



## MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Kelly Michaels, MMC  
City Clerk

**DATE:** May 6, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**MEETING DATE:** May 13, 2025

**SUBJECT / TOPIC:** Vacancy in Council Seat 1

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** On April 22, 2025, the Council directed a recruitment process consistent with board appointments for the purpose of soliciting interested applicants to serve the remainder of term for Council Seat 1 following the recent resignation of Councilmember Joan Farrell. The recruitment deadline was set for closing (4:00 pm) on Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. The council further directed the Clerk to provide Councilmembers with the applications for consideration under a nomination process from the floor. The successful nominee will fill the unexpired term in Seat 1 beginning on May 13, 2025, and ending upon the certification of a winning candidate for Seat 1 in the November 2026 General Election.

Following is a list of all applications received by the deadline. However, please note that the candidates who are eligible for nomination are the qualified residents noted in black and numbered 1-3. The voting process will occur pursuant to Section 3.07(d)(3) in which plurality voting is used and a tie is decided by the drawing of lots.

#	Applicant Name	Address	City Resident?	Residency Requirement Met?	Date Application Received
1.	Derbak, Christopher A.	626 Hibiscus Dr., 34285	Yes	Yes, since 9/19/2023	4/23/2025
2.	Fiedler, Mitzie	285 Martellago Dr., 34275	Yes	Yes, since 6/12/2012	4/23/2025
3.	Weed, Lloyd	330 Pensacola Rd., 34285	Yes	Yes, since 9/26/1980	4/23/2025
	Claiborne, Gay D.	564 S. Neponsit Dr 34293	NO	NO	5/2/2025
	Massaro, Rosemary	380 Visa Wood Dr., 34293	NO	NO	4/26/2025

Sec. 3.07 (d) *Filling of vacancies.*

(2) Vacancies in the office of city council shall be filled by the city council with any qualified resident so appointed to serve until a successor is elected at the next regular municipal election or special election earlier called for that purpose. A person elected in such election will serve the remaining unexpired term of the city councilmember whose vacant office is being filled.

(3) A vacancy shall be filled by the city council within 60 days after the vacancy occurs. Plurality voting shall be used with a tie decided by drawing lots.

**Definition: Plurality Voting is the simplest means of determining the outcome of a vote. To win, a nominee needs to receive more votes than any other single opponent; a majority vote is not required. See the example below.**

**Plurality Voting**

**versus**

**Majority Voting (Half plus 1):**

<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Nominee A	3
Nominee B	2
Nominee C	<u>1</u>
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>6</b>

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**Nominee A is the winner with 3.**

**NO winner as a majority vote requires 4**

**SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN:** Goal Two: Provide efficient, responsive government with high quality services.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Nominate qualified resident(s) from the list of applicants received. Vote using Plurality Voting to appoint an individual to Council Seat 1 to serve the remaining term of office: Beginning May 13, 2025, and ending upon the certification of a winner for Seat 1 from the November 2026 General Election.

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Yes    N/A

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