

Explanation for Mayoral Appointments

The City Clerk’s Office began advertising and accepting applications for vacancies on the Traffic Safety Committee on July 24, 2024 with a deadline of August 20, 2024.

Background

In order to obtain qualified candidates, a Notice of Vacancies was advertised on the following: The City website, posted on the City Hall Bulletin Boards, the Star News and City Social Media sites to advertise openings and the application acceptance period. The vacancy presented is due to an expired term (September 2024).

Vacancies are listed below:

BCC	Number of Open Seats and Term expiration for that seat	Appointing Member(s)	Residency Requirement	Applications Received
Traffic Safety Committee	(1) One Seat – Sept. 30, 2027	Mayoral	Yes	Amelito Gozum*

Residency requirements are listed if required in the chart above. If filling a resident requirement, applicant must reside within the City of National City at the time the application is submitted to be considered for the resident position.

Traffic Safety Committee has one (1) seat available due to the expired term of Amelito Gozum.

At the September 17, 2024, City Council meeting, appointments were selected for various BCCs. However, due to a lack of applications, one vacancy still remains for the Traffic Safety Committee.

***One (1) applicant Amelito Gozum** was previously a member of the Traffic Safety Committee whose term expired on September 30, 2024. The appointment would fill a three-year term to September 30, 2027.

Their meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room in City Hall.

Amelito Gozum was appointed on May 7, 2024. From the time of appointment until his term expiration of September 30, 2024, the Traffic Safety Committee scheduled five meetings including one special meeting. Three meetings were cancelled due to lack of a quorum or a lack of agenda items. Attendance of meetings is shown below for reference.

Attendance	2024 (June-September)
Attended	2
Absent	0
Cancelled	3

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(14)(3) Mandatory Training and Filing Requirements: Member Reilly has completed all required training and filing requirements.

Appointment:

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(7):

The Mayor will make the motion to appoint (naming the appointee) and Councilmembers may second the

motion. The City Clerk will then take a roll call vote of the City Council. A majority vote of the City Council will be required for the appointment. If, the majority of the City Council choose to deny the proposed appointment, at which point the Mayor would propose an alternative candidate from the current application pool, or could choose to reopen the application period and return to City Councils with a different applicant for consideration.

If Mayor Appointment is not approved by the majority of the City Council by confirmation, that applicant is removed from the pool for that seat. The Mayor will return to a future meeting with a substitute Mayoral appointment.

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(14)(3): Attendance

A Commissioner or Member of a Board, Committee, or Commission must be present at least one hour, or 50% of the entire meeting, whichever is less, to be counted as present for purposes of attendance.

Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(14)(3): Mandatory Training and Filing Requirements:

Commissioners and Members of Board, Committee, or Commission, as appointed by the legislative body, are entrusted with certain responsibilities and concomitant training and reporting. The following are requirements of Commissioners and Members of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. This training is required to be completed within 30 days of appointment or notification.

1. Oath of Office (Article XX of the California Constitution, and California Government Code Section 36507)
2. Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 Filing (California Government Code Section 87100 et seq)
3. AB1234 Ethics Training (California Government Code Section 53235.1(b))
4. Anti-Sexual Harassment Training
5. Brown Act Training
6. Social Media Training
7. Any training required by State Law, Federal Law, or City Policies.

All training is offered in a variety of formats including in person, via Zoom, and training website/software, and pre-recorded video. Currently, these are all requirements of the Mayor and City Council, and City staff.

****Per City Council Policy #107 (D)(10) Re-appointment beyond two terms.** Anyone wishing to be re-appointed to any Board, Commission, or Committee and has served two or more full terms already must be approved by a four-fifths vote of the City Council. If all five members of the City Council are not present, or if one member abstains or recuses their vote, the four-fifths requirement shall be changed to require only a simple majority.