



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

**SPECIAL MEETING**

At 6:02 p.m., Mayor Liang Chao called the Special City Council Meeting to order in the Cupertino Community Hall Council Chamber, 10350 Torre Avenue.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Liang Chao, Vice Mayor Kitty Moore, and Councilmembers J.R. Fruen, Sheila Mohan, and R "Ray" Wang.

**COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**

1. Subject: Interview applicants for commission vacancies and terms expiring on January 30, 2025

Recommended Action: Conduct interviews and make appointments to the Arts and Culture Commission, Audit Committee, Bicycle Pedestrian Commission, Housing Commission, Library Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission, and Sustainability Commission.

Written Communications for this item included an amended Attachment C – Interview Schedule.

Mayor Chao opened the public comment period and, seeing no one, closed the public comment period.

Councilmembers asked questions and made comments.

Council conducted interviews for commission vacancies and terms expiring on the Arts and Culture Commission, Audit Committee, Bicycle Pedestrian Commission, Housing Commission, Library Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission, and Sustainability Commission.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Chao recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m. with

all Councilmembers present.

The Council continued conducting interviews for all commission vacancies and terms expiring.

At 9:16 p.m., Mayor Chao recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

The Council voted to make appointments via an electronic voting system.

The electronic voting ballots are included after the minutes as Exhibit A (attached).

#### Arts and Culture Commission

Council conducted a voting round for vacancies on the Arts and Culture Commission.

MOTION: Chao moved and Mohan seconded to appoint Gurmeet Lamba and Susan Chen to the Arts and Culture Commission with terms ending January 30, 2029 and appoint Archana Panda to a partial term ending January 30, 2027. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore, Fruen, Mohan and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

#### Audit Committee

Council began voting to fill the vacancy on the Audit Committee but did not complete the voting process.

MOTION: Moore moved and Fruen seconded to suspend the voting and reopen the recruitment to fill the vacancy on the Audit Committee.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Wang made a friendly amendment to receive a threshold of at least five new applicants (Moore and Fruen accepted the friendly amendment). The amended motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore, Fruen, Mohan and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

#### Bicycle Pedestrian Commission

Council conducted a voting round for vacancies on the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission.

MOTION: Chao moved and Wang seconded to appoint Munisekaran Madhhipatla and Ilango Ganga to the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission with terms ending January 30, 2029 and appoint Gerhard Eshelbeck to a partial term ending January 30, 2027. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore, and Wang. Noes: Fruen and Mohan. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Housing Commission

Council conducted the first voting round and there was no motion made for this round.

The Council unanimously consented to a run-off round for the two applicants who received two votes each in the first round.

Council conducted the second voting round to fill vacancies on the Housing Commission.

MOTION: Chao moved and Moore seconded to appoint Elida Xhindi and Usha Narayan to the Housing Commission with terms ending January 30, 2029. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore, Fruen, Mohan and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Library Commission

Council conducted a voting round for vacancies on the Library Commission.

MOTION: Mohan moved and Wang seconded to appoint Liyan Zhao, Chandrasekaran Sakthivel, and Ravi Kiran Singh Sapaharam to the Library Commission with terms ending January 30, 2029. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore, Fruen, Mohan and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

MOTION: Wang moved and Moore seconded to reconsider the appointments previously made to the Library Commission and conduct a revote due to an error in tallying the votes. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore and Wang. Noes: Fruen and Mohan. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

MOTION: Chao moved and Wang seconded to appoint Liyan Zhao, Chandrasekaran Sakthivel, and Xiangchen "Minna" Xu to the Library Commission with terms ending January 30, 2029. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore and Wang. Noes: Fruen and Mohan. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Council conducted a voting round for vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

MOTION: Wang moved and Moore seconded to appoint Seema Swamy, Gopalakrishnan Kumarappan and Sheela Sreekanth to the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms ending January 30, 2029. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore, Fruen, and Wang. Noes: Mohan. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Planning Commission

Council conducted a voting round for vacancies on the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Chao moved and Wang seconded to appoint Steven Scharf, Santosh Rao and Tracy Kosolcharoen to the Planning Commission with terms ending January 30, 2029. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore, and Wang. Noes: Fruen and Mohan. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

#### Public Safety Commission

Council began voting for vacancies on the Public Safety Commission but did not complete the voting process.

Council conducted a second voting round to fill vacancies on the Public Safety Commission.

MOTION: Chao moved and Wang seconded to appoint Sashikala Begur and Ravi Kiran Singh Sapaharam to the Public Safety Commission with terms ending January 30, 2029. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore, and Wang. Noes: Fruen and Mohan. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

#### Sustainability Commission

Council conducted a voting round for vacancies on the Sustainability Commission.

MOTION: Mohan moved and Wang seconded to appoint Sonali Padgaonkar and Jack Carter to the Sustainability Commission with terms ending January 30, 2029. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chao, Moore, Fruen, Mohan and Wang. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

### **Appointment Summary:**

#### Arts and Culture Commission

Archana Panda, appointed to a partial term ending 1/30/2027

Gurmeet Lamba, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Susan Chen, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

#### Audit Committee

No appointment made. The Council directed staff to re-advertise the vacancy to receive a wider selection of applicants.

#### Bicycle Pedestrian Commission

Gerhard Eshelbeck, appointed to a partial term ending 1/30/2027

Munisekaran Madhhipatla, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Ilango Ganga, reappointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Housing Commission

Elida Xhindi, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Usha Narayan, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Library Commission

Liyan Zhao, reappointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Chandrasekaran Sakthivel, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Xiangchen Xu, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Parks and Recreation Commission

Seema Swamy, reappointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Gopalakrishnan Kumarappan, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Sheela Sreekanth, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Planning Commission

Steven Scharf, reappointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Santosh Rao, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Tracy Kosolcharoen, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Public Safety Commission

Sashikala Begur, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Ravi Kiran Singh Sapaharam, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Sustainability Commission

Sonali Padgaonkar, reappointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

Jack Carter, appointed to a full term ending 1/30/2029

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:59 p.m., Mayor Chao adjourned the Special City Council Meeting.

Minutes prepared by:

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Lauren Sapudar, Deputy City Clerk

City Council Commission Interviews

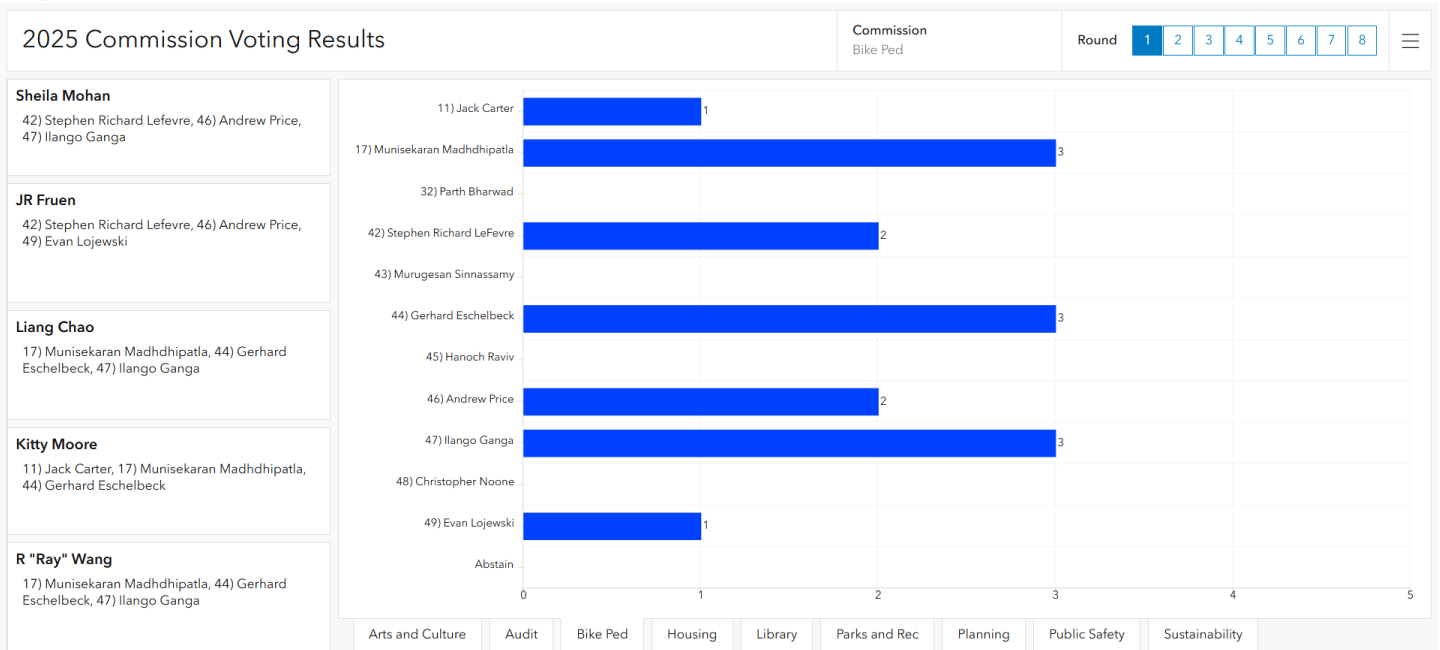
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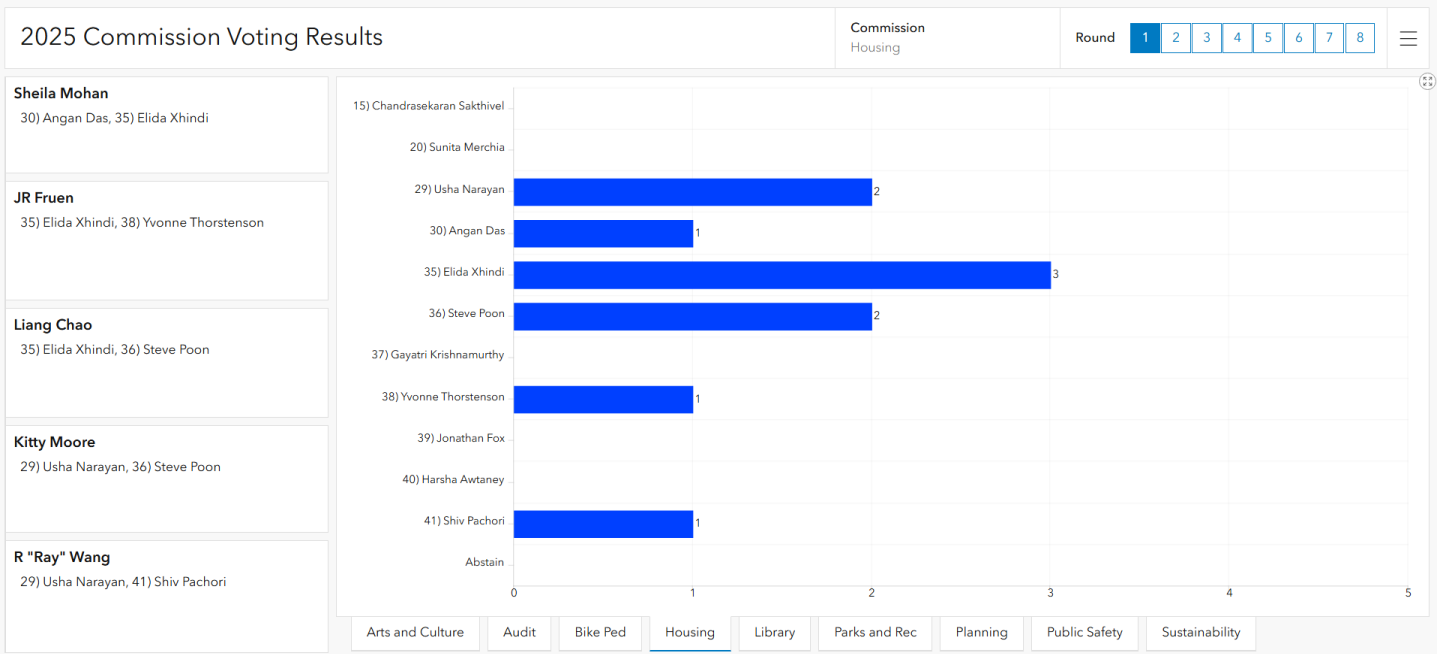
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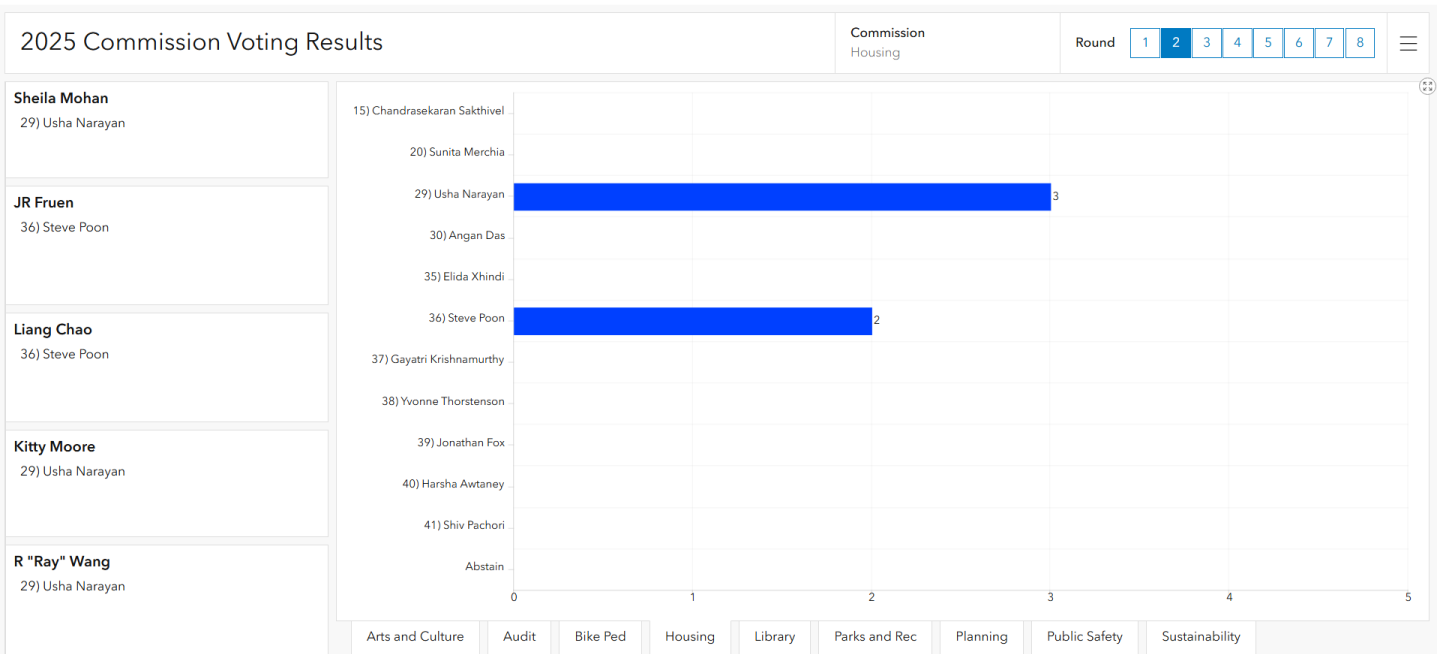
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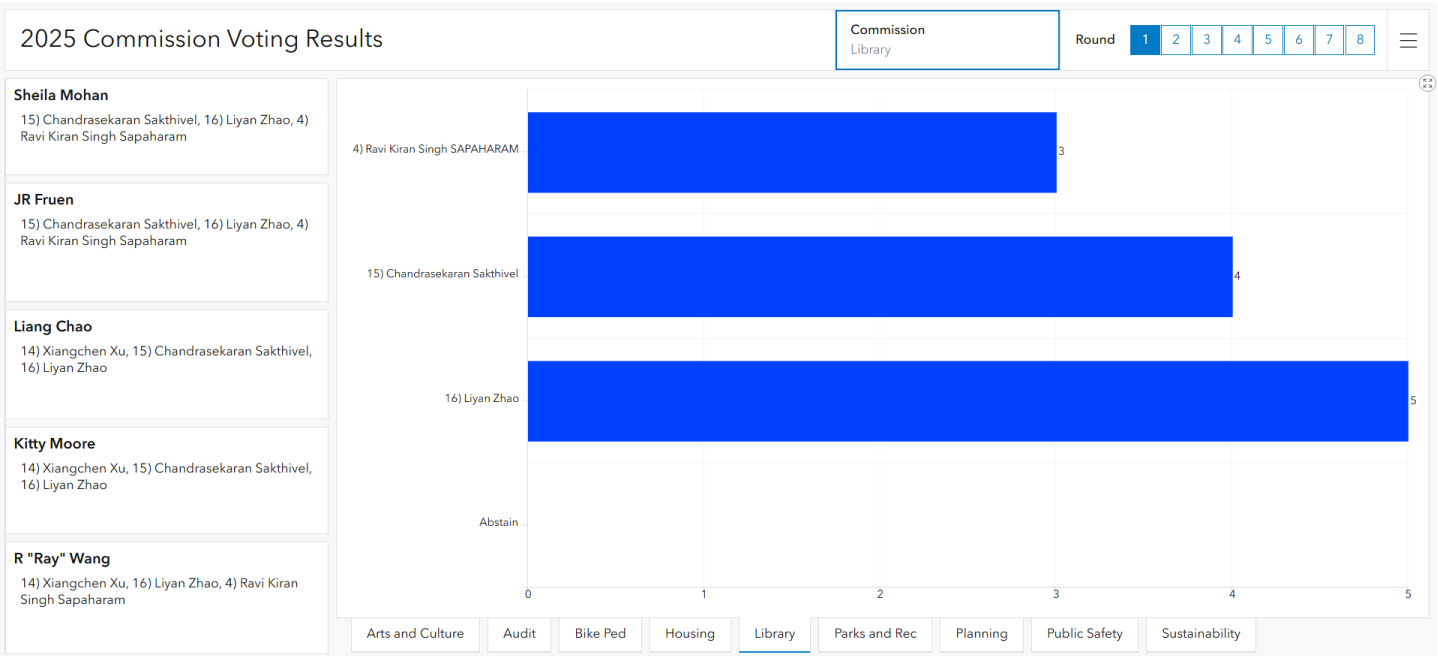
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## Housing Commission – Round 2

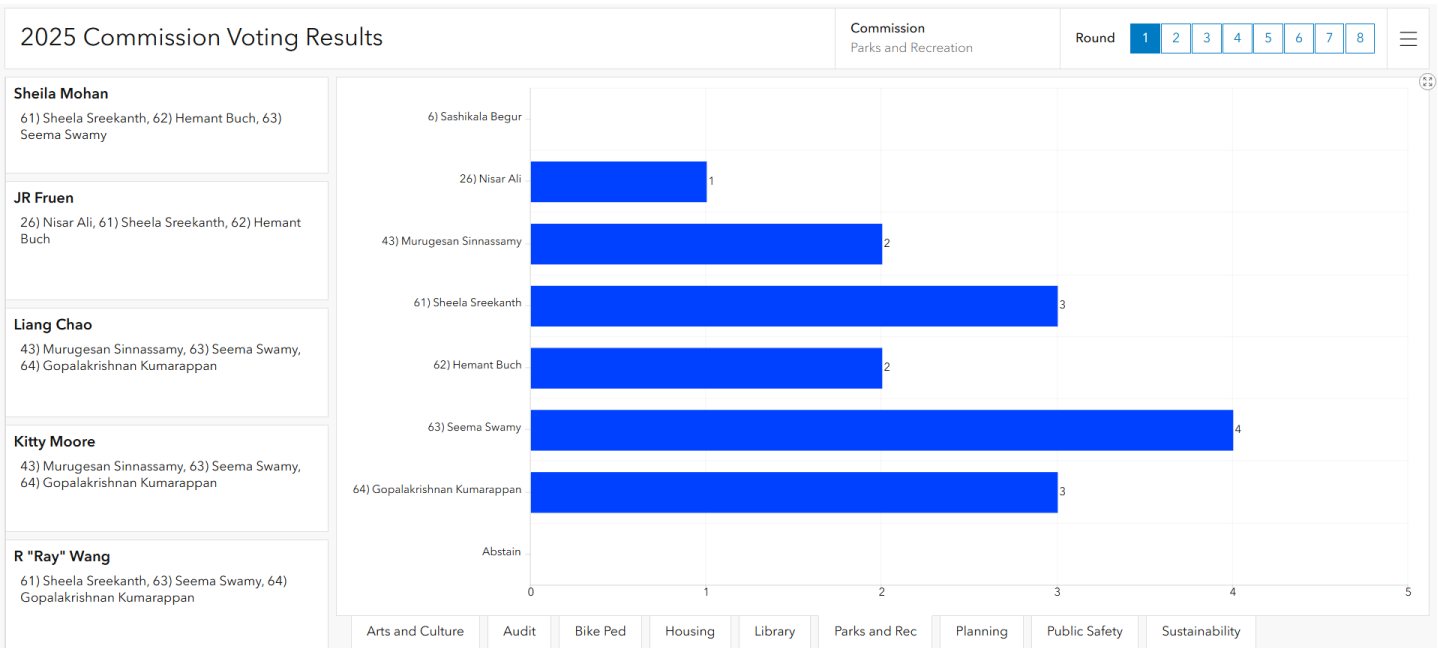


## Library Commission



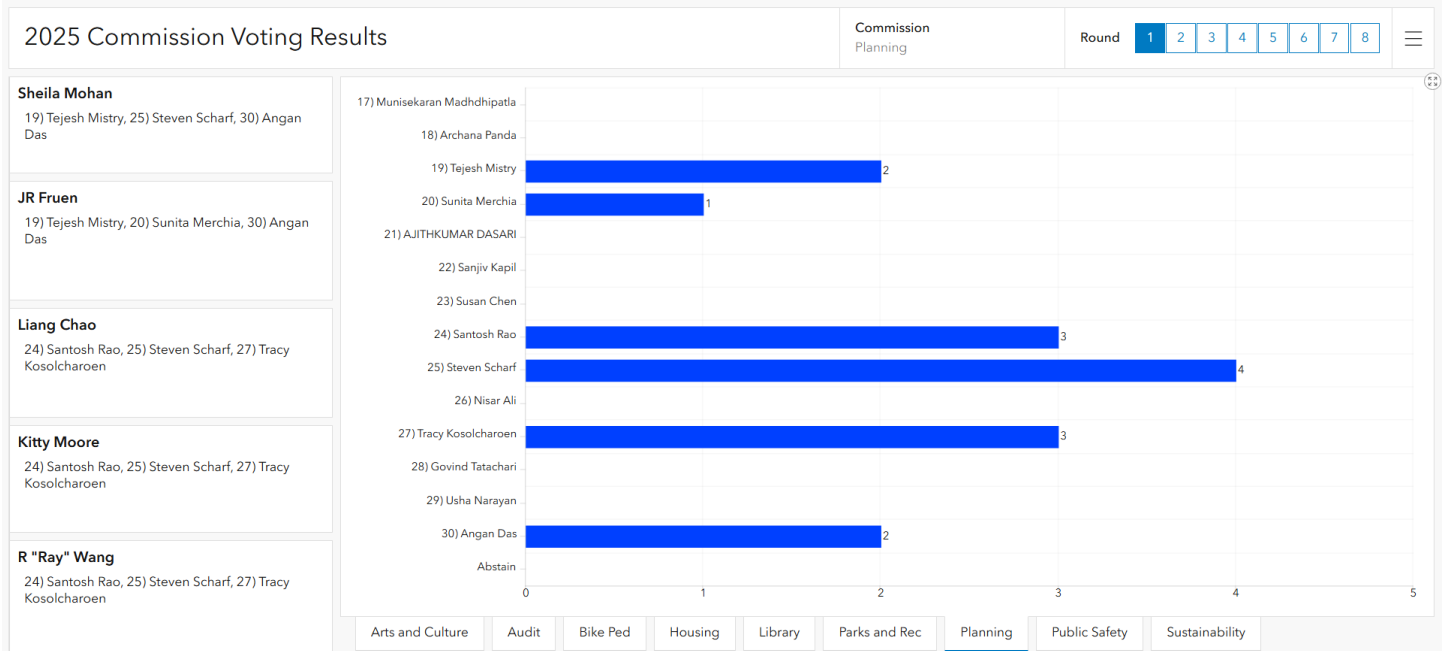
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## Parks and Recreation Commission



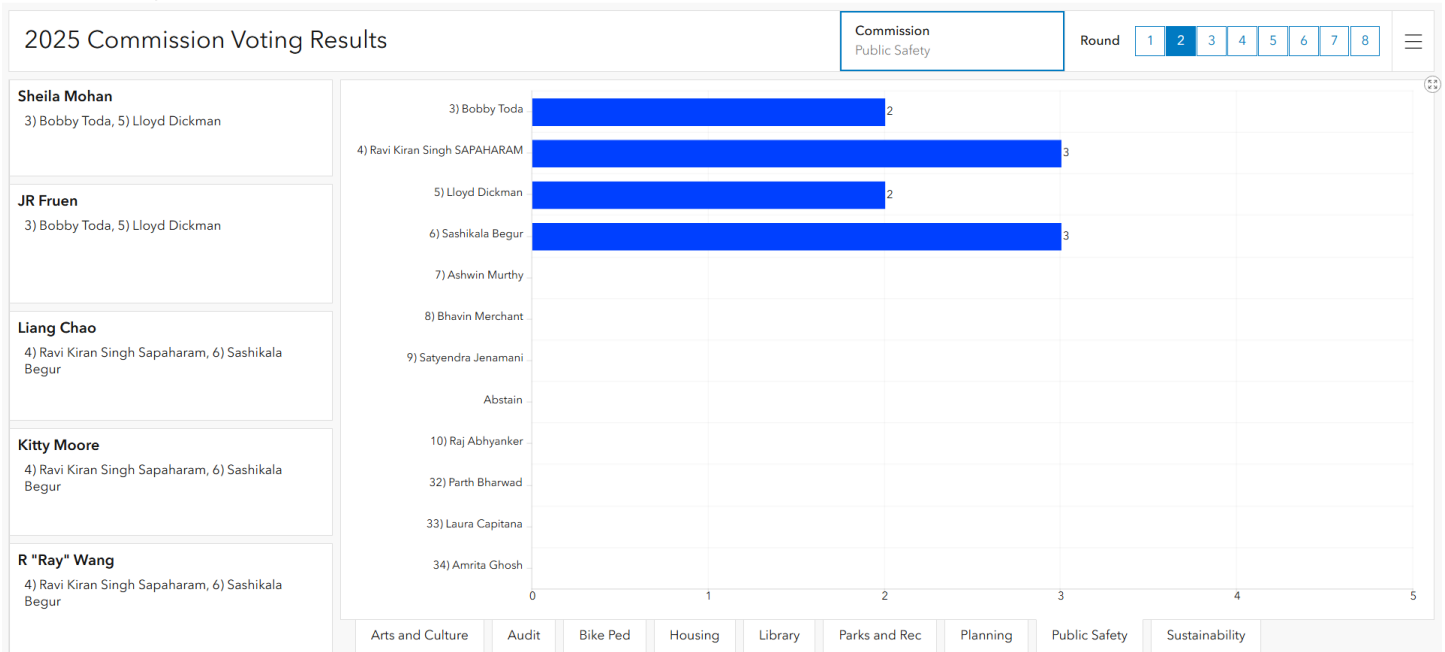


# Planning Commission



# Public Safety Commission – Round 1 (Council did not complete Round 1 voting)

## Public Safety Commission – Round 2



# Sustainability Commission

