



# STAFF REPORT

## SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL

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### AGENDA TITLE:

Appointment to the Planning Commission

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Appoint a candidate to the Planning Commission based on the options provided below

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### SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

On November 17, Council accepted the resignation of Eric Stout. This leaves a vacancy on the Planning Commission (for an unexpired term ending May, 2011).

On December 8, Council interviewed three candidates who had applied for this position. Those interviewed that night were:

Vicki Nichols  
Barry Peterson  
Christopher Visher

Council had also recently interviewed candidates for other Boards or Commissions openings, but who had also indicated an interest in the Planning Commission.

Council had an agenda item on the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Planning Commission appointment. However, at that meeting, Vice Mayor Pfeifer and Councilmember Ford asked that those candidates who indicate interests in more than one board or commission be interviewed for each and every position that have noted an interest in. Therefore, the appointment to fill this Planning Commission vacancy was continued to January 12, 2010 in order to offer the opportunity for ALL candidates to be interviewed or re-interviewed for this specific vacancy.

Unfortunately, at the time of this writing, staff is unable to determine how many applicants can be scheduled for interview on January 12. There are at least eight additional applicants to be interviewed.

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If Council is unable to interview all applicants on January 12, the appointment process will need to be continued until the next City Council meeting.

If all interviews are conducted, Council may appoint one of the candidates following the nomination/appointment process noted below.


PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT:

The Mayor shall announce his nominations, for the unexpired term. The Mayor shall then solicit any additional nominations from the dais. The Mayor shall then receive public comment, and proceed on to a roll call vote. Each Councilmember may vote for one nominee. To be appointed, a nominee must receive three votes for that vacancy. If no nominee receives three votes, the roll call vote shall continue until the vacancy is filled. The appointment shall then be announced; or the Mayor may recommend delaying the appointment for any remaining vacancies.


**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Appoint a candidate to the Planning Commission based on the options/issues listed above.

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