

Feb. 25, 2026

Subject: California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Reporting Period: January 2024 – February 2026

Staff Lead: Justine Massey, Special Projects Analyst, SGC

Recommended Action

The Council shall nominate and vote on Council Chair and Vice Chair.

Summary

The SGC Operating Guidelines and the Public Resources Code sec. 75122 require the election of a Chair and Vice Chair every two years. The last election occurred during the December 2023 SGC Meeting, and the next election will be held in Fall/Winter 2027.

Background

Through state statute (Pub. Resources Code section 75120 et seq.), the Council is charged with developing a process to coordinate state agency activities to assist and support the planning and development of sustainable communities which strengthen the economy, ensure social equity, and enhance environmental stewardship.

The Council consists of 10 members. The Council will elect a Chair and one Vice Chair for a two-year term. The Chair will be responsible for presiding over Council and representing the Council in public meetings. The Vice Chair will be responsible for fulfilling the Chair's duties when the Chair is unavailable.

In December 2023, the Council appointed Governor's Office of Planning & Research (since renamed Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation) Sam Assefa as Chair and Public Member Frank Cárdenas as Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair serve for a two-year term.

Council Recommendation

Should the Council agree with Staff's recommendation, the following motion language is suggested:

"I move that the Council approve as the new Council Chair and Vice Chair, respectively..."