

# City of Hesperia

## STAFF REPORT



**DATE:** July 11, 2018  
**TO:** Mayor and Council Members  
**FROM:** Eric Dunn, City Attorney  
**BY:** Melinda Sayre, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration of City Council Vacancy Applications

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council review applications submitted to fill the unexpired term of former Mayor Blewett, conduct interviews and determine whether to appoint someone to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

### BACKGROUND

The passing of Mayor Russ Blewett on May 23, 2018 created a vacancy on the City Council. Within 60 days of the vacancy, state law directs the City Council to fill the vacancy by appointment or by calling special election.

At the June 19 City Council Meeting, the City Council directed staff to collect applications for consideration of appointment to the City Council for the remainder of former Mayor Blewett's unexpired term which will end December 4, 2018.

### ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Applications for the City Council vacancy were collected June 21, 2018 through July 5, 2018. A notice of vacancy was advertised in the Hesperia Resorter and applications were posted on the City's website and advertised on the City's various social media accounts. Applications were also made available in paper format at City Hall.

Nine (9) applications were collected (attached) between June 21, 2018 and July 5, 2018. Applicants were invited to attach additional materials for City Council consideration. Current City of Hesperia voter registration status was verified with the County Elections Office for each application.

### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

### ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Do not appoint someone to fill the vacancy. If the City Council does not appoint someone by July 22, the vacant seat will be filled by the candidate elected in District 4 on November 6.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Russell T. Harris- application, no attachments
2. Chester E. Watts Jr. – application and letter
3. Veronica Rios- application, no attachments
4. Robert A. Nelson – application and letter with amendment
5. Victoria Bathsheba Dove – application and resume
6. Jeremiah Brosowske – application and resume/letter
7. Brigit Kimberly Bennington – application and letter
8. Anthony Rhoades – application, no attachments
9. Linda A. Holder – application and letter