DATE ISSUED: November 30, 2005 REPORT NO. 05-231

ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Docket of December 6, 2005

SUBJECT: Annual Election of the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area

Committee

SUMMARY:

<u>Issue</u> - Should the City Council ratify the results of the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee Election of November 16, 2005?

City Manager's Recommendation - Ratify the Project Area Committee Election.

<u>Fiscal Impact</u> - None. Administration of the Project Area Committee is funded through the Redevelopment Agency Annual Project Budget.

Environmental Impact - This activity is not a "project" and is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c) (3).

BACKGROUND

The City Heights Redevelopment Project Area was adopted on May 11, 1992, by Ordinance No. 0-7768. Formation of the twenty (20) member City Heights Project Area Committee (PAC) was authorized by the City Council on September 14, 1999 to advise the Council and Redevelopment Agency regarding adoption and implementation of the City Heights Redevelopment Project. The City Council ratified the first PAC election results in October, 1999, in accordance with the City Heights Redevelopment Project PAC Formation Procedures. Council approved an amendment to the City Heights PAC Formation Procedures by Resolution No. R-298199 on July 15, 2003. Council authorized a one-year extension of the PAC and directed Redevelopment Agency staff to notice and conduct an election for the City Heights Redevelopment Area PAC in 2005 by Resolution No. R-300788 on September 6, 2005.

DISCUSSION

On November 16, 2005 the City Heights PAC conducted its Annual Election and meeting in accordance with the PAC Formation Procedures and PAC Bylaws. Nine vacancies were available to be filled at the Annual Election. The vacant categories included: Two - Residential Tenants, Two - Residential Owner Occupants, One - Business Owner with a business located south of Polk Avenue, and Four - Community Organization – At-Large representatives (must be residents of the Project Area).

The Redevelopment Agency staff made it a priority to ensure that all residents of the City Heights Project Area were informed of the PAC Election. Approximately 28,000 election notices and project area maps were mailed to all residential owner-occupants, property owners, tenants, businesses and community organizations. The mailing also included information about the PAC, redevelopment, and existing and proposed projects for the area. In addition, to the mailing, an article was published in the October and November issues of the Mid-City Journal. Notices (in both English and Spanish) were posted in the City Heights Library, City Heights Redevelopment and Code Enforcement Field Office, and the Mid-City Police Substation. Notices were sent to the City Heights Town Council and City Heights Community Development Corporation for posting.

The results of the November 16, 2005 PAC Election are listed in Exhibit A.

As of the time of the writing of this report, no protests or communications regarding the City Heights PAC election have been received. If any protests or communications are submitted, they will be reported to the Council and made available for public review at the Public Hearing.

In accordance with the PAC Formation Procedures, City Council ratification of the Annual Election results is required.

ALTERNATIVE

Do not ratify the City Heights PAC election results.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy City Manager

Attachments: 1. Exhibit A: City Heights PAC Election Results City Clerk Memorandum

2. City Clerk Memorandum City Heights PAC Election