

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: January 6, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Request Board Approval to Appoint Planning Commissioners for 2009 and Board Discussion to Appoint the Seat of Member at Large and Member at Large Alternate

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to appoint Planning Commissioners, alternate members, and a Planning Commissioner and alternate member for the seat of Member at Large for the 2009 year.

### **Background:**

In January of each year, the Board of County Commissioners has the assigned duty of appointing one Planning Commissioner and alternate member. Additionally, the Board of County Commissioners collectively appoints a Planning Commissioner and alternate member for the seat of Member at Large. Per Section 24.053(b) of the Code of Ordinances, the Board must also vote to approve the members appointed to each seat.

### **Analysis:**

*Section 24.053(a) of the Land Development Code states... "The eighth member shall be appointed by the county commissioners as a member at large from the county and such member shall be from a minority race within the county."* Last year, Helen Franklin was appointed by the Board for the Member at Large seat and has served in this capacity for many years. The alternate member for this seat was Issac Mayes. Mr. Mayes was appointed in 2006. During 2008, Mr. Mayes resigned from his position, leaving a vacancy. This item requests the Board of County Commissioners to appoint the Member at Large Planning Commissioner and alternate seat.

Furthermore, this item additionally requests that the Board approve the attached list of Planning Commission appointees found in Attachment #1.

**Options:**

1. Reappoint the existing Member at Large seat, appoint an alternate member and approve the list of Planning Commissioners.
2. Do not reappoint the existing Member at Large seat, do not appoint an alternate member and do not approve the list of Planning Commissioners.
3. Board Direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachment(s):**

1. 2009 Updated list of Planning Commissioners

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