



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Appointment to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission for District 5

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the appointment of an individual to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission for District 5.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion accepting nominations and appointing one individual to City Council District 5 to the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve and appoint individuals as recommended by staff; or,
2. Continue to a future meeting and direct staff to continue recruitment of applicants; or,
3. Deny the item.

### AUTHORITY

City of Merced Charter, Section 402.

### DISCUSSION

At the March 2020 Primary Election, citizens voted in favor of establishing a Citizens' Stipend Advisory Commission. The Citizen's Stipend Advisory Commission consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the City Council from the qualified electors of the City. Six (6) members will be appointed by district and one (1) member will be appointed at large.

The Commission shall hold two (2) public hearings between March 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> of every even-numbered year and shall recommend, by majority vote and in writing, to the Council the amount of the monthly stipend which it deems appropriate for the members of the Council for the two (2) year period beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year. The amount recommended for each council member shall be the same. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Boards and Commissions meetings and business were put on hold.

Initial appoints were proposed by the City Council on August 3, 2020. Since then, staff have been working to confirm interest in the designated appointments to hold the first Citizens' Stipend Advisory Commission meeting. Working through confirmation, it was determined that a new appointment needed to be made for the District 5 representative.

Staff is seeking City Council approval of a new District 5 member for the commission. The matter of appointment is now before the Council.

## **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

Staffing will be the primary impact with members from the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk's Office assisting the committee.