



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Report to the Historical Resources Board

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SUBJECT: **ITEM #5 – COMPOSITION OF THE HRB SUBCOMMITTEES**

DESCRIPTION: Consider ratifying appointments to the Policy, Design Assistance, and Archaeology and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittees and, if created, an ad hoc Subcommittee.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Ratify the appointments to the Policy, Design Assistance, and Archeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittees and, if created, an ad hoc Subcommittee, consistent with the assignments made by the Policy Subcommittee.

### BACKGROUND

The Board's adopted procedures guide the appointment of members and chairs of subcommittees. Section III. E. states: *"Membership on the standing subcommittees shall strive to match expertise and interests to the extent possible, but shall also strive to allow maximum participation by Board members. The minimum number of Board members appointed to any standing subcommittee shall be three, and the maximum shall be five. Appointments to the standing subcommittees, including chair appointments, shall be made once a year, or as vacancies occur, by the Policy Subcommittee, and ratified by a majority vote of the Board at the next available Board meeting. The Chair of the Board, as appointed by the Mayor or Board, is automatically the Chair of the Policy Subcommittee. Establishment of stand alone or ad hoc subcommittees and appointments to any subcommittee shall be by a majority vote of the Board at a regular or special Board meeting."*

The last time the HRB made Subcommittee appointments was in August 2025 following the appointment of new HRB members. The recent discussions surrounding Preservation and Progress Package A revealed that several boardmembers were interested in taking a more active role in the Policy Subcommittee.

### ANALYSIS

A minimum of three and a maximum of five HRB members can be appointed to a subcommittee. Because six Board members constitute a quorum of the HRB, any HRB member attending a meeting of a Subcommittee comprised of five members would be precluded from participation in the

meeting, although they could attend the meeting and observe. However, any boardmember can raise an issue to the Chair of any subcommittee and ask that it be put on the agenda for discussion. Attendance and participation by the requesting boardmember is not necessary.

In determining appropriate appointments to the Subcommittees at their February 9, 2026 meeting, the Policy Subcommittee considered the boardmembers interests, skills sets, availability, other Board commitments and attendance as well as the requirements of the Board's procedures. Prior to the meeting, staff polled the boardmembers to determine interest and received feedback from seven of the eleven boardmembers. The boardmembers that responded received preference in their assignments over those that did not respond. There was significant interest in the Policy and ad hoc Subcommittees and appointments to those rosters took into consideration the need to have a balance of expertise within each Subcommittee. Assignments to the ad hoc Subcommittee will only be considered if the Board votes to create one. The following Subcommittee assignments were proposed by the Policy Subcommittee:

Policy

Kristi Byers (Subcommittee Chair)  
Rammy Cortez  
Carla Farley  
Melissa Sofia  
Michael Provence

Design Assistance

Rammy Cortez (Subcommittee Chair)  
Kristi Byers  
Eva Friedberg  
David McCullough  
Melanie Woods

Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources

Michael Taylor (Subcommittee Chair)  
Lisa Cumper  
Joy Miller  
Michael Provence  
Melissa Sofia

Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Eva Friedberg (Subcommittee Chair)  
Kristi Byers  
Rammy Cortez  
Lisa Cumper  
David McCullough

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Board ratify the appointments to the Policy, Design Assistance, and Archeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittees and, if created, an ad hoc Subcommittee consistent with the assignments made by the Policy Subcommittee.



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