



# Boards and Commissions Appointment Process - Planning & Economic Development Commissions



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# Background



- Current appointment process established in 1992
- Two Councilmembers assigned as an Ad Hoc Committee to interview applicants and bring recommendations to Council at a regular meeting for confirmation

# Three Options for Consideration



## 1. City of Walnut Model

- Each Councilmember appoints 1 Commissioner each to the Planning and Economic Development Commissions
  - Councilmembers individually review applications and submit their first and second choice nominations to the City Clerk
  - City Clerk's office compiles the list of nominees, starting with Mayor's nomination, then Vice Mayor's, followed by remaining Councilmembers
  - Appointments made at an open public meeting

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## 2. Palo Alto Model

- Full Council decides which applicants to interview
- Full Council conducts interviews
- Council makes appointments

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## 3. Hybrid Model

- Each Councilmember recommends two appointments to the Planning and Economic Development Commissions
- If interviews are required, full Council will conduct interviews in open session
- List of nominees for each Commission will be presented to the City Council for confirmation and appointment by a majority of Council

# Other Items for Discussion



- Change term to 2 years
- Limit appointments to three 2 year terms for a total of 6 years
- No person holding any other elected or appointed office can serve on a Commission and no person can serve more than one Commission

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- Economic Development Commission:
  - Increase number of Commissioners from 5 to 7
  - Increase meeting frequency
  - Have the Planning Commission also serve as the Economic Development Commission
  - Re-evaluate the Economic Development Commission the City's relationship with the Economic Development Corporation