

September ____, 2012

Mayor Rob Schroder
Members of the City Council
City of Martinez
525 Henrietta Street
Martinez, CA94553

RE: Vacancies Commission Seats onPRMCC.

Dear Mayor Schroder and Members of the City Council:

I am writing at the request of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission regarding the vacate commission seats. Martinez code of Ordinances 2.38.010 provides that the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commissionis to consist of nine members and one alternate. Currently the commission has eight members with one commission seat and the alternate seat vacant.

Recently, the PRMCC inquired as to the appointment of additional members to fill the vacate seats. In a staff report dated August 14, 2012, Alan Shear, Assistant City Manager informed the PRMCC that the vacate seats will not be filled. This was due to the need to restructure the PRMCC once the Measure H projects were complete.

The PRMCC is requesting that the Council reconsider this decision in light of the volume of work that the PRMCC preforms outside of the Measure H projects. As you know the PRMCC is a commission that was created in 2009 by consolidating three acting commissions: the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Marina Commission, and the Arts and Library Commission. These commissions were set up to include members from the community who have a special knowledge or interest in the issues that the various commissions addressed. The commissions also provided a forum to have issues addressed by commissioners with knowledge of the subject matter without the need of involving the City Council. With the creation of the PRMCC the specific issues relevant to the former commissions are now handled in PRMCC subcommittees.

To keep insure that these issues specific to the former commissions are addressed in a thoughtful and timely manner we need a full nine member PRMCC in order to have enough commissioners to adequately fill our subcommittees.

The PRMCC is respectfully requesting that the Council not reduce the number of commissioners and appoint new members to fill the vacant commission seat and alternate seat. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

DYLAN RADKE
Chair of the Parks, Recreation,
Marina and Cultural Commission