

**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 two City Council Members to conduct interviews for the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation Board of Directors

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council designate two City Council Members to interview applicants and nominate three candidates for the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation Board of Directors.

Background

The Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation (Foundation) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides endowment and annual financial support for the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. The Foundation Board is comprised of up to 21 voting members, including seven City Council-appointed public members. One City Council-appointed resignation occurred in October 2025, and the terms of two City Council-appointed members will conclude on June 30, 2026, resulting in three vacancies.

Discussion

On February 20, 2026, the City initiated a recruitment to solicit applications to fill the current vacancies. The deadline for applications was March 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Recruitment efforts included a press release, cable television public service announcements, social media shares, and posting on the City's website. The City received four (4) applications to fill the three vacancies. Therefore, it is anticipated that approximately one hour will be needed to conduct the interviews. Staff recommends that the City Council designate two City Council Members to interview applicants and nominate three candidates for the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation Board of Directors for terms beginning July 1, 2026, and concluding on June 30, 2030.

Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Litster and Council Member Rocky Rhodes served on the nominating committee for the Foundation Board in May of 2025.

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 Members (Name and Name) to interview and nominate candidates for the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation.

Summary

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