



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 19-813

MEETING DATE: 8/5/2019

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Kiff, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Michele Warren, Director of Human Resources

Subject:

Approve recommendations by Council Liaisons Lyn Semeta and Erik Peterson to appoint George Rivera, Robert Binam, and Robert Wentzel to the Personnel Commission

Statement of Issue:

Mayor Erik Peterson and Mayor Pro-Tempore Lyn Semeta, Council Liaisons to the Personnel Commission, recommend the appointment of George Rivera, Robert Binam, and Robert Wentzel for the term effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021.

Financial Impact:

Not Applicable

Recommended Action:

Approve the appointment of George Rivera, Robert Binam, and Robert Wentzel with terms effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, as recommended by the Council Liaisons to the Personnel Commission.

Alternative Action(s):

Refer the matter to the Council Liaisons for selection of other candidates to fill the vacancies.

Analysis:

The terms of Personnel Commissioners Katherine Elford and Phylis Lane ended as of June 30, 2019; a third vacancy is due to a resignation in 2018. Appropriate posting of the vacancies were conducted, as well as a press release in the local newspaper. Ten (10) applications were received for consideration. City Council Liaisons Semeta and Peterson are recommending the appointment of George Rivera, Robert Binam, and Robert Wentzel.

- 1. George Rivera** - Security & Emergency Planning Specialist with experience in customer-driven government services, including specialized field experience in emergency management. He has served on the Public Works Commission and Personnel Commission. His education includes two years of graduate studies in Public Administration, a B.S. degree in

Legal Studies, A.S. degree in Law Enforcement, and a certificate in Risk Management.

2. **Robert Binam** - General Counsel for large corporations with experience in corporate transactional matters, including; real estate, mergers & acquisitions, employment/labor law, construction defect, contracts, civil litigation, mediation, arbitration and trial. His education includes a B.A. from USC and a Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School.
3. **Robert Wentzel** - Retired labor relations professional with expertise in contract negotiations, grievance hearings, job descriptions, workers compensation and organizational analysis. Served on the HB General Plan Advisory Committee. His education includes a M.A. in Industrial Relations and a B.A. in Psychology.

Environmental Status:

N/A

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and maintain high quality City services

Attachment(s):

1. Updated Personnel Commission Terms Roster
2. George Rivera Personnel Commission Application
3. Robert Binam Personnel Commission Application
4. Robert Wentzel Personnel Commission Application