



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 Interviews for Position 4, Term Ending January 31, 2027.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Conduct interviews 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

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