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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: March 7, 2023

Subject

Removal of Planning Commissioner R. Wang.

Recommended Action

Consider the removal of Planning Commissioner R. Wang.

Reasons for Recommendation

On February 21, 2023, two City Councilmembers requested that the City Manager bring an item for discussion on a future Council agenda to consider the removal of Planning Commissioner R. "Ray" Wang from the Commission. Commissioner Wang is presently in his second full term on the Commission, which runs through January 30, 2025.

Under Cupertino Municipal Code ("CMC") Section 2.32.020(A), Planning Commissioners "serve at the pleasure of the City Council." A Planning Commissioner may be removed by a majority vote of the City Council. (CMC § 2.32.030.) "If a vacancy occurs other than by expiration of a term, it shall be filled by the Mayor's appointment for the unexpired portion of the term." (*Ibid.*)

If Council votes to remove Commissioner Wang, the Mayor may elect to appoint the first alternate Commissioner selected by Council, Tejesh Mistry, to the Planning Commission. Alternatively, the City Council may direct staff to provide notice of the vacancy and initiate a new recruitment pursuant to Government Code section 54974.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impact.

California Environmental Quality Act

Not applicable.

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