To: Mayor Farrer and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Subject: Temporary Appointment to the Planning Commission

ACTION: 1) Mayor Pro Tem Pierson to announce his decision to remove his appointee to the Planning Commission pursuant to Malibu Municipal Code Section 2.36.040; 2) Mayor Pro Tem Pierson may make an interim appointment to the Planning Commission; and 3) Direct staff to place on a future agenda an item to make permanent appointment after public noticing period.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal year 2019-2020. This project is part of normal staff operations.

DISCUSSION: Upon a vacancy on the Planning Commission and pursuant to Government Code Section 54974, a notice of unscheduled vacancy for Mayor Pro Tem Pierson’s appointment was posted on February 19, 2020. A final appointment may be made after March 4, 2020. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54974(b), if the legislative body finds that an emergency exists, the unscheduled vacancy can be filled immediately with an appointment that will serve on an acting basis until the final appointment can be made.

An odd number of Commissioners is needed to conduct Commission business. The Planning Commission’s agendas are routinely lengthy and numerous applications are pending. The City’s obligation to process the applications in a fair and timely fashion would be impaired by a vacancy. These facts support the Council’s finding a need for an interim appointment. Mayor Pro Tem Pierson may make an interim appointment to the Planning Commission at this time.

ATTACHMENT: None.