



AMENDED AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL

**SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.
FOR CITY COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS
AND CLOSED SESSION (7:00 p.m.)
AT THE CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.
FOR CITY COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS
AT THE CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM**

WELCOME TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Any person wishing to address the City Council is respectfully asked to complete and present a gold-colored, "Request to Speak" form to the City Clerk at the meeting. Forms are available on the counter located inside the Community Room. The time limit will be established by the Mayor. To allow equal time for speakers, minutes may not be given to another speaker. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may have another person read your written statement. The City Council may establish a time limit on all public comments of not less than one half hour.

Any documents pertaining to items on the agenda that are provided to the City Council prior to 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Special City Council meeting will be available for public review at the table that is located inside the Community Room.

The City of Laguna Niguel thanks you for attending the Special City Council meeting.

**City Hall/Community Room
30111 Crown Valley Parkway
Laguna Niguel, California 92677
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - January 14, 2026, Special City Council Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CITY COUNCIL

- 1. Conduct Interviews to Fill Two-Year Term Vacancies, Unless Otherwise Specified, for the Investment, Banking and Audit Committee; Parks, Recreation, and Senior Commission; Planning Commission; and Traffic and Transportation Commission.**

Below is the interview schedule for January 14, 2026. Candidates are listed in the order of their confirmed interview times:

Investment, Banking, and Audit Committee (2 vacancies)

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| 1. | Ruhl, Kathy | 4:05 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 2. | Burt, Steve | 4:15 p.m. |
| 3. | Levitin, Michael | 4:25 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 4. | Lambino, Christine | 4:35 p.m. |

Parks, Recreation, and Senior Commission (2 vacancies)

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| 5. | Kim, Grace | 4:45 p.m. |
| 6. | Yang, Heidi | 4:55 p.m. |
| 7. | Spitzer, Rita | 5:05 p.m. |
| 8. | Hall, Chris | 5:15 p.m. (incumbent) |

BREAK – 5:25 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.

Planning Commission (2 vacancies)

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| 9. | Maerzke, Charlie | 5:35 p.m. |
| 10. | Zueck, Anthony | 5:45 p.m. |
| 11. | Du, Jayne | 5:55 p.m. |
| 12. | Meihaus, Brian | 6:05 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 13. | Brown, Robert | 6:15 p.m. (incumbent) |

Traffic and Transportation Commission (2 vacancies)

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| 14. | Kinney, John | 6:25 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 15. | Fitzgerald, Trevor | 6:35 p.m. |
| 16. | Dugan, Melissa | 6:45 p.m. |
| 17. | Valerio, Michael | 6:55 p.m. |

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Conduct interviews to fill two-year term vacancies, unless otherwise specified, for the Investment, Banking and Audit Committee, Parks, Recreation, and Senior Commission, Planning Commission, and Traffic and Transportation Commission.

CLOSED SESSION – 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

Existing litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)

Number of cases: 1

Case Name: *Michelle R. Jackson, et al. v. City of Laguna Niguel, et al.*

OCSC Case No.: 30-2024-01402615-CU-WM-WJC

[{Petition for Writ of Mandate}](#)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT – Continue to Special City Council Meeting on January 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 15, 2026

CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – For January 15, 2026, Special City Council Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CITY COUNCIL

1. **Conduct Interviews to Fill Two-Year Term Vacancies, Unless Otherwise Specified, for the Military Support Committee.**

Below is the interview schedule for January 15, 2026. Candidates are listed in the order of their confirmed interview times:

Military Support Committee (15 vacancies)

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| 1. | McGinley, James | 4:05 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 2. | McGrath, Frank | 4:15 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 3. | Valenova Dayag, Hilary | 4:25 p.m. |
| 4. | Mastro, Elizabeth | 4:35 p.m. |
| 5. | Abrams, Daniel | 4:45 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 6. | Valenova Dayag, Heather | 4:55 p.m. |
| 7. | Caldwell, Melissa | 5:05 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 8. | Luckman, Karen | 5:15 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 9. | Cunningham, Jennifer | 5:25 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 10. | Smith, Mary | 5:35 p.m. (incumbent) |

BREAK – 5:45 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.

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| 11. | Hanley, John | 5:55 p.m. |
| 12. | Chiaverini, Jessica | 6:05 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 13. | Dopf, Cindy | 6:15 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 14. | Tuma, David | 6:25 p.m. (incumbent) |
| 15. | Gohardani, Navid | 6:35 p.m. |
| 16. | Hoskins, Lynn | 6:45 p.m. (incumbent) |

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Conduct interviews to fill two-year term vacancies, unless otherwise specified, Military Support Committee; and,
2. Make appointments to fill two-year term vacancies, unless otherwise specified, to the following City Commissions and Committees:
 - Investment, Banking and Audit Committee (2 vacancies)
 - Parks, Recreation, and Senior Commission (2 vacancies)
 - Planning Commission (2 vacancies)
 - Traffic and Transportation Commission (2 vacancies)
 - Military Support Committee (15 vacancies)

ADJOURNMENT

LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL

**Mayor Gene Johns
Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Jennings
Council Member Ray Gennawey
Council Member Stephanie Oddo
Council Member Stephanie Winstead**

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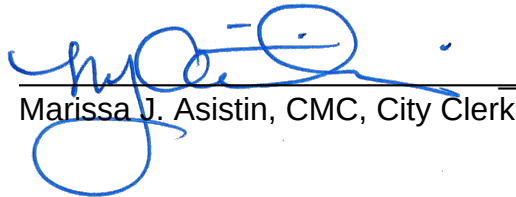
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Marissa J. Asistin, CMC, City Clerk