

August 13, 2020 City Selection Committee Letters of Interest received for ABAG Representative and Alternate

- Councilmember Chris Clark, Mountain View
- Vice Mayor Liz Gibbons, Campbell
- Councilmember Rod Sinks, Cupertino - Alternate



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August 7, 2020

Andi Jordan
Executive Director
Cities Association of Santa Clara County

Members of the City Selection Committee:

I would like to express my interest in continuing to represent you on the ABAG Executive Board through the end of 2020, at which point you will have another opportunity to fill the seat I currently hold.

ABAG has some unusually staggered terms that end in June, resulting in a misalignment with the Cities Association's standard appointment cycle.

You may recall a similar situation occurred in 2018 with former Palo Alto Councilmember Greg Scharff. At that time, the City Selection Committee decided it was best to allow him to continue serving through the end of the calendar year. The Committee later selected me to fill that seat after the November election results were known and when they knew which other appointment opportunities were available.

My Council term ends in January 2021, so I am advocating that you handle my situation in a similar manner to ensure we have continuity through the end of 2020. I have served as a Cities Association's ABAG representative or alternate for over 6 years.

The remaining 2020 ABAG meetings will impact the Plan Bay Area 2050 draft Blueprint and RHNA allocation framework. It is imperative that we have continuity through the end of the year to ensure our issues are addressed, especially now that we know several Santa Clara County cities are expected to face significant impacts under the current draft framework.

These challenges are outlined in a draft comment letter currently under review by the Cities Association, and we must ensure our issues are voiced and addressed as best as possible. I am happy to share more about these concerns at the Selection Committee meeting.

Thank you for your consideration, and I humbly request your support.

Sincerely,

Chris Clark
Councilmember & Former Mayor
City of Mountain View

Subject: Typo. City Selection Committee Meeting Notice: selection meeting for ABAG Executive Board and alternates- August 13, 2020

Date: Friday, August 7, 2020 at 4:45:44 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Liz Gibbons

To: Andi Jordan, kleincouncil@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Andi,

Please submit my application for reappointment to the ABAG Ex Bd.

I have served for 4 years. I have met the commitments of time and attention to the role and responsibilities. This last year the meetings have doubled due to the Plan 2050 process, the RHNA process, governance consolidation and legislation. Throughout, I have kept the Board apprised of issues as appropriate.

Although I am committed to continuing to serve on ABAG, it is important to note the major impact MTC (and ABAG) has on the future of SCC. This is a good opportunity to consider the next phase and relevance of ABAG as the governance consolidation with MTC continues. My recommendation has three parts: 1, allow the existing representative continue, as is allowed, until numerous new council are sworn in by January 2021. 2, Strategize for long-term appointments. The benefit of this approach would allow a long-term appointment starting with the ABAG and transitioning to MTC. Leadership in both organizations is closely held and duplicative. The future of the ABAG board and members is unknown so strategic preplanning for significant CASCC influence on these boards is warranted. 3, Work with individual cities to nominate and elect representatives for all ABAG and MTC assignments in early 2021 with the intent as keeping the appointments for 4-6 years. If possible, the appointments should be staggered to best maintain knowledge, continuity and advancement. This is similar to how BAAQMD appointments have worked.

I leave it to the board's discussion and decision.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth "Liz" Gibbons, AIA, LEED AP
Vice Mayor, City of Campbell
Past AIA Strategic Counselor, At-Large

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 30, 2020, at 9:56 AM, Andi Jordan <andi@citiesassociation.org> wrote:

To all Mayors and Councilmembers:

cc: City Managers/IGR contacts, City Selection Committee

City Selection Committee will meet on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 6:40 PM or at the conclusion of the Legislative Action Committee Meeting.

The City Selection Committee will meet to discuss the appointment o ABAG

Executive Committee Representatives (2) and ABAG Executive Committee Alternatives (2).

[Please see Agenda and Agenda Packet located here.](#)

Letters of Interest must be received by Friday, August 7. Nominations are also taken from the floor.

Current appointees are eligible for reappointment.

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Subject: ABAG Executive Committee Alternate

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 5:55:32 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Rod Sinks

To: Andi Jordan

Hi Andi,

I would be happy to continue serving as ABAG Executive Committee Alternate representing our 15 cities until the end of my term at the end of this year.

Due to the very regular attendance of our two Primaries, Liz Gibbons and Chris Clark, I have attended only one meeting as a voting member, but have been in the audience for almost all of the rest since prior appointment and attended the combined ABAG/ MTC workshop in the East Bay in January.

Best regards,

Rod Sinks