



# City of La Quinta

**CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE:** November 18, 2014

**ITEM TITLE:** EXCUSE ABSENCE FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONER FITZPATRICK FROM NOVEMBER 25, 2014 MEETING

**AGENDA CATEGORY:**

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** 4

**STUDY SESSION:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Planning Commissioner Fitzpatrick's request to be excused from the November 25, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.

## **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

The Municipal Code does not allow a commissioner to be absent from two consecutive regular meetings or three scheduled meetings within a fiscal year without causing his/her office to become vacant. A request may be made for Council to excuse a commissioner's absence after-the-fact, for extenuating circumstances, and the absence would then not be counted toward the limitation on absences.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick requested to be excused from the November 25, 2014, Planning Commission meeting due to being out of the area for a personal matter. Ms. Fitzpatrick has had one excused absence during this fiscal year and staff recommends this absence be excused by Council.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Council may deny this request, which would result in the absence being counted toward the commissioner's limitation on absences as noted above.

Report prepared by: Teresa Thompson, Deputy City Clerk

Report approved for submission by: Frank J. Spevacek, City Manager

