



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 18-318

MEETING DATE: 9/4/2018

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Michele Warren, Director of Human Resources

Subject:

Approve the appointments to the City of Huntington Beach Personnel Commission (PC) as recommended by City Council Liaisons, Mayor Mike Posey and Councilmember Lyn Semeta

Statement of Issue:

Mayor Mike Posey and Councilmember Lyn Semeta, City Council Liaisons to the City of Huntington Beach Personnel Commission, recommend the appointment of qualified candidates to the Personnel Commission in order to fill current vacancies.

Financial Impact:

Not Applicable

Recommended Action:

Approve the appointments to the City of Huntington Beach Personnel Commission.

Option A: Appoint William Blair and David Ellis to a term of service through June 30, 2020.

Option B: Appoint Charles Ray to a term of service through June 30, 2019.

Alternative Action(s):

Refer the matter to the Council Liaisons to select other candidates to fill the vacancies.

Analysis:

The Personnel Commission currently has a total of three (3) vacant terms of service. Appropriate posting of the vacancies and advertisement in the local newspaper and on the Public Access Channel was conducted requesting applications. Mayor Mike Posey and Councilmember Lyn Semeta reviewed and considered applications to fill the vacant positions. William Blair and David Ellis are being recommended by both Mayor Posey and Council Member Semeta to serve on the Personnel Commission.

1. William Blair

Mr. Blair has served as the Deputy Chief of Police (Retired) with the City of Long Beach and has a total of 32 years of government service in law enforcement. Mr. Blair has a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree from California State University Long Beach. Mr. Blair has served as a past board member for the Bolsa Chica Conservatory.

2. David Ellis

Mr. Ellis has served as the Fire Chief (Retired) with the City of Long Beach and has a total of 30+ years of municipal government service. Mr. Ellis has a Bachelor's Degree from California State University Long Beach, and has participated in leadership programs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Mr. Ellis has served as a past board member of the American Red Cross, the Long Beach Police Department DARE Program and the California Fire Chiefs Association.

In addition, Mayor Posey is recommending the appointment of Charles Ray to serve on the Personnel Commission.

3. Charles Ray

Mr. Ray is an attorney and is a member of the California Employment Lawyers Association. Mr. Ray was admitted to the California State Bar in May 2012. Mr. Ray has a Bachelor's Degree from Cal. Poly Pomona and a Juris Doctorate from Trinity Law School. Mr. Ray is now the Principal of a Law Firm in the area of Plaintiff's Employment Litigation.

Environmental Status:

N/A

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and Maintain City Service Delivery

Attachment(s):

1. "Application for Appointment to a Citizen Commission, Board, Committee or Task Force"
 - a. William Blair
 - b. David Ellis
 - c. Charles Ray