

**City of Simi Valley
Staff Report**

April 20, 2026

To: City Council

From: Office of the City Manager
Luis Garibay, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Designation of one City Council Member to serve on a selection committee to interview and nominate prospective Simi Valley Arts Commissioners

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council designate one City Council Member to serve on a selection committee to interview and nominate candidates for the Simi Valley Arts Commission.

Background

The terms of service for three City Council-appointed public members of the Simi Valley Arts Commission (Commission) will conclude on June 30, 2026. The City Council regularly appoints public members to the Commission to fill vacant positions. Staff requests that the City Council designate one City Council Member to serve on a selection committee, alongside a continuing Arts Commissioner, to interview and nominate candidates for the Simi Valley Arts Commission. The appointed Commissioners will serve terms commencing July 1, 2026, and concluding on June 30, 2028. Council Member Rhodes most recently served in this capacity in April 2025.

The Commission is responsible for promoting greater public participation in, and access to, arts and culture; exploring alternate sources of arts and culture funding; planning arts programs and events; developing a master cultural plan; applying for grants; reviewing the annual financial and operational plans for the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center; and reinforcing the arts as a vital, integral, and necessary component of life for all members of the community. The Commission is comprised of eight members: two City Council Members, five City Council-appointed public members, and one member of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation Board of Directors. All public members serve staggered two-year terms. Arts Commissioners may serve two consecutive terms and may serve additional terms provided 12 months have lapsed between appointments beyond two consecutive terms.

Discussion

The City initiated a recruitment on February 12, 2026, to solicit applications for the upcoming Commission vacancies. The deadline for applications was March 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Recruitment efforts included a press release, cable television public service announcements, shares on social media, and postings on the City's website. Orientations

for prospective applicants were held on March 24, 2026, and March 26, 2026. A total of seven (7) applications were received, and six (6) candidates attended the orientation. Therefore, it is estimated that approximately one and one-half hours will be needed to conduct the interviews. Staff recommends that the City Council designate one City Council Member to serve on a selection committee to interview and nominate three candidates for the Commission for appointment by the City Council.

Financial Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

City Council Priority

This item supports the Excellent City Government and Thriving Community Pillars of Excellence.

Suggested Motion

I move that the City Council designate Council Member (Name) to serve on a selection committee to interview and nominate candidates for the Simi Valley Arts Commission.

Summary

The terms of service for three City Council-appointed public members of the Commission will conclude on June 30, 2026. The City Council regularly appoints public members to the Commission to fill vacant positions. Staff is requesting that the City Council designate one City Council Member to serve on a selection committee to interview and nominate candidates for the Simi Valley Arts Commission, with terms commencing July 1, 2026, and concluding on June 30, 2028.

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