



MINUTES

SAN RAFAEL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

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Present: Mayor Kate
Vice Mayor Bushey
Councilmember Kertz
Councilmember Llorens Gulati

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Jim Schutz
City Attorney Rob Epstein
City Clerk Lindsay Lara

Mayor Kate called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and invited City Clerk Lindsay Lara to call the roll. All members of the City Council were present.

City Clerk Lindsay Lara informed the community the meeting would be uploaded to YouTube after the meeting and members of the public would provide public comment either on the telephone or through Zoom. She explained the process for community participation through the telephone and Zoom.

a. **City Councilmember Interviews**
Interview Applicants and Make an Appointment to Fill a Vacancy on the City Council to Expire November 2022 (CC)

Mayor Kate called the agenda item and the following thirteen applicants provided two-minute introductory comments.

Denis Avdic, Diana Lopez, Eli Hill, Eric Holm, Esme Octavia Lazare, Gary Bender, John Kakinuki, Joshua Sizemore, Judi Cooper, Kenneth Ghiringhelli, Matthew Siroka, Max Goodberg and Nancy Palacios

Mayor Kate invited public comment.

Speakers: Lucia Martel-Dow, name withheld

Mayor Kate expressed gratitude to the applicants for their willingness to get involved and spoke on policymaking in San Rafael.

Councilmembers each indicated their top two choices.

Mayor Kate selected Eli Hill and Eric Holm.

Councilmember Bushey selected Eli Hill and Eric Holm.

Councilmember Kertz selected Eli Hill and Nancy Palacios.

Councilmember Llorens Gulati selected Eric Holm and Eli Hill.

Three Finalists Selected:

Eli Hill

Eric Holm

Nancy Palacios

Each applicant answered four questions from the City Councilmembers.

Councilmembers each indicated their top choice was Eli Hill to be appointed as member of the City Council.

Councilmember Bushey moved and Councilmember Llorens Gulati seconded to appoint Elias David Hill as the at-large term representative to the San Rafael City Council

AYES: Councilmembers: Bushey, Kertz, Llorens Gulati & Mayor Kate

NOES: Councilmembers: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers: None

Appointed Eli Hill to the Office of City Councilmember

**b. Swear-in Ceremony
Administration of Oath of Office to Successful Candidate (CC)**

City Clerk Lindsay Lara administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember, Eli Hill.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Kate adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2021

Kate Colin, Mayor