

# City Council Special Meeting Agenda



**FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

**City of Turlock Yosemite Room**

**156 S. Broadway, Turlock, California**



Mayor  
**Amy Bublak**

Council Members  
**Nicole Larson**  
**Gil Esquer**  
Vice Mayor  
**Andrew Nosrati**

City Manager  
**Robert C. Lawton**  
City Clerk  
**Jennifer Land**  
Interim City Attorney  
**Jose M. Sanchez**

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1. **A. CALL TO ORDER**  
**B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – LIMITED TO ITEMS DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE FOR THIS MEETING**  
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3(a), this is the time set aside for citizens to address the City Council concerning any item that has been described in the notice for this meeting, including Consent Calendar items, before or during consideration of that item. You will be allowed five (5) minutes for your comments. If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, you may be asked to defer your remarks until the Council addresses the matter.
3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

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4. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

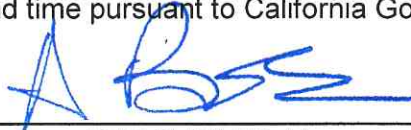
- A. Request to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the City Council seat vacancy for District 4 pursuant to California Government Code section 36512 (*Lawton*)

***Recommended Action:***

Resolution: Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the City Council seat vacancy for District 4 pursuant to California Government Code section 36512

5. ADJOURNMENT

The foregoing meeting is hereby called by Mayor Amy Bublak at the above mentioned date and time pursuant to California Government Code §54956.



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AMY BUBLAK, Mayor

# City Council Staff Report

February 1, 2019



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From: Robert C. Lawton, City Manager  
Prepared by: Jose M. Sanchez, Interim City Attorney  
Jennifer Land, City Clerk  
Agendized by: Robert C. Lawton, City Manager

**1. ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

Resolution: Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the City Council seat vacancy for District 4 pursuant to California Government Code section 36512

**2. SYNOPSIS:**

The City Council will appoint one (1) of the six (6) applicants to fill the City Council seat vacancy for District 4 pursuant to California Government Code section 36512.

**3. DISCUSSION OF ISSUE:**

On November 6, 2018, District 4 Council Member Amy Bublak was elected Mayor of the City of Turlock. This has created a vacancy in the position of District 4 Council Member for the remainder of the term, expiring in November 2020.

California Government Code section 36512(b) requires the City Council, within sixty (60) days from the commencement of the vacancy, to either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy.

There are no state laws or Turlock Municipal Code provisions establishing specific procedures to make an appointment. No formal application process is required, and the City Council may appoint any eligible person to the vacancy.

The City Council may fill any vacant elective office in the City, including a vacant Council seat, by appointment. The only requirement is that the person appointed must be eligible to hold office. A person is eligible to hold office as a Council Member only if he or she is an elector of the City and a registered voter. An elector of the City is a United States citizen, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who is a resident of the City.

Turlock Municipal Code section 2-1-06 also requires that "all persons appointed to fill vacancies on the City Council and all persons elected to fill vacancies on the

City Council at a special municipal election shall reside within the district to which they are appointed or elected.”

The appointment of a new Council Member requires the vote of a majority of a quorum at a properly noticed meeting.

On December 11, 2018, at their regularly scheduled meeting, the City Council voted to fill the vacancy by appointment and solicit applications from interested citizens desiring to fill this vacancy and serve the community in this capacity. The Council also established an application filing deadline of January 7, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. and directed staff to transmit to the Council, no later than January 8, 2019, any applications received by the filing deadline. Eight (8) applications were received by the filing deadline.

On January 8, 2019, at their regularly scheduled meeting, the City Council received applications from the eight (8) applicants. Two (2) applicants withdrew from the consideration process prior to being interviewed. On January 28, 2019, at a Special City Council meeting, the Council interviewed the remaining six (6) applicants:

Myrna Wachs  
Fredrick Isaac  
Samuel Sharpe  
Donald Babadalir  
Rebecca Arellano  
Pamela Franco

Following the interviews, the City Council provided direction regarding the selection and appointment process. At a Special City Council meeting, to be held on February 1, 2019, each member of the Council will provide a list of their top three applicants. Following the ranking, the Council will have an opportunity to discuss nominations and ultimately appoint a qualified and eligible individual to fill the Council seat vacancy for District 4 for the remaining term, expiring in November 2020.

**4. BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. The City Council seat for District 4 has become vacant due to District 4 Council Member Amy Bublak being sworn in as the newly elected Mayor on December 11, 2018.
- B. Pursuant to California Government Code section 36512(b), the City Council, within sixty (60) days from the commencement of the vacancy, is required to either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy.

**5. FISCAL IMPACT / BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

There will be minimal costs associated with an appointment process to fill the vacancy. No budget amendment would be needed.

**6. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

The City Manager will follow direction as provided by the City Council.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

N/A

**8. ALTERNATIVES:**

A. The City Council could choose not to move forward with appointing an individual to fill the Council seat vacancy and provide direction to staff to prepare and bring back a Resolution calling a Special Election to fill the Council vacancy for District 4.

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TURLOCK

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING	}	RESOLUTION NO. 2019-
_____ TO FILL	}	
THE CITY COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY	}	
FOR DISTRICT 4 PURSUANT TO	}	
CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE	}	
SECTION 36512	}	
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**WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2018, District 4 Council Member Amy Bublak was elected Mayor of the City of Turlock; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2018, Mayor Bublak’s swearing in as the newly elected Mayor created a vacancy in the District 4 Council seat for the remainder of the term, expiring in November 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 36512(b) requires the City Council, within sixty (60) days from the commencement of the vacancy, to either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, there are no state laws or Turlock Municipal Code provisions establishing specific procedures to make an appointment. Turlock Municipal Code section 2-1-06 requires that “all persons appointed to fill vacancies on the City Council and all persons elected to fill vacancies on the City Council at a special municipal election shall reside within the district to which they are appointed or elected;” and

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2018, at their regularly scheduled City Council meeting, the Council voted to fill the vacancy by appointment and solicit applications from interested citizens desiring to fill this vacancy and serve the community in this capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 8, 2019, at their regularly scheduled meeting, the City Council received applications from eight (8) applicants. Two (2) applicants withdrew from the consideration process prior to being interviewed. On January 28, 2019, at a Special City Council meeting, the Council interviewed the remaining six (6) applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that \_\_\_\_\_ is a qualified individual and is eligible to fill the Council seat vacancy for District 4 for the remaining term, expiring in November 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Turlock does hereby adopt the following:

1. The City Council hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the City Council seat vacancy for District 4 vacated effective December 11, 2018, with the swearing in of Mayor Bublak to the office of Mayor.

2. In accordance with Government Code section 36512(b), \_\_\_\_\_ shall carry out all of the duties and responsibilities of a City Council Member of the City of Turlock, representing District 4, and shall serve until the expiration of the term in November 2020.

3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to administer the oath of office to \_\_\_\_\_, and to carry out all actions necessary and appropriate to permit \_\_\_\_\_ to take office as a City Council Member of the City of Turlock, in accordance with applicable law.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Turlock this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
NOT PARTICIPATING:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Land, City Clerk,  
City of Turlock, County of Stanislaus,  
State of California