



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** August 23, 2012  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez, CMC, CRM *LSR*  
Deputy City Clerk  
**Subject:** Design Review Commission Interview Panel Report

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### INTRODUCTION

The Design Review Commission (DRC) Interview Panel composed of Mayor William W. Brien, MD, Councilmember Barry Brucker, DRC Chair Arline Pepp and DRC Commissioner Howard Szabo met on Tuesday, August 14, 2012. The panel interviewed three candidates for one upcoming vacancy on the Commission. Two additional applicants withdrew from the process prior to the interview date.

### DISCUSSION

After discussion and careful review, it was the consensus of the Panel to extend Commissioner Howard Szabo's term until January 2013, and recommend **Efi Hubschman** for appointment to fill the position of Commissioner Szabo in January 2013. (Ms. Hubschman will be sworn in at the end of the January 2013 DRC meeting.) Ms. Hubschman must attend all DRC meetings leading up to her appointment.

### RECOMMENDATION

The DRC Interview Panel recommends that the City Council extend Commissioner Howard Szabo's term to January 2013, and appoint Efi Hubschman to the DRC in January 2013. With the concurrence of the Council, a formal report will be prepared for adoption at the September 11, 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 Design Review Commission meetings as possible. In addition, those applicants who have not participated in Team Beverly Hills are urged to do so.

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