



## STAFF REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMISSION

**DATE:** Regular Meeting of May 20, 2026

**TO:** Members of the Finance Commission

**SUBMITTED BY:** Edwin Gato, Director of Finance

**SUBJECT:** Appoint a Finance Commissioner to serve on the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Finance Commission appoint a member to represent them on the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC).

### BACKGROUND:

A General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) is appointed to provide valuable feedback, guidance, and recommendations to city planners, staff, and officials during the process of developing or updating a city's General Plan. The GPAC is instrumental in ensuring that the plan effectively represents the values and priorities of the community.

### ANALYSIS:

The staff recommends that the Finance Commission select one of its members to serve as a representative on the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). This appointee will play a vital role in providing input and insights on the development of the City's general plan, ensuring that the financial perspectives and considerations are effectively integrated into the planning process.

### Key Aspects of a GPAC:

**Purpose:** The GPAC serves to represent the interests of the public by thoroughly reviewing planning documents and contributing to the strategic vision for long-term community development.

Functions: Members of the GPAC undertake several important functions. They provide informed input on a range of issues, including policy formulation, land use strategies, and developmental goals. Additionally, they act as liaisons between the City government and the public, facilitating communication and gathering community feedback on essential matters. Their insights on draft materials are crucial for refining proposals and enhancing community involvement.

Authority: The GPAC is recognized as an advisory body, offering recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council. While it does not have the authority to impose binding decisions, its guidance plays a significant role in shaping the future of community planning.

Composition: The committee is strategically composed of individuals from diverse backgrounds, ensuring a comprehensive representation of community perspectives. This diversity enriches discussions, fosters inclusive decision-making, and effectively addresses key issues that affect the community at large.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.