



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: July 3, 2012
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Byron Pope, CMC
City Clerk
Subject: Architectural Commission Interview Panel Report

INTRODUCTION

The Architectural Commission Interview Panel composed of Mayor William W. Brien, MD, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Architectural Commission Chair Zale Richard Rubins and Architectural Commission Vice Chair James Blakeley III met on Thursday, June 28, 2012. The panel interviewed four licensed architect candidates for one vacancy on the Commission.

DISCUSSION

After discussion and careful review, it was the unanimous decision of the Panel to recommend **Hamid Gabbay** for appointment. The Panel recommends Mr. Gabbay to fill the position of Architectural Commissioner Walter Meyer whose term is scheduled to end on July 11, 2012. Mr. Meyer will remain seated on the Commission for the July 18, 2012 Architectural Commission meeting, and Mr. Gabbay must attend the entire Architectural Commission as an observer prior to his appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

The Architectural Commission Interview Panel recommends that the City Council appoint Hamid Gabbay to the Architectural Commission. With the concurrence of the Council, a formal report will be prepared for adoption at the July 24, 2012 Adjourned Regular City Council meeting.

In addition, the Panel requests that the remaining candidates be thanked and advised that they each gave thoughtful and compelling answers to the questions posed by the Panel. The City is fortunate to have an exceptionally strong applicant pool and the applicants are encouraged to re-apply and attend as many future Architectural Commission meetings as possible. In addition, those applicants who are residents of Beverly Hills that have not participated in Team Beverly Hills are urged to do so.

Byron Pope
Approved By

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