

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 11, 2006

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilmember Edelston has requested that the City Council consider changing the existing rotation by which the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are chosen each year (see Exhibit A).

In accordance with the *Agoura Hills City Council Norms* (Exhibit B), the selection of Mayor is based on the order of finish in the Elections with the top vote getter taking the first turn, the next in line taking the second, and so on. The rotation spans two alternate year elections so that the third finisher in a three-person race may be the fifth in line and, consequently, be required to run for Election (and be a successful candidate) to be considered for Mayor. A table (Exhibit C) reflecting the history of Agoura Hills elections and appointments to Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem has been included for reference.

The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are nominated at the first Council meeting following each general election, and are selected by a vote of their peers on the Council to serve for a one-year term. In the customary rotation, the Mayor Pro Tem is nominated to serve as Mayor at the end of the Mayor's one-year term.

Any change to the selection process would require an amendment to the *City Council Norms*.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider whether or not to change the rotation of the annual selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and direct staff to amend the *City Council Norms*, as appropriate.

Attachments: Exhibit A – Proposal from Councilmember Edelston
Exhibit B – City Council Norms
Exhibit C – Election History; 1982-Current