



# City of Huntington Beach

**File #:** 19-811

**MEETING DATE:** 9/16/2019

## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Robin Estanislau, CMC, City Clerk

**PREPARED BY:** Robin Estanislau, CMC, City Clerk

**Subject:**

**Approve the reappointment of Jerry Person as City Historian, and the appointment of Kathie Schey as City Archivist, each to serve a four-year term commencing September 22, 2019, and ending on September 22, 2023**

**Statement of Issue:**

The current City Historian's four-year term is set to expire on September 21, 2019, and Council is being asked to fill the vacancy. Additionally, staff is recommending that the Council appoint a City Archivist with the same four-year term.

**Financial Impact:**

Costs associated with this process are minimal and will be absorbed with department operating expenses.

**Recommended Action:**

A) Reappoint Jerry Person as City Historian for a four-year term commencing September 22, 2019, to September 22, 2023; and,

B) Appoint Kathie Schey as City Archivist for a four-year term commencing September 22, 2019, to September 22, 2023.

**Alternative Action(s):**

Deny the motion and direct staff accordingly.

**Analysis:**

City Council Resolution No. 2009-01 resolves that the voluntary positions of City Historian and City Archivist are renewable with Council approval. The California Legislature's "Maddy Act" also provides guidelines for informing the public of when a vacancy occurs for positions appointed by the local legislative body. Notices of Vacancy for the voluntary positions of City Historian and City Archivist were posted for public review at the Huntington Civic Center, City libraries, and on the City's website to comply with Maddy Act guidelines. At the conclusion of the posting period, the City

received written interest for reappointment from Jerry Person, the current City Historian, and from Kathie Schey for appointment as City Archivist.

Jerry Person served his first four-year term from August 20, 2007, to August 20, 2011, and was reappointed by Council for two consecutive four-year terms, with the current term set to expire on September 21, 2019. On July 16, 2019, Mr. Person delivered a written communication to Council requesting to remain as City Historian for a fourth, four-year term.

Kathie Schey, award-winning research historian and archivist delivered a written communication on August 27, 2019, requesting formal appointment as City Archivist for a four-year term. Certified as a Local Government Archives and Records Administrator and member of the Society of American Archivists, Kathie has unofficially served as City Archivist for the past several years, volunteering countless hours to the City to assist with research and documentation of a variety of historic records in different types of media without official recognition. Kathie currently serves as Chair of the Historic Resources Board (HRB), and HRB liaison to the Design Review Board (DRB).

The City Clerk's Office looks forward to a continued partnership with both individuals, and offers praise and appreciation for the valuable service they provide to the City of Huntington Beach.

**Environmental Status:**

Not applicable.

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

Non-Applicable - Administrative Item

**Attachment(s):**

1. Resolution No. 2009-01
2. Notice of Vacancy Forms
3. Reappointment Request by Jerry Person
4. Appointment Request by Kathie Schey