

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 26-0904 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY OAKLAND CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE POLICE COMMISSION SELECTION PANEL'S SLATE OF TWO COMMISSIONERS, RICARDO GARCIA-ACOSTA AND JOEY HARRISON, TO SERVE ON THE OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Oakland voters approved Measure LL – establishing a Police Commission on November 8, 2016, with 83.19% in favor of the measure; and

WHEREAS, Measure LL established City Charter Section 604 which created a seven-member Police Commission to oversee the Oakland Police Department's policies, practices, and procedures and ensure constitutional policing standards; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 604(c)(2) requires the Mayor to appoint three Oakland residents as regular members to the Police Commission and one Oakland resident as an alternate member; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 604(c)(3) established a nine-member Selection Panel to select candidates for the remaining four positions on the Police Commission; and

WHEREAS, under City Charter Section 604(c)(3), the Selection Panel is responsible for reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, selecting nominees for the Police Commission's full commissioner and alternate commissioner positions, and submitting its recommended slate to the City Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, following the City Council's rejection of the Selection Panel's previously submitted slate on two separate occasions, the Selection Panel initiated a new recruitment and selection process to fill vacancies on the Oakland Police Commission; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the Selection Panel's one regular commissioner and one alternate position on the Police Commission expired on October 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, during its 2026 recruitment process, the Selection Panel received forty-five (45) applications and conducted a comprehensive selection process, including independent application reviews, candidate evaluations, background and reference checks, finalist interviews, and standardized scoring to identify qualified nominees for the Oakland Police Commission to

fill three total extant regular commissioner vacancies, one extant alternate commissioner vacancy, one impending Fall 2026 vacancy and to add to the Selection Panel Reserve Pool; and

WHEREAS, following this process, the Selection Panel selected Ricardo Garcia-Acosta and Joey Harrison as its recommended nominees to fill, respectively, the one regular commissioner vacancy and the one alternate commissioner vacancy on the Oakland Police Commission extant since October 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Section 604(c)(3) of the City Charter provides the City Council with the authority to accept or reject the Selection Panel's recommended slate of appointments to the Police Commission; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That pursuant to City Charter Section 604(c)(3), the City Council hereby accepts the Selection Panel's slate of candidates in its entirety to serve as members of the Police Commission, as follows:

Ricardo Garcia-Acosta (Full Commissioner)

Term: October 17, 2025 – October 16, 2027

Joey Harrison (Alternate Commissioner)

Term: October 17, 2025 – October 16, 2027

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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