



# REPORT TO COUNCIL 42

## City of Sacramento

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Staff Report  
**December 12, 2006**

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Proposed changes to ordinances creating Design Commission and  
Preservation Commission (M06-017)**

**Location/Council District: Citywide**

**Recommendation:** Review and comment and provide direction on proposal to amend the selection criteria for the five (5) professional positions on both the Design Review and Preservation Commissions to allow for appointment of commissioners who neither own a business in the City nor are residents of Sacramento. Staff recommends this change.

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**Presenter:** William Crouch, Urban Design Manager

**Department:** Development Services

**Division:** Current Planning

**Organization No:** 4881

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** Under the recently adopted ordinances creating the Design Commission and the Preservation Commission, all members of the Commissions must be residents of or the owners of a business located in the City. Staff believes that the City is best served by Commissioners with exemplary qualifications and experience in required fields of endeavor, regardless of their place of residence or business. Because many professionals currently working in the City neither live in Sacramento or own a business, staff believes it is preferable to open professional positions to qualified individuals with less restriction upon their physical address. This can be easily achieved by altering the wording of each ordinance to continue requiring specifically qualified candidates, with a preference for local residents and / or business owners, but without mandating this as an absolute requirement. The requirement for the two (2) at large members for each Commission to be either local business owners or residents of the City would not change. Staff is requesting that Council give consideration to the proposed change in the selection criteria of the professional Commission members and direct staff accordingly. Staff recommends this change.

**Policy Considerations:** The proposal is consistent with the City's General Plan



and with the Preservation Element of the General Plan.

Strategic Plan Implementation - The recommendation conforms with the City of Sacramento Strategic Plan, specifically by adhering to the core values: "Our Customers- We are here to serve our customers. We treat our customers with respect, concern, and appreciation;" "Teamwork- We achieve common goals through cooperation. We recognize our strengths and use them for the benefit for all;" "Community Participation and Input- Our team includes the community. We encourage community members to be a genuine part of the process and we truly seek and value community input and involvement."

The recommendation is also consistent with the Development Services Department's operating principle of "Getting the Customer to Success," as well as the Department's strategic goal of "Promoting an appropriate regulatory environment," and mirrors the Department's success measures of being "predictable, timely, clear and seamless."

**Committee/Commission Action:** If Council so directs, staff would initiate due process to make the necessary amendments to these Ordinances and schedule this matter for Planning Commission Agenda.

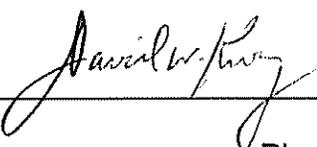
**Environmental Considerations:** This recommendation has no associated environmental considerations.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The City is best served by Commissioners with exemplary qualifications and experience in required fields of endeavor regardless of their place of residence or business.

**Financial Considerations:** This recommendation has no fiscal considerations.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

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Approved by:   
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Director of Development Services

Recommendation Approved:

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