



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

### **COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** **JANUARY 14, 2025**

**DEPARTMENT:** **ADMINISTRATION**

**FROM:** **DENNIS DONOHUE, MAYOR**

**BY:** **PATRICIA M. BARAJAS, CITY CLERK**

**TITLE:** **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES/REGIONAL BOARD  
APPOINTMENTS**

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Receive a report from the City Clerk regarding appointments of the Mayor and City Council members to committees/regional boards for 2025 and consider the process for appointment of the Mayor and Council members to committees/regional boards for 2025.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Annually, and following an election, the Mayor is required to make appointments to the City Council committees and regional boards on which the City is represented. In January 2023, the City Council directed staff to present the proposed appointments to the Council for ratification. This report is intended to present the City Council with the list of proposed appointments for Council ratification. Appointment shall be made during the first meeting in January to ensure timely appointments and representation on all boards and committees.

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 10, 2023, the City Council requested and approved Resolution No. 22552 (N.C.S.) ratifying the Mayor's appointments to City Committees/Regional Board for calendar year 2023 and on an annual basis. Pursuant to Salinas City Code Section 2-1, Rule 2(c), the Mayor may make appointments to the Council Subcommittees and Regional Boards upon assuming office at a City Council meeting. Additionally, Section A.3 of the City Council Rules of Procedure and Order of Business, City Council Resolution No. 20742 (N.C.S.), also allows the Mayor to appoint City Council members to regional boards or other legislative bodies on which the City Council is represented. Practice has been for the Mayor to consult with Councilmembers before making any changes in appointments and for the Mayor to then report out those appointments without additional action by the Council.

In December 2022, Councilmembers Sandoval and former Councilmember Rocha further requested Council consider changes to Salinas Municipal Code and the City Council Rules of Procedure and Order of Business as they relate to the Mayor's appointment authority among other

meeting procedures. The Committee's recommended changes were slated for future Council consideration and follow-up to a City Council Strategic Planning process. Said changes have not been considered by the City Council due to a number of factors, including changes in City Administration and City Council.

Attached are the recommended appointments for 2025 as presented by Mayor Donohue. The City Council may continue ratification of the appointments by Resolution or delegate the appointment authority to the Mayor as authorized by the Salinas Municipal Code section 2-1, Rule 2(c) and Section A.3 of the City Council Rules of Procedure and Order of Business (Resolution No. 20742 (N.C.S.). Should Council choose to delegate appointment authority to the Mayor, it is recommended that the Council also rescind Resolution No. 22552.

Also attached is Exhibit C – Regional Board Compensation for reference.

**CEQA CONSIDERATION:**

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

**CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 84308 APPLIES:**

No.

**STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:**

This report aligns with the City Council's goal of Effective and Culturally Responsive Government (City of Salinas Strategic Plan 2022-2025) by ensuring the city is represented in and working collaboratively on City/County-wide regional boards.

**DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:**

The Mayor and the City Clerk coordinated on this Report.

**FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to the City of Salinas committees/regional board appointments.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit A – Committee/Regional Board Appointments List

Exhibit B – Council Appointments 2025 by Member

Exhibit C – Regional Board Compensation

Resolution 22552