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Subject: FW: District 1 Vacancy

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Cc: Council Internet Email <CityCouncil@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: District 1 Vacancy

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I urge you to fill the District 1 City Council vacancy by calling for a special election on the March 3, 2020 ballot.

The argument that past council vacancies were filled by appointment ignores not only the City's change to District elections, but also the very reason for the change to District elections. A special election would ensure that the remedy provided by District elections remains intact. This is especially critical with over three years remaining of a four-year term.

Even if the seat is filled by appointment, a qualified voter petition could force a special election. Information provided on the City's website under "City Council Vacancy," indicates that a petition can be submitted within 60 days of the effective date of the vacancy. Therefore, a qualifying voter petition could be submitted after the cutoff deadline for the March 3, 2020 ballot. This would require a special election at a later date, resulting in greater expenditure for the city (per the September 25, 2019, document from City Attorney).

I also urge you to consider an individual's right to cast their vote as fundamental to democracy. There are compelling reasons to fill the vacancy by special election rather than by appointment. Please do not appoint - let the voters in District 1 decide who their council member will be.

Sincerely,

Brenda Leanhart
Resident and Voter of Carlsbad District 1

Sheila Cobian

From: PAULA NISWANDER <paulaniswander@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 1:33 PM
To: Sheila Cobian
Subject: Please appoint Tracy to District 1 council seat

Please avoid a costly, time consuming and unnecessary election. Tracy was runner up. Barbara resigned. Tracy has earned this seat.

Thank you
Paula Niswander

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From: Kaylin McCauley
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 12:46 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Agenda item #8
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Please see the attached letter regarding agenda item #8

