



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** County Executive Office  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** June 15, 2021  
**Placement:** Departmental Agenda  
**Estimated Tme:** 10 Minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s)  
Contact Info: Jacquelyne Alexander, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer

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**SUBJECT:** Isla Vista Recreation & Park District Board of Director Appointment

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Consider an appointment to the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District (IVRPD) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 5784.3(c); and
- b) Appoint one Director to the Board of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District to fill an unexpired four year term expiring on December 6, 2024 from the list of qualified candidates:
  - i) Brian Patton;
  - ii) Kim DuFore;
  - iii) Kathryn Murray;
  - iv) Briseida Martinez;
  - v) Thea Neushul;
  - vi) Any other qualified candidate that submits an application on or before June 11, 2021, or that presents themselves at the hearing on June 15, 2021; and
- c) Determine that the above recommend actions do not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as the actions are organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

In a letter to the Board of Supervisors dated March 19, 2021 (Attachment A), IVRPD Board of Directors notified the Board of Supervisors of a current vacancy and has requested that the Board of Supervisors make the appointment pursuant to Section 5784.3(c) of the Public Resource Code, Government Code Section 1779 and Election Codes Sections 10500 subdivision (b)(13) and 10515(c), as follows:

**Public Resource Code 5784.3(c):**

*“(a) The term of office of each member of a board of directors who has been elected or appointed to a fixed term is four years. Directors shall take office at noon on the first Friday in December following their election or their appointment to a fixed term.*

*“(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), in the case of a district formed on or after January 1, 2002, the directors shall serve the terms determined pursuant to Section 5783.11.*

*“(c) Any vacancy in the office of a member appointed to a board of directors shall be filled pursuant to Section 1779 of the Government Code.*

*“(d) Any vacancy in the office of a member elected to a board of directors shall be filled pursuant to Section 1780 of the Government Code.”*

**Government Code Section 1779:**

*“A vacancy on any appointed governing board of a special district shall be filled by the appointing authority within 90 days immediately subsequent to its occurrence. If no action is taken for a period of 90 days immediately subsequent to a vacancy on such a board, the board of supervisors of the county in which the larger portion of the district is located shall have authority to fill the vacancy by appointment.”*

**Elections Code sections 10500, subdivision (b)(13):**

*“... (b)(13) “Supervising authority” means the board of supervisors of the county in which is situated all or most of the land of a district.”*

**Elections Code Section 10515(c):**

*“... (c) Where a director must be appointed to represent a division, all or most of which is not within the county governed by the supervising authority, then the board of supervisors of the county within which all or most of that division is located shall be the body to which request for appointment is made and which shall make the appointment.”*

The District is governed by a five member Board of Directors. The Board helps to determine District policy, guides priorities, and supervises the annual budget. Members, elected by the Isla Vista voters, must live within the District. Public elections are held every two years and Directors serve four year terms. Terms are staggered to ensure continuity.

The Clerk of the Board posted a notice of vacancy for the IVRPD Board of Directors seat reflecting the vacancy on May 5, 2021, for the vacancy left by Austin Riba. Appointments pursuant to these vacancy notices can be made on or after May 19, 2021. As such, pursuant to Section 5748.3(c) of the California Public Resources Code, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors appoint one qualified applicant.

The application materials for each of the interested parties are included as Attachment C. Staff redacted the phone numbers and email addresses for each applicant from the information included in Attachment C for privacy reasons.

**Background:**

Formed by election on October 31, 1972, the IVRPD is a voter-approved Independent Special District that serves residents within the square mile of Isla Vista. It is governed by an independent Board of Directors elected by registered voters in Isla Vista. The IVRPD maintains over 56 acres of park space and supports children's recreation programming, including after-school programs; habitat restoration and demonstration projects community gardens; and community festivals, fairs, and concerts. Its annual revenue is approximately \$1.3 million and is funded primarily through property taxes.

The composition and terms of the current Board of Directors is as follows:

- (1) Pegeen Soutar – elected to a 4 year term serving December 4, 2020 to December 6, 2024;
- (2) Ash Valenti - elected to a 4 year term serving December 4, 2020 to December 6, 2024;
- (3) Mia Rahman – elected to a 2 year term serving December 4, 2020 to December 6, 2022;
- (4) Julia Barbosa – appointed to an unexpired 2 year term serving September 24, 2020 to December 6, 2022 (seat vacated by Sarah Bernard); and
- (5) Vacant (seat vacated by Austin Riba).

The Mission of the IVRPD is to enhance, improve and protect the quality of life in the community through the maintenance and improvement of parks, and the organization and administration of recreation programs. The District will contribute to the health, enjoyment and thriving satisfaction of the people and to the safety, cleanliness and beauty of the environment, its flora and fauna.

The District will acquire and preserve natural open space; will acquire, develop and maintain park land; and will provide recreational, cultural and educational opportunities to its constituents.

As a public entity, the District will encourage public participation in its functions. The resources and activities of the District shall be for the overall benefit of all Isla Vista residents. No individual or group will be discriminated against for reasons of race, sex, age, color, national

origin, place of birth, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, opinions, citizenship (as legally allowed), or personal appearance.

The District shall be guided by the theme of respect for the natural environment, and the theme of human cooperation, including cooperation with other agencies. The objective of its Master Plan is to establish a system of parks that provides for and serves public needs. In addition to maintaining parks, the District shall, within its resources, provide a full and varying range of recreational and cultural activities for all residents of Isla Vista. Whenever possible, the District will coordinate with other agencies to maximize the services offered to its constituents, and to maximize efficiency in maintaining and improving parks.

More information regarding the IVRPD can be found at: <http://www.ivparks.org/>

**Special Instructions:**

Send a copy of the minute order to the Isla Vista Recreation & Park District, as follows:

Isla Vista Recreation & Park District  
Attn: Kimberly Kiefer  
961 Embarcadero Del Mar  
Isla Vista, CA 93117

**Attachments:**

Attachment A – Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Letter Dated March 19, 2021  
Attachment B – County Elections In Lieu of Election Letter Dated November 19, 2020  
Attachment C – Applications & Letters of Interest, as follows:

- Exhibit i) Brian Patton;
- Exhibit ii) Kim DuFore;
- Exhibit iii) Kathryn Murray;
- Exhibit iv) Briseida Martinez; and
- Exhibit v) Thea Neushul

**Authored by:**

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