

**Ridgecrest City Council  
Successor Redevelopment Agency  
Financing Authority  
Housing Authority  
AGENDA**

**February 24, 2021**  
SPECIAL Session 5:30 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Eric A. Bruen, Mayor

L. Scott Hayman, Mayor Pro Tem

Solomon P. Rajaratnam, Vice Mayor

Kyle Blades, Council Member

Vacant, Council Member

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Ron Strand, City Manager

Keith Lemieux, City Attorney  
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NOTICE AND CALL OF A **SPECIAL OPEN SESSION MEETING** OF THE  
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY /  
HOUSING AUTHORITY / FINANCING AUTHORITY

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY / HOUSING AUTHORITY / FINANCING AUTHORITY,  
PUBLIC AND CITY CLERK:

PUBLIC NOTICE that a **SPECIAL OPEN SESSION MEETING** of the Ridgecrest City  
Council/Successor Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Financing Authority is hereby  
called on:

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers  
100 W. California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, California

Said **SPECIAL OPEN SESSION MEETING** shall be for the purpose of:

Action To Appoint Member Of City Council To Fill The Vacancy, Including Swearing In  
Of Appointed Member, If Desired

Dated: February 18, 2021

Eric A. Bruen, Mayor / Chair

ATTEST:

Ricca Charlton, City Clerk

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**Ridgecrest City Council  
Successor Redevelopment Agency  
Financing Authority  
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STAFF REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** Action To Appoint Member Of City Council To Fill The Vacancy, Including Swearing In Of Appointed Member, If Desired

**PRESENTED BY:** Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

**SUMMARY:**

At the February 3, 2021 Council Meeting, Councilmember Mike Mower's seat became vacant as he resigned from his position effective February 7, 2021.

At the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the City Council decided to fill the vacant Council position by appointment in accordance with State law. (Gov. Code § 36512(b).) The Council directed Staff to proceed with the following schedule for the appointment:

- Citizen Service Applications are available from the City Clerk and on the City's website. Notice of the application process was posted on the City's website, social media, and provided to local media.
- Close of Application Period: Noon on February 16, 2021. Councilmembers received applications for their review and were not restricted from contacting and speaking with any applicants.
- City Council will consider the following applicants for appointment:
  1. Peggy Breeden
  2. Skip Gorman
  3. Chip Holloway
  4. William Jinkins
  5. Alice Jordan
  6. Steve Morgan
  7. Christian West

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Staff recommends that Council consider the applicants that have declared their interest:

1. Hear public comment.
2. Deliberate.
3. Make a motion to appoint someone as Member of City Council, followed by a vote.
4. Swearing in of the new Council Member may take place immediately or at a subsequent meeting.
5. If the Council wishes, it may continue the appointment process to a future meeting.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Submitted by: Ricca Charlon, City Clerk

Action Date: Feb. 24. 2021

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