



# STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 11b

MEETING DATE: April 06, 2026

**To: Honorable Mayor and City Council**

**Date: April 06, 2026**

**From: Alyssa Diaz, Executive Assistant – (650) 558-7204**

**Subject: Consideration of Two Appointments to the Planning Commission**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council make appointments to fill two of three vacancies on the Planning Commission or take other action.

## **BACKGROUND**

The impending vacancies are due to the expiring terms of Commissioner Chris Horan, Sean Lowenthal, and Audrey Tse. The vacancies were publicized, and notification letters were sent to past Commission applicants. The City received two applications as of the extended deadline of February 20, 2026. The City Council interviewed Chris Horan and Sean Lowenthal on March 17, 2026.

The appointee terms will be for four years, ending on April 7, 2030.

There is a separate item on the City Council's April 6, 2026, agenda to introduce an ordinance to reduce the total number of Planning Commissioners to five. Since the Commission currently has six members, appointing two Commissioners this evening rather than three will accomplish the goal of having a five-member Planning Commission.