



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Vacancies - Arts and Culture Commission

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Requests direction for filling vacancies on the newly created Arts and Culture Commission.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion directing staff to notice vacancies on the Arts and Culture Commission and to seek applicants for the position.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Direct staff to notice the vacancy and seek applicants for the position; or,
2. Give staff specific instructions regarding how to advertise for the vacancy.

### AUTHORITY

Article VII, Sections 700, 702, 702.1, 711 and 712 of the Merced City Charter.

### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Not applicable.

### DISCUSSION

#### Background

On August 7, 2017, Council Member Martinez presented the concept of establishing an Arts Commission within the City of Merced. Council provided staff direction to explore the necessary steps to move forward. On November 6, 2017 staff presented the research that took place, including what other jurisdictions have done to establish and implement a local Arts Commission and the benefits to the community. Staff received direction from the Council to reach out to local partners and explore options.

After several meetings with stakeholders in the arts community, an ordinance was drafted for adoption by the City Council. The final adoption of the proposed ordinance took place at the July 16, 2018 City Council Meeting. After the required 30 days for a City ordinance to go into full effect, it is now appropriate for the City Council to notice the vacancies and direct the City Clerk's Office to recruit for the vacancies to bring applications for appointment to a future meeting.

#### Posting of Notice

Unless other direction is necessary, the vacancy will be posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54970, et seq., and the matter of appointment placed on a future City Council agenda. If Council Members have any direction regarding how to advertise for the vacancy other than the normal notice to the newspaper, social media and reaching out to the stakeholders, please advise.

### **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

No appropriation of funds is needed.