

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-2108**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS) OF ARTICLE II (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO MERGE THE TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT AND INNOVATION COMMISSION INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND TO REDUCE THE REGULAR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION FROM ELEVEN TO NINE REGULAR MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Carson, a charter city (“City”), has broad authority under state law and the City’s Charter (“Charter”) to establish and appoint commissions as part of the sub-government of the City, and to modify the characteristics of such commissions, including their membership composition; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council established the City’s Economic Development Commission in 2000 to: (a) act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, the Carson Redevelopment Agency, the City Manager, the Executive Director, and the Economic Development Group in all matters pertaining to economic development issues; (b) evaluate and recommend methods, measures, and programs which will favorably impact the City’s business and industrial climate by attracting to and retaining business and industry in Carson, by providing assistance to firms having the potential of expanding their activities in Carson, and by creating a positive image of Carson as a place for business and industry; (c) ensure a diverse economic and employment base for the City with a variety of business types, sizes, and markets, including small and disadvantaged businesses; (d) review requests for City and Redevelopment Agency assistance and make recommendations to the City Council and Redevelopment Agency; (e) coordinate projects with the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council that are designed to inform and educate citizens and businesses concerning its services; (f) advise and assist other City Groups, Commissions and Committees in developing and administering programs and procedures which will further the City’s economic development goals and objectives; and (g) monitor regional projects, plans, and decisions which might impact the City’s economic development goals and objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Commission, as currently constituted, is comprised of eleven (11) regular member positions and three (3) alternate member positions, all of which are currently vacant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council established the City’s Technology Advancement and Innovation Commission in 2014 to: (a) act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and the Information Technology Manager in all matters pertaining to information technology issues; and (b) review and provide advice and recommendations concerning the City’s information technology systems and recommend to the full City Council enhancements to such systems and ways to enhance teaching of computer and information technology literacy for Carson residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Technology Advancement and Innovation Commission, as established and currently constituted, is comprised of nine (9) regular member positions and three (3) alternate member positions, all of which are currently vacant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to merge the Technology Advancement and Innovation Commission into the Economic Development Commission, and to amend the membership composition of the Economic Development Commission to reduce the number of regular member positions from eleven (11) to nine (9), while retaining the three (3) alternate member positions, and now sees fit do so.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The forgoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** Part U (Technology Advancement and Innovation Commission) (consisting of Sections 27107.1 - 27107.8, inclusive) of Chapter 7 (Departments, Boards, Commissions) of Article II (Administration) of the Carson Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 3.** Section 27104.2 (Members) of Chapter 7 (Departments, Boards, Commissions) of Article II (Administration) of the Carson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows (deletions shown in ~~strikethrough~~, additions shown in ***bold italics***):

“The Economic Development Commission shall consist of ***nine (9)*** ~~eleven (11)~~ members, and three (3) alternate members who shall be called upon, when necessary, in the order of their appointments as Alternate 1, 2 or 3, to substitute for any absent commissioner, each of whom shall have the qualifications hereinafter set forth. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor. The tenure of any member of the Commission and any Alternate shall be terminable at will, and without cause, by removal on the motion of any member of the Council, duly seconded, and with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor. Subject to the provisions of this Section, the tenure of Commission members appointed on or after June 8, 2000, shall expire at midnight on the last day of the calendar month in which the next general municipal election after the member’s appointment is held for seats on the Carson City Council. Each Commission member shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed by the Mayor with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor, and has qualified unless the City Council declares the position to be vacant. Should any vacancy exist on the Commission, an appointment shall be made by the Mayor with the approval of a majority of the entire City Council present, including the Mayor. All appointments shall be made in an open meeting of the City Council.”

**SECTION 4.** Section 27104.6 (Duties and Functions of Commission) of Chapter 7 (Departments, Boards, Commissions) of Article II (Administration) of the Carson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows (deletions shown in ~~striketrough~~, additions shown in ***bold italics***):

“(a) Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, the Carson ~~Redevelopment~~ ***Successor Redevelopment*** Agency, the City Manager, the Executive Director, and the Economic Development Group in all matters pertaining to economic development issues.

(b) Evaluate and recommend methods, measures, and programs which will favorably impact the City’s business and industrial climate by attracting to and retaining business and industry in Carson, by providing assistance to firms having the potential of expanding their activities in Carson, and by creating a positive image of Carson as a place for business and industry.

(c) Ensure a diverse economic and employment base for the City with a variety of business types, sizes, and markets, including small and disadvantaged businesses.

(d) Review requests for City and ~~Redevelopment~~ ***Successor Redevelopment*** Agency assistance and make recommendations to the City Council and ~~Redevelopment~~ ***Successor Redevelopment*** Agency.

(e) Coordinate projects with the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council that are designed to inform and educate citizens and businesses concerning its services.

(f) Advise and assist other City Groups, Commissions and Committees in developing and administering programs and procedures which will further the City’s economic development goals and objectives.

(g) Monitor regional projects, plans, and decisions which might impact the City’s economic development goals and objectives.

***(h) Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and the Information Technology Manager in all matters pertaining to information technology issues.***

***(i) Review and provide advice and recommendations concerning the City’s information technology systems and recommend to the full City Council enhancements to such systems and ways to enhance teaching of computer and information technology literacy for Carson residents.”***

**SECTION 5.** Section 27104.8 (Membership Qualifications) of Chapter 7 (Departments, Boards, Commissions) of Article II (Administration) of the Carson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows (deletions shown in ~~striketrough~~, additions shown in ***bold italics***):

“Each member of the Economic Development Commission shall be and remain a resident of, or have a place of employment or business in, the City of Carson, and be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the member’s appointment. The membership of the Economic Development Commission shall include representatives of all major sectors of the Carson business community as determined in the sole discretion of the City Council. ***Additionally, each member shall be a person having interest, experience or ability in computers, computer programming, computer software,***

***information technology, systems hardware and/or software inter- or intra-network connectivity, calculated to best provide for the training and education of the public.”***

**SECTION 6.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any other provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, parts or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

**SECTION 8.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause the same to be posted and codified in the manner required by law.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council on this 6th day of April, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY OF CARSON:

/s/  
Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

/s/  
Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/  
Donesia Gause-Aldana, MMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) ss.  
CITY OF CARSON )

I, Donesia Gause-Aldana, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing ordinance, being Ordinance 21-2108 passed first reading on the 16th day of March, 2021, adopted by the Carson City Council at its meeting held on the 6th day of April, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Davis-Holmes, Dear, Hilton, Hicks  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None  
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None  
RECUSED: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

/s/  
Donesia Gause-Aldana, MMC, City Clerk