

## REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** AUGUST 27, 2008

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

**BY:** MIKE KAMINO, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**SUBJECT:** GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

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The purpose of this item is to ratify the nomination of Robyn Britton and Daniel Friedlander to serve on the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). The GPAC is an ad hoc committee that assists staff and the consultant in the current General Plan update process.

On December 8, 2004, the City Council ratified the appointment of five residents, selected at-large by each Councilmember, to serve on the City's General Plan Advisory Committee. Robert Evren, who was nominated by Councilmember Jeff Reinhardt at that time, resigned from the GPAC this past spring 2008, as he is relocating from Agoura Hills. Thus, there is a vacancy on the GPAC.

Councilmembers Koehler and Schwarz have nominated two residents to the GPAC, Ms. Britton and Mr. Friedlander, to replace Mr. Evren and to enable an additional at-large member to serve. In recommending that the City Council consider ratifying the selection of six at large members, as opposed to five, Councilmembers Schwarz and Koehler note that the GPAC has a rather limited number of members (9), and there are some meetings at which not all members are able to be present. Therefore, it is beneficial to have an additional member to contribute to discussions and assist in making recommendations. Ms. Britton is the Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee of the Old Agoura Homeowner's Association, and has been active in planning issues in the City. Mr. Friedlander is a land use attorney.

The GPAC currently consists of two City Councilmembers, two Planning Commissioners, and five at-large members. The following are the current GPAC members:

- *City Council* – Denis Weber and Harry Schwarz
- *Planning Commission* – Curtis Zacuto and Cyrena Nouzille
- *At-large* – Peter Korn, Leslie Petersil, Brad Rosenheim, Jennifer Lebowitz, and one vacancy.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the City Council ratify the selection of six (6) at-large GPAC members, and the appointments of Mr. Friedlander and Ms. Britton to serve on the GPAC.