



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** City Council Appointments to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers accepting nominations and appointing one individual to each Council District, one individual to an “at-large” seat, three individuals to Ex-Officio seats, and one Council Member to an Ex-Officio seat on the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion:

- A. Accepting nominations and appointing one individual to each of the City Council Districts; and,
- B. Appointing one individual to the “at-large” commission seat; and,
- C. Appointing three individuals to Ex-Officio commission seats; and,
- D. Appointing one Council Member to the fourth Ex-Officio seat.

### ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Accept nominations and appoint individuals to serve as members of the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission; or,
- 2. Refer to staff with direction to resume recruitment of applicants for this Commission.

### AUTHORITY

Article VII, Sections 700, 702, 702.1, and 705 of the Merced City Charter and Chapter 2.54 of the Merced Municipal Code.

### DISCUSSION

The Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, created by Ordinance, acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters pertaining to public art, art projects, cultural programs and activities, and the promotion of the arts within the City of Merced. This Commission consists of seven members who are qualified electors of the City of Merced. Six voting members will be appointed one each to the six City Council Districts and a seventh voting member will be appointed “at-large”. Additionally, the Council may appoint four Ex-Officio (non-voting) members, three of which may live in the City or within its sphere of influence and the fourth being a sitting Council Member.

All individuals appointed would be eligible for reappointment at the end of their respective terms, provided they continue to meet the requirements set forth in the Charter.

In accordance with Council direction, the Clerk's Office notices vacancies for all boards and commissions in a local newspaper and maintains an updated vacancy notice for all boards and commissions outside City Hall, at the entrance of the Council Chamber, on social media, and on the City's website. Additionally, in accordance with Government Code 54972, the Clerk's Office posts the Local Appointments List (Maddy Act) yearly.

The City Clerk's Office has received applications from individuals who are qualified voters of the City of Merced and additional applications from individuals who live within the City's sphere of influence who qualify for Ex-Officio seats. Copies of their respective applications are attached for your reference.

District 1 Applicants:

1. Dob Francise

District 2 Applicants:

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District 3 Applicants:

1. Brian Toel

District 4 Applicants:

1. Manuel Alvarado
2. Noelle Chandler
3. Colton Dennis
4. Heike Hambley
5. Monika Modest
6. Kahlyn Moody
7. Eric Moore
8. Eli Sachse

District 5 Applicants:

1. Monika Saini

District 6 Applicants:

1. John Albano
2. Robert Hypes
3. Chai Moua
4. Jerrold Shiroma
5. William Taylor
6. Christopher Velazquez

Ex-Officio Applicants:

1. Kim Garner
2. Annabella Grande Agostinho
3. Harley Hermosillo

4. James Kocher
5. Patricia Pratt

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Applications