

City Selection Committee
May 14, 2020

Item 4 - ALUC:

Letters of interest received from
Hendricks, Glenn (Sunnyvale)
Matichak, Lisa (Mountain View)

Item 5 - LAFCO:

Letters of interest received from:
Melton, Russ (Sunnyvale)
Rennie, Rob (Los Gatos)

April 16, 2020

Mrs. Andi Jordan
Executive Director
Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC)
P.O. Box 3144
Los Altos, CA 94024

Dear Mrs. Jordan:

With the pending expiration of my assignment to the Santa Clara County Airport Land-Use Commission (ALUC) next month, I would like to express my interest in reappointment to this position for another term.

I understand that the CASCC City Selection Committee may be considering this appointment at their May 14 meeting, and I look forward to the CASCC's decision at that time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Glenn Hendricks
Councilmember

Larry Klein
Mayor

Nancy Smith
Vice Mayor

Gustav Larsson
Councilmember

Glenn Hendricks
Councilmember

Russ Melton
Councilmember

Michael S. Goldman
Councilmember

Mason Fong
Councilmember



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April 23, 2020

Members of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County,

I have been serving as a Cities Association representative on the Santa Clara County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) since appointment in November 2018. I am interested in being re-appointed to this Commission.

The ALUC addresses compatibility of land use around the airports in Santa Clara County. The Commission is particularly focused on the height of development due to safety concerns for planes taking off from the airports. Other important areas of focus are the density of people and the exposure to noise around the airports.

It is always good to have diverse perspectives weigh in on issues and this holds true for the ALUC. There are several pilots on the Commission who bring technical expertise to the discussion. I've brought land use knowledge (having served on the Mountain View Planning Commission for 7 years) and the perspective of an elected official (currently in my fourth year on the Mountain View City Council) to the discussion. As a Commissioner, I've also enabled connections to help address land use in San Mateo County that is adjacent to the Palo Alto airport. This has been an ongoing issue for the ALUC and progress is being made in this area.

I am interested in continuing to serve, and I respectfully ask for your support to continue to serve on the Airport Land Use Commission.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa".

Lisa Matichak
Councilmember
City of Mountain View

April 27, 2020

City Selection Committee
c/o Andi Jordan, Executive Director
Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC)
P.O. Box 3144
Los Altos, CA 94024

Dear Members of the City Selection Committee of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County,

Larry Klein
Mayor

I would like to declare my statement of interest in being appointed as the Cities Association's Primary Representative to the Santa Clara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Nancy Smith
Vice Mayor

Gustav Larsson
Councilmember

It has been an honor to serve as the Cities Association's Alternate Representative to LAFCO for the past three years, since being appointed by the City Selection Committee in February 2017 on a 13-2 vote.

Glenn Hendricks
Councilmember

Russ Melton
Councilmember

Since my appointment, I have attended 16 out of 17 LAFCO meetings. And since March 2019, I have served LAFCO as Chair of the Finance Subcommittee (six meetings).

Michael S. Goldman
Councilmember

Mason Fong
Councilmember

LAFCO is unique in that it is a State Agency with the County of Santa Clara as its jurisdiction. (Each of California's 58 Counties has a LAFCO.) The mission of Santa Clara LAFCO is to promote sustainable growth and good governance in the County by:

- Preserving agricultural lands and open space
- Curbing urban sprawl
- Encouraging efficient delivery of services
- Exploring and facilitating regional opportunities for fiscal sustainability
- Promoting public accountability and transparency of local agencies

This mandate comes from State law. While the State's original intent in 1963 in creating LAFCOs was to promote good governance and to curb urban sprawl (the so-

called “annexation wars”), the Legislature proved prescient in that today, an important aspect of LAFCO has become protection of the environment, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and the slowing of global warming. This is especially through LAFCO’s mandate to preserve agricultural lands and open space, and to curb urban sprawl.

Some refer to LAFCOs as the Legislature’s “watchdog institutions” in carrying-out the State’s power to regulate local government boundaries. I view LAFCO’s mandate as a “bottom line” and accordingly my pledge to the Cities Association is to vote accordingly. Each of our Cities has a Climate Action Plan, all of which benefit by votes taken at LAFCO that adhere to the mandate.

LAFCOs are also tasked by the State to perform service reviews of agencies throughout the County (excluding School Districts), conducted on a five-year cycle. My goal is to ensure timely, consistent and fair reviews, with a focus on governance, transparency, and efficiency of budget and service delivery.

I would like to acknowledge the service of the current Cities Association Primary Representative to LAFCO, Rob Rennie of the Town of Los Gatos. Councilmember Rennie has served admirably, bringing a high level of thoughtfulness, preparedness and diligence to each and every agenda item.

Each LAFCO Commissioner will bring a different perspective of the place LAFCO’s mandate has in evaluating applications that come before it. For me, the LAFCO mandate is a “bottom line” against which applications are measured.

A good case in point is the December 2018 Public Hearing of Morgan Hill’s application to expand its Urban Service Area to include 66 acres of unincorporated lands. The City brought the application on behalf of the South County Catholic High School to facilitate the development of a high school on approximately 40 acres. The LAFCO had considered and denied a previous version of the application in March 2016 and then in April 2016 denied a request for reconsideration of the March 2016 decision.

After a lengthy public hearing, my statement (as an Alternate Commissioner) was that the proper course of action would to deny the proposal outright because the application

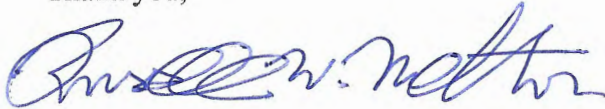
was inconsistent with the mandate of Santa Clara LAFCO as set forth by the State of California.

Commissioner Rennie advocated for the item to be continued until a time that Morgan Hill could amend its General Plan and other policy documents to demonstrate the City's intent that this would be the "last annexation" into the area, and that the City of Morgan Hill's concerns should be balanced with LAFCO's mandate. To his credit, Commissioner Rennie advocated that annexed lands should be mitigated 1:1 with easements for other nearby farmlands.

Ultimately, a motion to approve the application failed on a 2-5 vote and a motion to deny the application carried on a 4-3 vote. Commissioner Rennie voted against both motions.

I will be happy to answer any questions regarding my application and I appreciate the consideration of the City Selection Committee of it.

Thank you,



Russ Melton
Councilmember

12 May 2020

Cities Association of Santa Clara County
City Selection Committee
c/o Andi Jordan, Executive Director

Re: LAFCO Appointment for Commissioner

Dear Cities Association, Selection Committee:

I respectfully ask the Cities Selection Committee to consider reappointing me to serve as the Cities Member Commissioner.

LAFCO is a commission where continuity and knowledge of previous decisions and a detailed understanding of mission of LAFCO is very important. I have built up the experience and knowledge to excel as a LAFCO commissioner starting as alternate in May 2016 and then as your main appointee since May of 2017. During that time, I have not missed a meeting and built my knowledge through attending several of the California LAFCO conferences and information sessions including participating as a speaker at last year's conference.

One of the most important things I have learned in my time on LAFCO is that a LAFCO Commissioner must be able to represent the interests of the public as a whole per LAFCO's mission rather than that of any other office they may hold. LAFCO's state-mandated mission to curb sprawl, preserve open space and agriculture land, and ensure the orderly and efficient delivery of services is representative of the county's philosophy on balancing responsible growth and natural resource preservation. The cities member has a particular challenge to balance the needs of a particular city with an application cities and the public as a whole. This is a particular focus of mine that I believe I have done well when difficult application have come before us.

Finally, I am currently Vice Chair and look forward to bringing my knowledge and balance to the Chair position at the beginning of 2021. Additionally, an another important task of LAFCO is the oversight of the special districts (such as water, fire, VTA , CCAs Etc.). I look forward to being part of our upcoming municipal service reviews that have not occurred during my time on LAFCO.

Thank you for considering my reappointment as LAFCO Commissioner for the Cities Association.

Regards,
Rob Rennie
Los Gatos Town Council
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