

ORDINANCE NO__-____

An Ordinance Revising Section 2-2.1602 of the Yolo County Code, Relating to Planning Commissioner Appointments

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, finds and determines that it is necessary and appropriate to make certain changes to Yolo County Code provisions relating to the appointment of Planning Commissioners. The purpose of the changes set forth in this ordinance is to reduce barriers to the appointment of highly-qualified individuals to the Planning Commission. The ordinance achieves this in two ways: first, by eliminating the requirement that a district supervisor is limited to nominating only district residents when there is an opening for that district's seat; and second, by eliminating language establishing a preference that unincorporated area residents hold each of the two at large seats on the Planning Commission.

This ordinance does not modify the longstanding approach of allocating one seat on the Planning Commission to each supervisorial district. That approach is intended to be preserved while providing authority to each supervisor to, if he or she so chooses, nominate an individual that resides outside of the nominating district. With this change and the other revision noted above, the Board of Supervisors intends to increase its ability to ensure that the Planning Commission includes highly qualified members with diverse backgrounds and experience relevant to their service.

SECTION 2. Section 2-2.1602 of the Yolo County Code is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

Section 2-2.1602. Membership.

The Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) rotating County resident members appointed by the Board. Five (5) members shall be selected, one nominated by each district supervisor and thereafter appointed by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors. The remaining two (2) members shall be selected at large and may be nominated by any Board member, with appointment thereafter by majority vote. At all times during the recruiting process, all reasonable measures to recruit suitable candidates shall be used, including but not limited to those measures customarily used to seek candidates for vacant positions on other County boards, commissions, and committees. (§ 1, Ord. 122, as amended by § 1, Ord. 430, § 1, Ord. 957, eff. September 8, 1983, § 1, Ord. 1070, eff. February 4, 1988, and § 2, Ord. 1337, eff. September 1, 2005)

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held by court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on November 22, 2016, its title read and first reading waived, and then adopted at a second regular meeting held on December 13, 2016. It shall take effect and be in force thirty days following its adoption. Unless a summary of the ordinance was published prior to adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 25124(c), it shall be published once in the Davis Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the County of Yolo, with the names of the Board members voting for and against the Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, this ___ day of _____, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

By _____
Jim Provenza, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Julie Dachtler, Deputy Clerk
Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:
Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy (Seal)

