



City of Santa Ana
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Staff Report
January 21, 2025

TOPIC: City Council Standing Subcommittees

AGENDA TITLE

Appoint Members to the Joint School City Council Standing Subcommittee and Disband the Legislative City Council Standing Subcommittee and the Public Safety and Homelessness City Council Standing Subcommittee

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Appoint members to serve as representatives through December 2026 to the Joint School City Council Standing Subcommittee
2. Disband the Legislative City Council Standing Subcommittee and the Public Safety and Homelessness City Council Standing Subcommittee

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XXX entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-089 ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELESSNESS CITY COUNCIL STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE LEGISLATIVE CITY COUNCIL STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE

GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES: No

DISCUSSION

Biannually, following each General Municipal Election, the City Council reviews the City Council Standing Subcommittees and appoints interested members to serve on the subcommittees. Standing committees continue indefinitely and require periodic evaluation to ensure the committee is necessary, fulfilling its intended purpose, and providing value. Staff recommends that appointments be made to the Joint School Collaboration City Council Standing Subcommittee and that the remaining two subcommittees be disbanded.

Joint School Collaboration City Council Standing Subcommittee

The Joint School Collaboration City Council Standing Subcommittee was established April 19, 2022 via Resolution No. 2022-028 between the City of Santa Ana and the Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD) with the purpose to discuss issues of mutual interest between the City and SAUSD focusing on youth services and including, but not limited to, joint use of SAUSD and City facilities, library facilities, educational programs, and other topics related thereto.

The Joint School Collaboration Subcommittee last held a meeting on December 2, 2024, with the following history of meetings: in 2024, six meetings were held and five were cancelled; in 2023, three meetings were held and eight were cancelled; and in 2022, four meetings were held and two were cancelled. Current members are Mayor Pro Tem Vazquez and Councilmembers Hernandez and Lopez.

Legislative City Council Standing Subcommittee

The Legislative City Council Subcommittee was established on December 21, 2021 via Resolution No. 2021-089 with the purpose to discuss the following topics: provide guidance and direction to help facilitate the City's legislative affairs efforts, make recommendations to the City Council relating to setting legislative priorities and directing legislative advocacy, making policy recommendations relating to how the City may respond to legislative actions that may affect the City, provide guidance to City staff on legislative activities; and any other topics related thereto.

The Legislative Subcommittee last met on September 26, 2023, with the following history of meetings: in 2024, no meetings were held; in 2023, one meeting was held and one was cancelled; and in 2022, two meetings were held. Current members are Mayor Amezcua and Councilmembers Lopez and Penaloza.

Public Safety and Homelessness City Council Standing Subcommittee

The Public Safety and Homelessness City Council Standing Subcommittee was established December 21, 2021 via Resolution No. 2021-089 with the purpose to discuss the following topics: public safety services (police and fire); homelessness; homeless services; how to provide relief to residents, business owners, and other community members relating to homelessness; impacts of homelessness on the quality of life of community members; the effects of homelessness on public safety; and any other topics related thereto.

The Public Safety and Homelessness Subcommittee has only held one meeting, on May 10, 2022, since its establishment. No meetings were held in 2023 or 2024. Current members are Mayor Amezcua and Councilmembers Bacerra and Hernandez.

With very few meetings held of either the Legislative and Public Safety and Homelessness Subcommittees and with these topics being covered by staff and City Council as a whole, staff recommends adoption of the proposed resolution to disband the

two subcommittees. This action will not affect City Council's future ability to create standing or ad hoc committees, as needed.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Santa Ana Repealing Resolution No. 2021-089 Establishing the Public Safety and Homelessness City Council Standing Subcommittee and the Legislative City Council Standing Subcommittee

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