



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Sandra Calderon, Deputy City Clerk
MEETING DATE: March 24, 2026
SUBJECT: Planning Commission Interviews for Positions 1 & 2

RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct interviews to fill Planning Commission vacancies for Positions 1 & 2, term ending January 31, 2029.

BACKGROUND:

The Planning Commission's rules and responsibilities are governed by Chapter 2.28 of the Municipal Code. The Commission's two main functions are to review land development applications for compliance with the Zoning Code and to make recommendations to the City Council regarding large projects and changes to the General Plan or Zoning Ordinance.

The Banning Municipal Code Section 2.28.020 requires applications be made available and vacancies announced at least two months prior to the vacancy. The Planning Commission vacancies were advertised on the City's website and across social media platforms starting on February 1 2026. Public Notice was published in the Record Gazette on February 6, 2026. The deadline to submit an application was Friday, February 27, 2026.

JUSTIFICATION:

Five applications were received for the Planning Commission vacancies and are up for consideration:

- Leslie Evans
- Ashley Brummitt
- Christopher Romash
- Nicole Coutee
- Tia Valdiserri

Staff recommends asking each applicant two interview questions:

1. Tell us briefly about yourself (qualities/experience/expertise) and what aspects best describe your qualifications to serve on the City's Planning Commission; and

2. Explain your knowledge of the Planning Commission's roles and responsibilities, and their contribution to the City long-term development goals. Further, explain how the Commission contributes to a better quality of life for the residents, businesses and patrons to the city.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Planning Commission Applications_Redacted.pdf](#)
2. [Banning__CA_Code_of_Ordinances_Section_2.28.pdf](#)
3. [2026 02 01_Public Notices_Planning Commission Vacancy \(2\).pdf](#)