

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** February 22, 2011  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Kelly Stachowicz, Deputy City Manager  
Paul Navazio, Interim City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Council Vacancy Appointment Process

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### **Recommendation**

Informational

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no cost to appointing a fifth Councilmember.

### **Background and Analysis**

As per discussion at the Council meeting on February 15, Council directed staff to refine a process by which the Council can interview, deliberate and ultimately appoint a fifth Councilmember to the Council seat that is currently vacant. While Council may choose to alter this process during the meeting, below is a proposed template.

10 min	Approval of Agenda, Explanation of Process
30 min	Public Comment (only items on the agenda)
60 min	Round 1: (All 10 Candidates) -  Each Councilmember will have opportunity to ask at least one question to all 10 candidates. Candidates will have about 90 seconds to answer. Each Councilmember will provide questions to staff prior to the meeting.
10 - 20 min	Narrowing the Field (Goal to narrow field to 5 or fewer candidates)  Each Councilmember designates his/her top 4 candidates (choices not ranked). Any candidate receiving at least 2 votes advances. A chart similar to what Council uses for Commission appointments will be provided.  If this results in 6, 7 or 8 candidates receiving at least two votes, then Council will vote again, choosing top three candidates from the reduced pool. Any candidate receiving two or more votes advances, which

	should result in 3-6 candidates.
10 min	Break
30 – 60 min	Round 2: (Smaller Pool of 3-6 candidates)  Each councilmember asks questions of any of the remaining candidates.
10 -20 min	At this point, assuming Council is not ready to make a motion to appoint, Councilmembers should vote for their top two candidates. Depending on the number of candidates in the second round, candidates will either need two or three votes to advance.
30 min	Round 3 (if necessary): Council will continue to ask questions, with goal of making a motion to appoint.
30 min	Motion(s) and deliberation
10 min	Council communications. Comments by newly appointed councilmember.

**Public Input – City Council Vacancy (As of February 18, 3:00pm)**

	<b>Paul Boylan</b>
Dylan Schaefer	Good communicator, I liked his experience and singular focus on the unfunded liabilities. I think if he was appointed he would get real change accomplished
No comments submitted	<b>Walter Bunter Jr.</b>
	<b>Kari Fry</b>
Elizabeth Saft	Doesn't seem to have the depth of understanding necessary; spoke mainly in platitudes.
Diane Archer	Fiscal responsibility, especially the city's unfunded liabilities, must be addressed and resolved. In reading her statement and from discussions I've had with Kari I believe she is capable and eager to serve the city. She would have my vote.
Michelle Amato	I know Kari to be a committed and dedicated community member. She has shown sincere interest in the future of Davis. She is warm, friendly, and would be a great asset to our city council.
Shelli Ramos	I have known Kari Fry for approximately 6 years and know that she would make a wonderful addition to the City Council. I think Kari possesses many of the qualities that is needed in the City Council. She is resident of Davis and supports her local businesses.
Channa Roe	Kari is young and very thoughtful and motivated. She has considerable experience with our community issues as a life-long Davis resident. Kari is fiscally responsible and creative and I have upmost confidence that she will bring great ideas and make solid decisions on behalf of the Council. I am confident that Kari would do an excellent job and would be very pleased to see her nominated.
Bill Rundquist	I am Kari's father but am writing as her business partner in an insurance business that specializes in retirement planning. She brings strong financial, analytical, and people skills, marketing expertise, and energy to our business and would do the same for the City Council. She also has scheduling flexibility in her work so would be able to manage the demanding schedule required of a Council member.
Jane Rundquist	I am not sure the City Council will (or even should) be influenced by comments from a candidate's mother. (LOL) However, I did want you to know: Kari is running with the full support of her family and is doing her homework for the job (and without any prodding from me!)
Joanne Crosta	Her experience in the insurance and pension industry would be helpful as the city addresses these complex issues.
christy freese	i have interacted with Kari at various activities in davis from social to children's classes. she is an approachable, caring and motivated young woman. i sincerely believe that she has the best interest in mind for the future of davis. she wants our town to be as great for our children as it is for us now.

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Joy Klineberg	I had considered applying for the seat myself and I went to City Hall to pick up the application where I read all of the statements submitted by other applicants. After reading Kari Fry's statement, I realized that I did not need to apply, her answers reflected who I am as a citizen of Davis and I would be very happy to have her represent me on the council. Since that day, I have been able to meet Kari in person and I continue to feel that she will do an excellent job representing our city. I also have young children and I am a stay at home mom who is deeply involved in our schools. This demographic represents a large portion of our city and I think Kari will look at issues from a perspective that takes these issues into account.
Julie van der Zeeuw	I know Kari personally and can attest to her sincerity and commitment to Davis. She has strong motivation to keep downtown alive; she has excellent ideas to make and keep solvent the city budget.
Heidi Kurowski	Kari grew up as my neighbor across the street and I have known her since her birth. She is a very intelligent, caring young woman, who, with her financial experience would make a good addition to the Davis City Council.
Danny Tomasello	Kari is the most obvious choice to me. She's exemplified a moderate view on a multiple subjects and has an ear for all sides of an opinion. Her drive and determination are excellent. Most importantly, she's not doing this as a political stepping stone; she loves Davis and is committed to the city's best interests.
Cathryn Moore	I think Ms. Fry is a strong candidate. She is a long time resident who is concerned about the issues because she is raising 3rd generation davisites. And she really seems to have the energy and focus on building a strong economy here. She has much better communications skills than Mr. Wolk, who I had considered but was disappointed with his ability to express himself.
Grant Rockwell	Having lived in Davis for 32 out of my 42 years, I've gained an appreciation for how the community has evolved and the challenges that it will continue to face. In addition to dealing with current fiscal and budgetary issues (especially long-term pension obligations), the city council must deal with long-term planning issues that will shape this community. Issues such as future growth and development and the attraction of outside businesses to make Davis their home is paramount. Kari Fry has been eloquent in how she plans to contribute to the City Council and I think she has the right ideas about how the City Council can work on both the immediate and long-term issues. As a long-time Davis resident, I support Kari Fry for City Council and would encourage the City Council to appoint her to the open position.
	<b>Sherelene Harrison</b>
Elizabeth Saft	Impressive understanding of the fiscal issues; very straightforward and succinct--I'd want to sit on a committee with her! She'd get to the point and have solid information to contribute.

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	<b>Kerry Loux</b>
Elizabeth Saft	Thoughtful and knowledgeable in the important area of land use, architecture, city planning issues.
Deborah Bruns	Kerry has a demonstrated commitment to Davis through her professional work, volunteer work and involvement in the schools. She will be a dedicated and thoughtful member of city council, bringing fresh ideas along with a willingness to listen and bring together diverse perspectives.
Maria Pedersen	Kerry Loux understand what it takes to get things done. She is well informed and is not afraid to make difficult decisions. She is a team player and her goal is always to do what is best for the community at large.
Joanne Crosta	The City of Davis and the Council are fortunate to have several excellent candidates for the open seat who have expressed their intent to work collaboratively with fellow council members. With this in mind and given the state of California's budget and its adverse effect on our city, Kerry Loux appears to be a solid choice for the City Council. Her community involvement and experience with planning issues combined with an attitude of openness toward progressive solutions will serve our city well during a critical time.

	<b>Linda Parfitt</b>
Elizabeth Saft	Good background in public service, especially serving the voiceless and neediest (children).
Rita Montes Martin	My choice to fill the vacancy we need the womans pont of view plus her experience in govt organizations
Dan Parfitt	Of course, one of the best qualified applicants.

No comments submitted	<b>Robert Smith</b>
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No comments submitted	<b>Steve Williams</b>
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	<b>Daniel Wolk</b>
Elizabeth Saft	Moderate, flexible, knowledgeable.
Dylan Schaefer	I like Daniel's experience and dedication to the position. Being younger, I think he would bring a fresh voice to the council, and has a wide range of skills that I feel are applicable to the council.
Rita Montes Martin	Dan wolk super gentleman I have supported Lois in all her poltical efforts BUT we have one attorney in Krovoza Dan run for another office and I will support you next time
John Burnham	Yes
Mary Brooks	I would like to recommend Dan Wolk as your appointment. Dan is bright, young, creative, and energetic. He will be an active and interested participant in Davis life for many years to come. His "people skills" and his understanding of the political side of life in California will be invaluable to the city.

No comments submitted	<b>Vincent Wyatt</b>
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	<b>Do you have any other comments you would like to provide?</b>
Elizabeth Saft	Please choose people who a) have solid knowledge of important topics and b) get to the point so something can get done!
Rita Montes Martin	Thank you for everyones hard work to provide all the information to our community. I am so glad we dont have to riot to get our voice heard. God Bless America

**City Council Vacancy Appointment  
Round 1 - Vote for 4**

APPLICANT		Comments	SG	JK	SS	RS	TOTAL	Advancing to Round 2
Last Name	First Name							
Boylan	Paul	Attorney						
Bunter, Jr.	Walter	Retired						
Fry	Kari	Life & Health Insurance Agent/Homemaker						
Harrison	Sherelene	Semi Retired/Health Care Insurance Sales						
Loux	Kerry	Landscape Architect/Self Employed Consultant						
Parfitt	Linda	Child Development Consultant-Policy Office						
Smith	Robert	Retired/Music Teacher/Piano Teacher						
Williams	Steve	Semi Retired						
Wolk	Daniel	Attorney						
Wyatt	Vincent	Student						