



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 26, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Subject: Appointment of Emergency Standby Officer for City Council District 2 and Resignation of Second Standby Officer for District 7

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of a newly nominated standby officer for City Council District 2 to serve in the event the elected official is unavailable during an emergency, removing the second standby officer for District 7, and rescinding Resolution No. 69,190-N.S.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

With the election of Councilmember Taplin in November of 2020, the new Councilmember has submitted a nomination for Jennifer Shanoski to serve as his standby officer. The City Clerk has determined that the nominee meets the requirements and may be approved by the City Council.

On May 31, 2021, Varsha Sarveshwar, the second standby officer for Councilmember Robinson resigned from the position due to her relocation out of Berkeley. Councilmember Robinson still has a first and third standby officer currently appointed.

BACKGROUND

On March 14, 1995, the Council adopted Resolution No. 57,906-N.S., designating a procedure for the selection of Standby Officers for City Councilmembers in the event of an emergency. The original resolution was updated on April 23, 2019 by Resolution No. 68,830-N.S. which update the qualifications required for standby officers. This procedure is part of the City's emergency preparedness planning and ensures that in the case of a disaster or other catastrophic emergency causing the unavailability of one or more members of the Council (or Standby Officers where a Councilmember is unavailable), government can continue to function. Under state law, a Councilmember or Standby Officer is "unavailable" when he or she is "either killed, missing, or so

seriously injured as to be unable to attend meetings and otherwise perform his [or her] duties.” (Govt Code § 8636.)

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

With the election of a new Councilmember in the November 2020 election, it is necessary to update the resolution to include the newly nominated standby officer.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STANDBY OFFICERS AND RESCINDING
RESOLUTION NO. 68,454-N.S.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 57,906-N.S. adopted March 14, 1995, the Council enacted a policy for the appointment of Standby Officers to serve in each Councilmember's place in the event the Councilmember is unavailable during a disaster; and

WHEREAS, each Councilmember has nominated Standby Officers and the City Manager has found all the nominees to be qualified in accordance with the standards set forth in Resolution No. 57,906-N.S.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following persons are hereby confirmed as Standby Officers to serve in place of a Councilmember in case the Councilmember is unavailable during a catastrophic emergency, and that they shall serve in the order listed, successive Standby Officers serving only if the preceding officer or officers are unavailable. The definition of "unavailable" shall be as set forth in Government Code Section 8636: an officer is either killed, missing, or so seriously injured as to be unable to attend meetings and otherwise perform his or her duties; or as that Section may be hereafter amended.

For Mayor Jesse Arreguin

1. Linda Maio
2. John Selawsky
3. Gordon Wozniak

For Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

1. Laurie Capitelli
2. Beth Gerstein
3. Teresa Clarke

For Councilmember Terry Taplin

1. Jennifer Shanoski
2. None Designated
3. None Designated

For Councilmember Ben Bartlett

1. *Pending*
2. Kathleen Crandall
3. Emily Modde

For Councilmember Kate Harrison

1. Holly Scheider
2. Kelly Hammargren
3. Erin Diehm

For Councilmember Sophie Hahn

1. John C. Hitchen
2. Ronnie Cohen
3. *Pending*

For Councilmember Susan Wengraf

1. Ray Yep
2. Gordon Wozniak
3. Linda Maio

For Councilmember Rigel Robinson

1. Solomon Alpert
2. None Designated
3. Timothy Xavier Johnson

For Councilmember Lori Droste

1. Laurie Capitelli
2. *Pending*
3. None Designated

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 68,454-N.S. is hereby rescinded.