

Honorable members of the City Selection Committee,

I would like to apply to serve on the **Santa Clara County Emergency Area Operations Council** as a representative of one of the West Valley/South County cities. I have conferred with Rob Rennie, current Vice Chair, and he suggested that I get involved in the EAOOC going forward.

I am a long-term resident of various communities in Santa Clara County and currently am a Councilmember serving the Town of Los Gatos. I have both a **professional and community service background** that I think could be helpful to the EAOOC. Relating to the Purpose of the EAOOC, some of my qualifications follow:

- *To enhance planning and preparedness for large-scale emergencies;*
 - **Leadership, Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Emergency Communications (ARES/RACES)** – For many years (since obtaining my Amateur Radio license in the aftermath of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake), I have worked to improve **emergency communications** in the face of new disaster challenges. I regularly serve as an instructor in our “Ham Cram” that is open to Santa Clara valley residents and has helped several hundred participants to obtain their FCC Amateur Radio license and trained them in operating procedures.
- *To create effective partnerships in emergency planning, preparedness, training and exercise within the Operational Area;*
 - **CERT Member** - Working with the Los Gatos Police Department and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), I've participated in numerous **county-wide and town-wide drills and exercises**, serving as a Network Control operator and Santa Clara County emergency communications liaison.
- *To consolidate activities of cities and special districts to participate more efficiently in planning for future emergencies and disasters;*
 - **Alternate Board Member SVRIA** – I've participated in board meetings of the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority in **delivering radio and data communications connectivity** between communities in the face of incidents, emergencies, and disasters.
- *To provide access to public-private partners to participate in emergency planning and preparedness; and*
 - **Partner Deloitte and Ernst & Young (Retired)** – Working with municipalities and private corporations in strategic planning, I've focused on **risk assessment and risk mitigation**. I worked on a large-scale public-private partnership with UCSF, Santa Cruz, and Berkeley and corporations in the health care arena.
- *To develop broad-based emergency preparedness and funding priorities and recommendations.*
 - **Professional and Community Service Background** – I've led strategic planning efforts that have required deep understanding of financial analysis and some have resulted in the Town of Los Gatos achieving **substantially greater participation in emergency response, increased funding, and short and long-term improvements in emergency preparedness**. Recently, I've also organized and conducted 10 neighborhood community Zoom sessions, including the Red Cross and CERT, in emergency preparedness especially in the face of current wildfire threats.



PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Matthew Hudes is a Councilmember serving the Town of Los Gatos. For 11+ years, Matthew has served Los Gatos in numerous roles in addition to the Town Council: Working with the Los Gatos Police Department and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), he has worked to improve emergency communications in the face of new disaster challenges. He has served as Chair of the Planning Commission, Planning Commissioner, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, member of the General Plan Committee, the Housing Element Advisory Board, and others. Currently, Matthew serves as CEO of a biotechnology consulting firm, having retired as U.S. Managing Principal, Biotechnology for Deloitte and played a similar role at Ernst & Young. In between, he started and grew a software/bioinformatics company in Los Gatos.