



Office of the Mayor

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Special Meeting Item

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 13, 2022

To: Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín
Subject: Appointment of the Vice-President of the Council

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution appointing Councilmember Ben Bartlett to be the Vice-President of the Council for a term beginning December 14, 2022 to December 5, 2023 and Councilmember Susan Wengraf to be the Vice President of the Council for a term beginning December 6, 2023 to December 1, 2024 or until new appointments are made.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND

The Vice-President of the Council, as defined in the City Charter, presides over the Council meetings when the Mayor is absent. During the temporary absence or disability of the Mayor, the Vice-President of the Council shall act as Mayor pro tempore. Over the years, the City Council has selected the Vice-President of the Council in a number of ways. From 2008 to 2016, the Council appointed one of its members as Vice-President of the Council for a term of one-year.

On December 8, 2016, by adoption of Resolution No. 67,768-N.S., the Council changed the term of Vice-President to a 3-month rotation cycle, allowing each member of the Council to serve as Vice Mayor for a period of three months.

While this rotation schedule gave every Councilmember the opportunity to serve and facilitate Council meetings in the Mayor's absence, a one-year appointment will ensure continuity of government and give the Vice-President of the Council more experience in conducting meetings and acting as the Mayor Pro Tempore if needed.

On December 4, 2018, the Council adopted a resolution changing the term of Vice-President of the Council from a rotating term of 3 months, to a fixed one-year term. The resolution requires that the Council elect a Vice-President of the Council at the first Council meeting each December. It also permits the Council at that time to appoint an individual for two consecutive years, or to appoint two different Councilmembers as Vice-President of the Council over a two-year period

The Mayor is nominating Councilmember Ben Bartlett to serve as Vice-President of the Council for a term beginning December 7, 2022 to December 5, 2023 and Councilmember Susan Wengraf to serve as Vice-President of the Council for a term beginning December 6, 2023 to December 1, 2024 or until new appointments are made.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

APPOINTING A VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 39 of the City Charter states that the Council shall elect one of its members to be the Vice-President of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter and City Council Rules of Procedure and Order state that when the Mayor is absent, the Vice-President of the Council shall preside over all meetings; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 22 of the City Charter states that “During the temporary absence or disability of the Mayor, the Vice-President of the Council shall act as Mayor pro tempore”; and

WHEREAS, to ensure proper continuity of government the Council must appoint one of its members to serve as Vice-President of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council voted to change the term of the Vice-President of the Council to a one-year term appointed at the first Council meeting in December, beginning December 4, 2018. The resolution also allows the Council to appoint an individual for two consecutive years, or to appoint two different Councilmembers as Vice-President of the Council over a two-year period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby appoints Councilmember Ben Bartlett to serve as Vice-President of the Council for a term beginning December 14, 2022 to December 5, 2023 and appoints Councilmember Susan Wengraf to serve as Vice-President of the Council for a term beginning December 6, 2023 to December 1, 2024 or until new appointments are made.

