



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 19, 2014
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez
Deputy City Clerk
Subject: Design Review Commission Interview Panel Report

INTRODUCTION

The Design Review Commission (DRC) Interview Panel composed of Councilmember William W. Brien, MD, Councilmember Nancy Krasne, DRC Chair John Wyka and DRC Vice Chair Arline Pepp met on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 and interviewed three candidates for the upcoming vacancy on the Commission.

DISCUSSION

After discussion and careful review, the Panel recommends **Mahnaz Sharifi Ardani** to fill the position of Commissioner Susan Strauss whose term is scheduled to end on October 14, 2014. Due to the restructuring of all City Commission terms that is currently underway, the start date for Ms. Ardani will be in January 2015 but her term date is yet to be determined. Commissioner Strauss will serve until the end of the year or until Ms. Ardani is seated. Ms. Ardani must attend all DRC meetings leading up to her appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

The DRC Interview Panel recommends that the City Council appoint Mahnaz Sharifi Ardani to the DRC. With the concurrence of the Council, a formal report will be prepared for adoption at the September 2, 2014 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 extraordinary applicant pool and the applicants are encouraged to re-apply for upcoming vacancies and attend as many future DRC meetings as possible. In addition, those applicants who have not participated in Team Beverly Hills are urged to do so.

Byron Pope
Approved By