

From: Ken Pyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:55 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Support of Councilmembers Davis and Khamis' memo regarding extension of Arts Commissioners

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Regarding the 8/5/20 Open Rules and Governance Committee Meeting, Item G.5,

Greetings,

I am in support of Councilmembers Davis and Khamis' memo regarding the temporary expansion of and extension of certain Art Commissioner terms, as outlined in their memo (quote below for clarity)

1. " A temporary modification to Council Policy 0-4: Consolidated Policy Governing Boards and Commissions to expand the voting membership of the Arts Commission by four temporary seats to be effective July 1 – Dec 31, 2020. On 11:59 PM December 31, 2020 these four temporary seats will terminate and those appointed to these temporary seats will conclude their service to the Arts Commission. The commission will revert back to its previous 11-member configuration as of midnight on January 1, 2021.
2. Re-Appointment of the four commissioners whose terms expired on June 30th to the four temporary seats, in continuation of their previous service, as follows: Albert Le, Ro Muriera, Ramona Snyder, and Roma Dawson."

Thank you,

Ken Pyle
Resident, District 1

From: Gary Cunningham [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 10:08 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Support for Arts Commissioners term extension detailed in Councilmembers Davis and Khamis' memo dtd 07/30/20

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Regarding the 08/05/20 Open Rules and Governance Committee Meeting, Item G.6,

Temporary Modification to Arts Commission & Extension of Terms of Termed-Out Commissioners. (Khamis and Davis)

Reference: Councilmembers Davis and Khamis' memo dated 07/30/20

The referenced memo details the history and rationale for a temporary modification to Council Policy 0-4: Consolidated Policy Governing Boards and Commissions to expand the voting membership of the Arts Commission by four temporary seats to be effective July 1 – Dec 31, 2020. The affected commissioners are Albert Le, Ron Muriera, Ramona Snyder, and Roma Dawson.

The Arts Commission has not met since the COVID-19 shelter in place order. It is important to have in place experienced commissioners to deal with the transition to new replacement commissioners and COVID-19 impact issues

Extending the terms of the four commissioners to December 31, 2020 would provide an effective and efficient means for the SJ Art Commission to get up and running and deal with the COVID-19 after effects and the quality of life issues within the scope of their responsibility.

Gary Cunningham
San Jose Neighborhoods Commissioner District 1

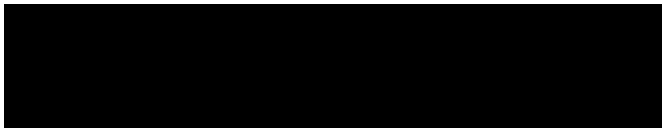
Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

Since March of this year our various Commissions have not been able to meet due to the shelter in place orders placed out of an abundance of caution due to the rapid spread of the Covid-19 virus throughout our fair city. This has deprived our City Council members with valuable community feedback on a considerable range of issues as we have done our very best to conduct business during this pandemic.

As you well know, our Commissioners are a passionate group of dedicated citizens who work diligently during their last term to button up any last minute items they have poured their energy into. To cut their efforts short would be a dis-service to the community spirit we all seek to inspire during this highly unusual time.

With this in mind, I would like to recommend that you kindly consider extending the terms of those Commissioners that are scheduled to term out this June 30th 2020 so that they may finish up their work interrupted by the pandemic this year.

Respectfully,

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Rudy A. Flores, Jr

From: Arts Commission 4

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 12:47 PM

To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Please add this letter to memorandum item G

To Rules & Open Government Committee:

I am Arts Commissioner for District 4. I am writing in support of the memorandum item G, submitted by Councilmembers Khamis and Davis, for Council Action on August 11, 2020.

I am writing in support of extending the term for the arts commission. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted arts commission's meetings and activities since February 2020. The commission needs to resume its democratic procedures such as regular meetings (online or otherwise) and discussions over tasks at hand to be a functioning body. The extension will enable the commission to regain its capabilities, lost due to the pandemic disruption.

Please consider this extension!

Mazyar Lotfalian, PhD

Arts Commissioner - District 4

From: Tamiko Rast [<mailto:> [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 1:14 PM
To: City Clerk <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 8/11 Council Meeting - Agenda 3.7 Commissioner Extension

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To whom it may concern,

I recommend extending the terms of San Jose City Board Commissioners (Arts Commissioners Ron Muriera, Albert Le, Roma Dawson and Ramona Snyder) who termed out on June 30, 2020. The referenced memo extends the commitments of termed-out Arts Commissioners from August 11, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

This Commission has not met in-person since the COVID-19 shelter in place order, and has just begun convening through virtual meetings. There will be considerable planning, adjustments, and changed focus to accommodate the new COVID-19 landscape in regards to their responsibilities.

Extending the terms for one year should provide an appropriate amount of time for seasoned Commissioners to address issues, responsibilities, and properly transition their roles to incoming Commissioners.

Best,
Tamiko Rast

From: Leanne Lindelof [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 3:51 PM
To: City Clerk [REDACTED]
Subject: City Council Aug 11- Item 3.6 commissioner extension

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Dear SJ City Clerk,

I'm writing in support of the extension of voting power of recently termed-out arts commissioners. Due to an oversight, these commissioners did not have their terms extended due to Covid-19 as other commissioners did.

I feel that these commissioners should be, if not reinstated, at least able to vote on city art matters alongside current commissioners through the end of the year.

Thank you,
Leanne Lindelof

From: Smita Garg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:30 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Regarding Agenda item 3.7- Art commissioners term extensions

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Hello Mayor and councilmembers,

This is regarding agenda item 3.7- Art commissioners term extensions. The San Jose Arts Commission has greater responsibilities this year towards the art community due to the pandemic. I request you to reach a resolution quickly in this matter so we can focus on the enormous task at hand.

Sincerely,

Smita Garg, Ed. D.
(San Jose Arts commissioner)