

Subject: Request for Cities Association Appointment to the Bay Area Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)

From: Patrick Burt, Vice-Mayor, City of Palo Alto

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Please provide to the Selection Committee my request for consideration of appointment to the BCDC. The BCDC provides a critical role in the preservation and restoration of the baylands. For over 30 years, I have served in multiple public and private sector capacities to protect and restore the baylands and improve bay water quality including:

- Chair, San Francisquito Creek Joint Power Authority (SFCJPA)
- Santa Clara County Pollution Prevention Committee
- California Comparative Risk Project
- California Environmental Technology Partnership
- CalEPA Pollution Prevention Task Force
- Co-author, Cal EPA Waste Reduction Manual for Metal Finishing
- Vice-Chair, Sustainable San Mateo County
- Councilmember, City of Palo Alto 2008-2016, Mayor 2010 and 2016
- Chair, Joint Water Recycling Committee
- Palo Alto Sustainability and Climate Action Plan

As we move forward in addressing the likely severe impacts of sea level rise and related climate adaptations, it will be critical to respond to those changes pro-actively in ways that preserve and adapt the baylands to preserve and restore the baylands habitat, as well as addressing the impacts of saltwater intrusion into groundwaters.

I hope to provide the value of my background and problem-solving skills to fulfill the challenges facing the BCDC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Burt

Vice-Mayor, City of Palo Alto