



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Sandra Calderon, Deputy City Clerk

MEETING DATE: June 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Appointment for Position 4, Term Ending January 31, 2027.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint one applicant to fill the Planning Commission vacancy for Position 4, with a term ending January 31, 2027.

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 May 11 2026. Public Notice was published in the Record Gazette on May 15, 2026. The deadline to submit an application was Friday, June 12, 2026.

JUSTIFICATION:

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

- David Garcia
- Edward Espinoza
- Jose Barragan
- Feiloai Neil Lualemaga
- Kaherine Fuentes
- Kimberly Light-Allende
- Maya Anguiano
- Todd Rinks
- Heidie Hillard Garcia

The candidates will be interviewed in a Special Meeting - Workshop on June 23, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Staff recommends appointing one member to the City's Planning Commission from among these applicants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Reopening the recruitment and maintaining vacancies on the City's Planning Commission may further

delay projects across the City. There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund to appoint a new Planning Commissioner, as they do not receive compensation for the position.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Planning Commission Applications_Combined_Redacted.pdf](#)
2. [Banning__CA_Code_of_Ordinances_Section_2.28.pdf](#)
3. [Proof of Publication_Planninc Commission Vacancy_20260515.pdf](#)