



Cities Association of Santa Clara County Letters of Interest to the City Selection Committee

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October 27, 2020

Mrs. Andi Jordan
Executive Director
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Dear Mrs. Jordan:

With Councilmember Clark's departure from the Mountain View City Council creating a vacancy on the ABAG Executive Board, I write to you today with great interest in the appointment to the Board.

As a Sunnyvale Councilmember for seven years and Mayor for three of those years, I have the experience and knowledge to serve as the Cities Association appointee on ABAG. During my tenure, I served and continue to serve on intergovernmental agencies such as the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors, currently as Vice Chair, the Airport Land Use Commission as the Cities Association appointee, and the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Airplane Noise Roundtable, among several others. The ability to serve on these agencies and tackle conflicting high priority issues in our region has provided me the expertise and qualifications necessary of the ABAG Executive Board.

Locally, the City of Sunnyvale continues to be a leader in transportation and housing initiatives. Recently, the City Council adopted the Active Transportation Plan which combined our Bike Plan, Pedestrian Plan and Safe Routes to School Plan into one cohesive and integrated document. In July, we adopted our Vision Zero Plan to reduce fatal and severe collisions. Similarly, we've participated in regional coordination with VTA and Caltrans on the successful funding/design and construction of improvements at the US101/SR237/Mathilda interchange.

Additionally, Council directed staff to study an increase of 7,000 housing units for three specific plan areas near transit (Downtown Sunnyvale, El Camino Real and Lawrence Station) – an almost ten percent increase in the adopted General Plan

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Mayor

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Vice Mayor

Gustav Larsson
Councilmember

Glenn Hendricks
Councilmember

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Mason Fong
Councilmember

buildout. Earlier this month, the Council considered a Housing Strategy, the general goal of which is to refine the City's long-term housing strategy, identify potential improvements to existing programs and approaches, identify potential new approaches to increase affordable housing stock and improve affordability of housing in the City.

I understand that the CASCC City Selection Committee will be considering this appointment at the November 12 meeting. 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

cc: Larry Klein, Mayor
Kent Steffens, City Manager

November 3, 2020

Via Email: csc@citiesassociation.org

Selection Committee Members

Cities Association of Santa Clara County

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Re: Appointment to the ABAG Executive Board

Dear Selection Committee Members,

I respectfully request appointment to the ABAG Executive Board ("ABAG Board") as a Santa Clara County representative. Based on my background and experience, I would be a highly effective representative for our cities.

Since summer 2019, I have been the Cities Association's representative on the ABAG Regional Planning Committee and the last 12 months, I have served on the ABAG Housing Methodology Committee, which recently had its last meeting. Both experiences have given me an opportunity to deepen my understanding of ABAG, attend ABAG Executive Committee meetings, work directly with ABAG staff and form connections with representatives from across the region, all of which will be beneficial to advancing our cities' interests.

Additionally, my demonstrated ability to work collaboratively at different levels and with different regional representatives aligns well with ABAG's mission of working collaboratively with local governments and building solutions on a wide range of issues such as housing, energy efficiency and equity, to help every community in the region. Further, with the rapid changes and challenges facing our region, we need leaders who can be strategic and innovative in identifying solutions, and I believe I am that leader.

Finally, I am interested in serving on the ABAG Board. Although there have been opportunities to apply to serve on other committees and boards, it is important to me to serve on boards where I believe I could add value and be an effective voice for our cities. That's why I am applying to serve as your ABAG Board representative, and I would be honored to represent our cities on the ABAG Board. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,



Neysa Fligor

Vice Mayor, City of Los Altos



TOWN OF LOS GATOS

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November 5, 2020

Dear Cities Association Selection Committee Members,

I am humbly writing to request your appointment to represent you and the cities of Santa Clara County on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board. I would like to emphasize my passion for this position:

1) I grew up as in the Bay Area in the 70s with bad asthma from the high particulate count pollution. I still feel my chest tighten from diesel fumes, cigarette smoke, or wood burning. I believe strongly in BAAQMD's goal to "reduce and eliminate health problems from air quality."

2) BAAQMD is the next step to Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE). I am a founding Board member and the 2nd chair of SVCE. I am proud of how SVCE has moved the needle on climate change in our County through 1st 100% carbon free electricity and now through innovative programs to decarbonize through electrification of both the mobile and built environment. BAAQMD has a lot of money from the State to also drive de-carbonization through similar kinds of strong programs. I look forward to bringing my knowledge of de-carbonization programs from SVCE to BAAQMD.

3) I am a long time champion of our environment and addressing global warming through activism with the Sierra Club. I formed the Los Gatos team to get the then Mayor to sign on to the Mayors Climate Protection Team to begin work on reducing greenhouses gases (GHGs). I also served in the Club's Chapter Executive Committee for many years in several roles. A BAAQMD appointment would enable me to continue working toward a cleaner environment.

4) I am particularly interested in several of the BAAQMD sub-committees and look forward serving on them. These include: Mobile Source, Stationary Source, Climate Protection, Community and Public Health, Technology Implementation Steering Committee.

5) BAAQMD is a very large time commitment both to come up to speed and to devote time to the meetings, preparing thoroughly for each meeting, and travelling to San Francisco post-COVID. I am committed to investing the time to be an effective BAAQMD Board Member by coming up to speed quickly, engaging early, and contributing fully.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rob Rennie





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November 2, 2020

Dear Cities Association Selection Committee,

I will soon complete service on my city council and am grateful to have served as one of your representatives to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) Board of Directors for the past six years, as well as President of the Cities Association in 2018.

Over the past six years, The Air District has made significant progress in reducing health impacts of toxins & particulate matter through new rule making and initiatives, and mitigating climate change through our many programs & incentives. With wildfires in recent years, the public's awareness of the quality of the air we breathe and our need for urgency in reducing our carbon footprint has underlined the importance of our work. In our county, I have helped focus resources on understanding and reducing odors from various facilities in and adjacent to north San Jose and Milpitas, as well as reduction of toxins and particulate matter from the cement plant adjacent to Cupertino.

I am currently serving as Air District Board Chair. We have a lot of substantive business to conduct in December and January, including particulate matter recommendations and personnel matters. We rotate leadership at the board meeting in January and would ask you to allow me the privilege of passing on the gavel to the next chair at that meeting, which has yet to be scheduled. State law allows me to continue service on the Air District Board for 90 days after I leave elected office in December. **Having checked with the Air District's Counsel, this would be readily accomplished by making a new appointment to fill the seat I currently occupy effective February 1, 2021, and that is my request for your consideration.**

Finally, I look forward to helping the next representatives you select become effective Air District board members, and urge you to appoint those who can devote substantial time to the work of the board and its many committees, which meet during weekday mornings to early afternoons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod Sinks".

Rod Sinks

November 5, 2020

Dear Members of the City Selection Committee,

San Jose is the largest city in the region and has been at the forefront of efforts to address climate change and lowering our greenhouse gas emissions to improve the public's health and wellbeing. I am proud to have played a role in these efforts in my capacity as the Chair of LAFCO, and serving on the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Financing Board, CA League of Cities Board of Directors, Caltrain Local Policy Makers Group, the VTA Policy Advisory Committee in addition to representing the constituency of District 2 in San Jose for the last four years.

I respectfully submit my name to be considered for appointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board to continue to represent the South Bay and especially San Jose. Some of the highlights of my work in my first four years on Council include: launching San Jose Clean Energy, adopting and implementing Climate Smart San Jose, approving the Better Bike Plan 2025, and transitioning from LOS to VMT under SB 743. In 2019 I led the City of San Jose in the purchase and permanent protection of approximately 943 acres of open space in northern Coyote Valley. This historical land acquisition has created an unparalleled opportunity to establish a world-class preserve that protects critical environmental values, confers regional climate resilience, and which can serve as a unique nature-based destination that supports the goals of voter approved Measure T. I am committed to continuing efforts to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and to improve our air quality. In fact the City of San Jose recently joined BAAQMD's "Cut the Commute" Campaign and I was honored to vote in support. I was recently awarded the "Environmental Legislator of the Year" by the Santa Clara League of Conservation Voters.

I look forward to joining leaders in the South Bay to continue to work to establish the Bay Area as a leader to improve and protect our residents' health and would very much appreciate your consideration for this appointment.

Respectfully,



Sergio Jimenez
Councilmember, District 2
City of San José

From: Andi Jordan andi@citiesassociation.org
Subject: FW: MTC Representative
Date: November 5, 2020 at 10:34 PM
To: Audin Leung audin@citiesassociation.org



From: Liz Gibbons <lizg@campbellca.gov>
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 10:32 PM
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Subject: MTC Representative

Andi, if the board decides to move forward with the selection of MTC representative on November 12th, please consider the following as my application.

In my position as CASCC representative on ABAG since 2016, I have actively researched and participated in all major issues considered and voted by the ABAG Ex Bd:

- Beginning the commitment to consolidate the ABAG and MTC staff and ultimately the organizations;
- Update of Plan 2040
- Annual budgets and workplans
- BayREN
- Horizons
- Water supply and flood management programs throughout the Bay Area
- Major legislation : 2015-16; 2017-18 and 2019-20
- CASA recommendations, and subsequent AB 1487 legislation, and Bay Area Regional Housing Finance Authority
- I have made motions and contributed to critical motions approved by the Ex Bd.
- Housing Technical Assistance Program
- Bay Area 2050
- Energy and Infrastructure programs
- LEAP and REAP funding

I am not uncomfortable asking questions that need to be asked.

Now is a critical opportunity to strategically position Santa Clara County cities into the transitioning MTC agency with particular attention to the joint committees and new initiative for housing. There is a significant transition of representatives on MTC due to retirements and term limits.

I strongly support the development of a Strategic Plan for CASCC to position itself as a powerful voice in the major decision-making body of the Bay Area. My lengthy experience and knowledge of MTC, ABAG and staff is well suited to be the CASCC MTC representative if the timing is now. I am open to finding the appropriate people for both ABAG and MTC in January when all new councilmembers are seated. I have confirmed that I can hold a representative position on both MTC/ABAG until a plan is made.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth 'Liz' Gibbons, AIA, LEED AP
Vice Mayor, City of Campbell
Past AIA Strategic Councilor At- Large

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November 3rd, 2020

Dear Members of the Cities Selection Committee.

I write to express my interest in the Cities Association appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. I believe I would bring a strong combination of experience and skills to represent the Cities Association well on the MTC.

During my three terms on the Mountain View City Council, I have been a champion for transportation and transit issues. Mountain View is acknowledged as a leader in innovative transportation solutions, and I am proud to have been a part of implementing those policies and practices. I have also served extensively on the VTA Policy Advisory Committee for five years, and on the Board for four years including serving as Vice-Chair and Chair. As Vice Chair and then Chair of the VTA board, I was instrumental in closing a \$40M budget deficit during the Great Recession and preserving Caltrain.

Having served on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board for the last three years, I've been able to build relationships with colleagues from other Counties, several of whom also serve on the MTC board. I believe these already established relationships will be beneficial to my hitting the ground running should I have the honor of serving on MTC.

Furthermore, the regional bodies all housed at the Beale Street Building in San Francisco – MTC, ABAG and BAAQMD have been working to collaborate more closely, as many of the goals of the agencies overlap. I have had the opportunity to serve on some of these collaborative efforts such as the ABAG/MTC Housing Legislation Committee which the Cities Association Board appointed me to last year, and most recently, a regional Task Force to promote telecommuting policies (Cut the Commute Campaign) which is comprised of elected leaders from several counties as well as staff from MTC, BAAQMD, and BARC (the Bay Area Regional Collaborative).

Finally, as a long serving member of the Cities Association Board, who has also held several leadership positions including President, I have come to understand the diverse cities in our County and have demonstrated my leadership in moving our collective issues forward.

I am open-minded, collaborative, have a strong command of transportation/transit issues, and advocate strongly for our County's needs while seeing the bigger picture. I would be honored to have your support for the appointment to MTC.

Sincerely,

Margaret Abe-Koga
Mayor, City of Mountain View