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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 27, 2025

**DATE:** April 25, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the reappointment of Leo Horishny to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 3 (the unincorporated County area of District 3 generally includes portions of Panther Valley south of Sagehen Lane and Sun Valley generally north of Dandini Boulevard, south of 7th Avenue and west of a boundary extending along Leon Drive to Wall Canyon Drive to Lupin Drive to Klondike Drive), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2029, or until such time as Mr. Horishny no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. (Commission District 3.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

Leo Horishny's term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment will expire on June 30, 2025. County Commissioner Garcia recommends Mr. Horishny be considered for reappointment to the Board of Adjustment. If reappointed, the term will begin on July 1, 2025, and end on June 30, 2029, or until such time as Mr. Horishny no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Community.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 14, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) appointed Leo Horishny to fill a partial term on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 3 after Clay Thomas vacated his seat on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment on August 30, 2023. The partial term began on November 14, 2023, and will end on June 30, 2025.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

## **BACKGROUND**

The Board of County Commissioners established the Board of Adjustment, in accordance with NRS Chapter 278.270, to hear and decide appeals concerning zoning regulations and matters related to the soundness of structures. The Board of Adjustment also hears and decides cases involving administrative permits, special use permits and variances. Terms of appointment are four years, or until a successor takes office, and the appointees must be residents of the unincorporated area of Washoe County and registered voters at the time of their appointment and throughout their term of office. The Board appoints five members to the Board of Adjustment, each representing one of the County Commission Districts.

Based on direction previously provided by the Board, the Commissioner whose district is represented by the Board of Adjustment vacancy (Commission District 3 in this case) recommends the appointment. Commissioner Garcia recommends that Leo Horishny be reappointed to a full term to the Board of Adjustment commencing on July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, or until such time as Mr. Horishny no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Mr. Horishny's application is included as Attachment A to this staff report. Mr. Horishny is an unincorporated County resident of Commission District 3. He was appointed to represent Commission District 3 in 2023 after Clay Thomas vacated his seat on the Washoe County Board of Adjustment on August 30, 2023.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

As authorized by NRS 278.280(2)(a) and Washoe County Code Section 110.912.10(i), Board of Adjustment members receive an \$80 per meeting stipend. The Board of Adjustment meets every month, which equates to an annual per member stipend of \$960. Funds to compensate all Board of Adjustment members for scheduled meetings are being recommended as part of the FY26 Budget in CSD Planning & Development Admin (105400), Volunteer Stipend (710111).

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve the reappointment of Leo Horishny to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 3 (the unincorporated County area of District 3 generally includes portions of Panther Valley south of Sagehen Lane and Sun Valley generally north of Dandini Boulevard, south of 7th Avenue and west of a boundary extending along Leon Drive to Wall Canyon Drive to Lupin Drive to Klondike Drive), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2029, or until such time as Mr. Horishny no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the reappointment of Mr. Horishny, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the reappointment of Leo Horishny to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 3 (the unincorporated County area of District 3 generally includes portions of Panther Valley south of Sagehen Lane and Sun

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Attachments:

Attachment A – Leo Horishny