



AGENDA ITEM: 25-11

DATE OF MEETING: March 12, 2025

ACTION:

INFORMATION:

**APPROVE 2025 FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE COUNTY
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Extend appointment of current members of the Commission Finance Subcommittee for 2025. Appointment extension will take effect upon Commission action and will remain in effect through December 31, 2025, or when the appointee’s term expires, the appointee resigns or is removed.

Commission Representation	Advisory Committee Representation
Finance Subcommittee (Standing)	
Zachary Ginder Jose Campos Kimberly Saruwatari	Jiles Smith

BACKGROUND

Previous Commission appointments have been for one-year terms. However, at the December 12, 2024 meeting, the existing committee members proposed extending appointments to two consecutive years. Extending appointments for a two-year term will offer several benefits, one of which is fostering greater continuity of knowledge of First 5 Riverside County fiscal operations; provide additional time for members to fully understand the Commission’s strategic efforts; increase efficiency by reducing the time and resources spent on appointments and onboarding processes; and allow for opportunities to strengthen relationships with staff.

Finance Subcommittee Role: The overarching role of the subcommittee is to work with staff by providing valuable input regarding financial strategies, internal fiscal processes, transparency of financial practices, and Commission strategic investments. First 5 Riverside County staff will provide staff support to each subcommittee meeting.

January 24, 2024, (Action Item 24-03): The Commission appointed members to the Finance Subcommittee to serve a one-year term, which ended December 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Commission:

1. Extends appointments of the following members to the Finance Subcommittee through December 31, 2025: Jose Campos, Commission Vice Chair; Zachary Ginder, Commissioner; Kimberly Saruwatari, Commissioner; Jiles Smith, Advisory Committee Member
2. Authorize future appointments of finance subcommittee members for two-year terms.

BUDGET IMPACT

None

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

Goal 4 – Countywide Impact

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None known

ATTACHMENT

Commission Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Policy, AI 18-04 (January 10, 2018)