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CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 21, 2026

H.6 DECLARING THE FOLLOWING COMMISSION POSITIONS VACANT BASED ON ABSENCE FROM 3 OR MORE MEETINGS SINCE OCTOBER 1, 2025, PER REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2-9.107(7) AND;

AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO POST NOTICE OF VACANCIES FOR THE BUDGET & FINANCE, CULTURAL ART, PUBLIC AMENITIES, AND PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION POSITIONS.

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Dear Mayor Light and Members of the Redondo Beach City Council,

I am writing as a concerned resident to respectfully urge you to strengthen accountability for City commissions while taking a serious look at the ballooning scope and number of these bodies overall.

The current attendance rule (a seat becomes vacant after four consecutive unexcused absences) is a reasonable safeguard, but it is only a backstop. It does little to ensure high-quality appointments or hold the Mayor and Council accountable when appointees fail to show up and contribute. Residents deserve better than a system that can waste volunteer time and public attention.

It may be time to ask a more fundamental question: With the growing number and expanding scope of commissions, are they all truly necessary? Many add layers of meetings, staff support, and bureaucracy that duplicate the work of City departments or the Council itself. This growth increases red tape and spreads limited volunteer and staff resources thinner.

Practical steps that would reduce bureaucracy while improving results include:

- Conducting a thorough, zero-based review of every commission's necessity, scope, and effectiveness, with the goal of sunseting, merging, or eliminating those that no longer add unique value.
- Implementing radical transparency through a simple public attendance dashboard and annual performance summary so residents can clearly see who is contributing.
- Requiring signed performance agreements with clear expectations at the time of appointment.

- Applying stronger scrutiny during re-appointments.
- Maintaining an active public list of qualified applicants.
- Reducing the overall power and scope of commissions so they remain strictly advisory.

The goal should be a smaller, more efficient government... fewer commissions, less bureaucracy, and more direct accountability to the public.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

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