



## **CITY OF MENIFEE**

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Ben Diederich as the District 2 Councilmember of the Menifee City Council

MEETING DATE: February 5, 2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

PREPARED BY: Stephanie Roseen, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: Stephanie Roseen, City Clerk

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Adopt a resolution appointing Ben Diederich as the District 2 Councilmember of the City of Menifee City Council.

### **DISCUSSION**

On December 17, 2024, staff brought forward a staff report outlining the options for the City Council to fill the vacancy for District 2 created by the election of Ricky Estrada as Mayor. Those options included holding a special election on November 4, 2025, appointing an eligible resident from District 2, or adopt an ordinance for a temporary appointment of a District 2 resident to the City Council and a special election. The City Council voted to move forward with an appointment process to fill the vacancy.

The City advertised the vacancy of District 2 on December 23, 2024 and requested interested District 2 residents to submit a Statement of Interest to the City. Statements of Interests were to be submitted to the City Clerk by January 7, 2025 by 5:00 PM. Statements of Interest were received by the following applicants: Altie Holcomb, Barbara Brohl, Ben Diederich, George Mills, Jeffrie White, Joe Long, Laz Peterson, Richard Sierra, and Thomas Fuhrman. Those nine individuals were invited to a special City Council meeting held on January 15, 2025 to provide a statement to the City Council. During the special City Council meeting seven of the applicants provided their statements for the City Council's consideration.

During the regular meeting of the City Council on January 15, 2025, the City Council voted to appoint Ben Diederich as the District 2 Councilmember. The item before the City Council is to officially adopt a resolution declaring the appointment of Ben Diederich effective immediately. Ben Diederich would be sworn in and assume his place at the dais following approval of the resolution.

**STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE**

Regular City Business

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution of Appointment