCIL DISTRICT NOMINATIONS OF THREE TENANT MEMBERS SERVING COUNCIL DISTRICTS 3, 5, AND 7; AND CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS, AND IF NECESSARY, THE POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE TENANT MEMBER, TO SERVE ON THE PASADENA RENTAL HOUSING BOARD (PRHB)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed actions contained in the agenda report are exempt from 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 Council District nominations of three Tenant Members representing Districts 3, 5, and 7, as follows:
 - Allison Henry as Pasadena Rental Housing Board District 3 Tenant Member, for a four-year term ending on May 24, 2029;
 - Christine Rodriguez as Pasadena Rental Housing Board District 5 Tenant Member, for a four-year term ending on May 24, 2029;
 - Deborah Dunlop as Pasadena Rental Housing Board District 7 Tenant Member, for a four-year term ending on May 24, 2029; and
- (3) Conduct an interview and appointment process to fill two At-Large Member positions, to serve on the Pasadena Rental Housing Board, for four-year terms ending on May 24, 2029. Additionally, consider the possible appointment of an Alternate Tenant Member to fill an unscheduled vacancy, with the remaining term expiring on May 24, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

On February 10, 2025, 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 20 applications to eligible Pasadena residents.

As part of this application period, the City Clerk's Office received 15 submitted applications, and verified 14 as being complete, with 1 still pending and needing additional signatures.

Attachment A provides a redacted copy of all the submitted applications organized by district and alphabetically.

TENANT NOMINATIONS

Following are Tenant Member nominations submitted by members of the City Council representing Districts 3, 5, and 7 to fill the expiring terms for Tenant Member positions:

- District 3: Allison Henry (4-year term ending May 24, 2029)
- District 5: Christine Rodriguez (4-year term ending May 24, 2029)
- District 7: Deborah Dunlop (4-year term ending May 24, 2029)

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ELIGIBLE FOR AT LARGE CONSIDERATION

All remaining verified applicants (listed below) have met the requirements to serve on the Pasadena Rental Housing Board, and are eligible for consideration for At Large seats on the Board. Pursuant to Resolution No. 10120, and in compliance with the Brown Act, members of the City Council will announce preferred applicants to start the Council's consensus building process prior to proceeding with any interviews, public comment, and/or City Council deliberations.

Applicant Name	Position	District
Exie Marie Leagons	At-Large	1
Simon Gibbons	At-Large	2
Brandon Lamar	Tenant/At-Large	3
Simon Ybarra	Tenant/At-Large	3
Erlinda Lara	At-Large	6
Varouge Mesrobian	At-Large	6
Richard Starratt	At-Large	6
Emily Wernberg	At-Large	6
Parag Gupta	At-Large	7
Chad Pratt	At-Large	7
Louis James Rigolosi	Tenant/At-Large	7

POSSIBLE ALTERNATE TENANT VACANCY AND APPOINTMENT

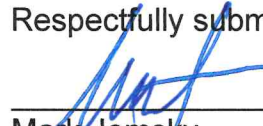
With the nomination and probable appointment of Christine Rodriguez to serve as the District 5 Tenant Member (Ms. Rodriguez currently serves as the Alternate Tenant Member on PRHB), an additional vacancy is likely to occur in the Alternate Tenant Member seat, whose term expires on May 24, 2027. The City Council may proceed with one of the following options:

- Fill the vacancy as part of the current appointment process, selecting one of the remaining Tenant-eligible applicants to serve as the Alternate Tenant Member; or
- Delay making an appointment as part of the current process, declare the seat vacant, and conduct a separate vacancy appointment process in 90 days to fill the Alternate Tenant Member seat.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no new fiscal impacts related to these appointments that would affect the established costs associated with the Pasadena Rental Housing Board, the Rent Stabilization Department, and/or administering City Charter Article XVIII.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Jomsky
City Clerk

Attachment A – Redacted Applications

Attachment B – Resolution No. 10120