CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 31, 2010

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez, Deputy City Clerk

Subject: Design Review Commission Interview Panel Report

INTRODUCTION

The Design Review Commission Interview Panel composed of Vice Mayor Barry Brucker and Councilmember William W. Brien, M.D., and Design Review Commission Chairperson Susan Strauss and Commissioner Hamid Gabbay, met on Friday, August 20, 2010. The panel interviewed ten candidates for up to three vacancies, with at least one licensed residential architect on the Commission.

DISCUSSION

After discussion and careful review, it was the unanimous decision of the Panel to recommend that Arline Pepp and Ilene Nathan be appointed to fill two positions, and the third position for licensed residential architect be re-advertised.

RECOMMENDATION

The Design Review Commission Interview Panel recommends that the City Council appoint Arline Pepp and Ilene Nathan to the two vacant positions in the Design Review Commission, and re-advertise the third position of licensed residential architect.

The City Council Liaisons recommend staggering the terms of concurrent outgoing Commissioners Hamid Gabbay, Marilyn Weiss, and Gary Gilbar. As such, they recommend that Arline Pepp be appointed for a two-year term beginning November 4, 2010 to replace Commissioner Hamid Gabbay, and Ilene Nathan be appointed for a two-year term beginning January 6, 2011 to replace Commissioner Marilyn Weiss. The Council Liaisons also recommend that Vice Chairperson Gary Gilbar's term be extended to allow for the re-advertisement, selection, and formal appointment of the licensed residential architect commissioner. With the concurrence of the Council, a formal report will be prepared for adoption at the September 21, 2010 Formal 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 such a strong applicant pool and the applicants are encouraged to re-apply and attend as many future Design Review Commission meetings as possible. In addition, those applicants who have not participated in Team Beverly Hills are urged to do so.

for LBR
Byron Pope
Approved By