



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.1

DATE: December 4, 2025
TO: Chairperson and Members of the Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Turhan Sonmez, Associate Planner
SUBJECT: City Historian Interview

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Historic Preservation Commission:

1. Review the City Historian's required duties;
2. Review the application received for City Historian;
3. Consider public comment, if any;
4. Interview prospective candidate; and
5. Identify a candidate to recommend for the City Council to appoint as the next City Historian.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

The City Council created the City Historian position in 2005 to increase the public's awareness of Livermore's history (Attachment 1). The current two-year term will expire on February 1, 2026. Staff received one application for the position of City Historian. The Historic Preservation Commission will review City Historian's required duties and the submitted application, interview the candidate, and recommend the City Council appoint a new City Historian to a term ending February 1, 2028.

DISCUSSION

Background

The City Council created the City Historian position in 2005 (Attachment 1) to increase the public's awareness of Livermore's history. The City Historian is appointed by the City Council, after the Commission makes a recommendation, for a two-year term. The position is currently vacant and the prior Historian's term will expire February 1, 2026. The selected Historian will serve any portion of the current term remaining and a two-year term ending February 1, 2028. The City Clerk's Office held a

recruitment period for a new City Historian that closed on November 14, 2025. Staff received one eligible application for the position of City Historian, which is Attachment 2 of this staff report.

Review Process and Recommendation

The Commission will review the application for City Historian and may ask questions of the applicant. Given that there is one opening for the position, the Commission, in its own independent judgement, will select and recommend one candidate for the City Council to appoint as the next City Historian. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to appoint the next City Historian in January 2026.

After inviting the candidate to introduce themselves, the Commission will have an opportunity to ask interview questions.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [City Council Resolution Establishing City Historian Position](#)
2. [Application for City Historian](#)

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