



Cities Selection Committee Meeting Agenda

5:30 PM - February 9, 2023

Los Altos Community Center Sequoia Room
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022

Meeting Information:

- **Members of the public register for Zoom webinar [\[HERE\]](#)**
(NOTE: This link is for members of the public ONLY; Board members will attend in-person unless otherwise noticed in advance of the meeting to the Executive Director and/or the Board President)
- **Meeting also livestreamed on YouTube [\[LINK\]](#)**
- **Info on public comment and accessibility given at the end of the agenda**

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

AGENDA

1.	Election of City Selection Committee Chair
2.	Election of City Selection Committee Vice Chair
3.	Consent Agenda
	Approval of April 14, 2022 City Selection Committee Meeting Minutes Attachment: Draft Minutes
4.	Appointments – Letters of Interest Submitted
	<i>NOTICE: Per Rules and Regulations of the Santa Clara County City Selection Committee (CSC), reaffirmed at the Cities Association Board meeting on October 8, 2020, all appointees of the CSC must be an elected official. Appointments end on the date a representative ceases to be an elected official.</i>
4a.	SCC Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) Term expiring 5/6/24 (Formerly held by Hon. Glenn Hendricks, Sunnyvale) Attachment: Letter of Interest from Hon. Russ Melton
4b.	Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Santa Clara County – Term expiring 1/1/23 (Currently held by Hon. Sergio Lopez, Campbell)• Santa Clara County – Term expiring 2/1/23 (Currently held by Hon. Rob Rennie, Los Gatos) Attachments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Letter of Interest from Hon. Sergio Lopez- Letter of Interest from Hon. Rob Rennie- Letter of Interest from Hon Vicki Veenker
4c.	Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Term expiring 5/2024 (Formerly held by Hon. Rich Constantine, Morgan Hill) Attachment: Letter of Interest from Hon. Russ Melton

4d.	Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Term expiring 2/2023 (Currently held by Hon. Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View) Attachments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Letter of Interest from Hon. Margaret Abe-Koga- Letter of Interest from Hon. Belal Aftab- Letter of Interest from Hon. Dan Furtado
4e.	Recycling & Waste Reduction Commission (RWRC) – Member At Large Term expiring 1/2023 (Currently held by Hon. Susan Landry, Campbell) Attachment: Letter of Interest from Hon. Vicki Veenker
4f.	San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) Term expiring March 31, 2025 Attachment: Letter of Interest from Hon. Pat Showalter

5.	Appointments – No Letters of Interest Submitted
5a.	Measure A (2016 Housing Bond) Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee Term expiring 2/10/25 (Formerly held by Hon. Glenn Hendricks, Sunnyvale)
5b.	Redevelopment Dissolution Countywide Oversight Board for Santa Clara County – Alternate Position (No term expiration)
5c.	Recycling & Waste Reduction Commission (RWRC) – West Valley Cities (Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga) Term expiring 1/2023 (Formerly held by Hon. Mary-Lynne Bernald, Saratoga)
6.	Appointments – Tentative
	Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Alternate Position This seat will become available in the event that current Alternate Member Melton is appointed to the Primary Position Attachments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Letter of Interest from Hon. Rob Moore- Letter of Interest from Hon. Mark Turner

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NONAGENDIZED ITEMS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the City Selection Committee on any matter not on the agenda. State law prohibits the Board from discussing and/or acting on nonagenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to comment on an item on the agenda may do so in the following ways:

1. Email comments to audin@citiesassociation.org
 - Emails will be forwarded to the City Selection Committee
 - **IMPORTANT:** identify the Agenda Item number in the subject line of your email. All emails received will be entered into the record for the meeting.
2. Provide oral public comments during the meeting
3. Provide oral public comments virtually
 - When the Chair announces the item on which you wish to speak, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
 - When called to speak, please limit your comments to the time allotted (up to 3 minutes, at the discretion of the Chair).
 - Phone participants:
 - *6 - Toggle mute/unmute
 - *9 - Raise hand

ACCESSIBILITY

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Cities Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting via Zoom April 14, 2022 6:40 PM

(or immediately following adjournment of Legislative Action Committee meeting)

Meeting recording available on YouTube [here](#)
Agenda in Black / Minutes in Red

Discussion & action may be taken on any of the items below.

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL (Jones)

Members present:

Campbell	Gibbons
Cupertino	Paul
Gilroy	Leroe-Muñoz
Los Altos	Enander
Los Altos Hills	Mok
Los Gatos	Sayoc
Milpitas	Montano
Monte Sereno	Ellahie
Morgan Hill	Constantine
Mountain View	Hicks
Palo Alto	Burt
San José	Jones

Santa Clara	Jain
Saratoga	Walia
Sunnyvale	Klein

Members absent: None

Others in attendance:

- Joanne Benjamin, Acting Executive Director
- Audin Leung, Clerk
- Steve Preminger, Santa Clara County Office of the County Executive
- Dr. Sara Cody, Santa Clara County Public Health Director
- Damicela Calhoun, Santa Clara County Public Health Department
- Gary Baum, Counsel
- Dr. Tomás Aragón, California Dept. of Public Health Director
- Hon. Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View Councilmember
- Girish Balachandran, Silicon Valley Clean Energy CEO
- Hon. Rob Rennie, Los Gatos Mayor
- Hon. Anne Bybee, Campbell Councilmember
- Hon. Yvonne Martínez Beltrán, Morgan Hill Councilmember
- Hon. Sergio Lopez, Campbell Councilmember
- Hon. Bryan Mekechuk, Monte Sereno Councilmember
- Hon. Lydia Kou, Palo Alto Councilmember
- Hon. Hung Wei, Cupertino Councilmember
- Gretchen Paule, California Dept. of Public Health
- Raania Mohsen, Office of Vice Mayor Chappie Jones
- Hon. Jonathan Weinberg, Los Altos Councilmember
- Jim Suennen, California Dept. of Public Health
- Stephen Rosenblum, member of the public
- Bena Chang, Silicon Valley Clean Energy
- Joe Beninato, member of the public

1. Consent Agenda

Approval of January 13, 2022 City Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve consent agenda by Sayoc. Seconded by Leroe-Muñoz. Motion adopted 14-0-1-0.

Gibbons	AYE
Paul	AYE
Leroe-Muñoz	AYE
Enander	AYE
Mok	AYE
Sayoc	AYE
Montano	AYE
Ellahie	AYE
Constantine	AYE
Hicks	ABSTAIN
Burt	AYE
Jones	AYE
Jain	AYE
Walia	AYE
Klein	AYE

2. Appointments

2a. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

Appointment of two representatives

Seat 1: Current term expires June 30, 2022. New term begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2024.

Seat 2: Current term expires June 30, 2022. New term begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2024.

Current representatives are Hon. Liz Gibbons (Campbell), who is not seeking reappointment, and Hon. Neysa Fligor (Los Altos)

Motion by Jain to appoint Hon. Neysa Fligor (Los Altos) to Seat 1 and Hon. Yvonne Martínez Beltrán (Morgan Hill) to Seat 2 representing Santa Clara County cities on the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board. Seconded by Klein. Motion adopted 15-0-0-0.

Gibbons	AYE
Paul	AYE
Leroe-Muñoz	AYE
Enander	AYE
Mok	AYE
Sayoc	AYE
Montano	AYE
Ellahie	AYE
Constantine	AYE
Hicks	AYE
Burt	AYE
Jones	AYE
Jain	AYE
Walia	AYE
Klein	AYE

Appointment of two alternate representatives

Seat 1: Current term expires June 30, 2022. New term begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2024.

Seat 2: Current term expires June 30, 2022. New term begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2024.

Current alternate representatives are Hon. Lucas Ramirez (Mountain View) and Hon. Yvonne Martinez Beltran (Morgan Hill)

Motion by Jain to appoint Hon. Lucas Ramirez (Mountain View) to Seat 1 and Hon. Sergio Lopez (Campbell) to Seat 2 to serve as alternate representatives for the cities of Santa Clara County on the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board. Seconded by Leroe-Muñoz. Motion adopted 15-0-0-0.

Gibbons	AYE
Paul	AYE
Leroe-Muñoz	AYE
Enander	AYE

Mok	AYE
Sayoc	AYE
Montano	AYE
Ellahie	AYE
Constantine	AYE
Hicks	AYE
Burt	AYE
Jones	AYE
Jain	AYE
Walia	AYE
Klein	AYE

2b. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Planning Committee

Appointment of one representative
 Current term expires June 2022. New term begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2024.
 Current representative is Hon. Neysa Fligor (Los Altos)

Motion by Constantine to appoint Hon. Hung Wei (Cupertino) to the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Planning Committee. Seconded by Leroe-Muñoz.
 Motion adopted 15-0-0-1.

Gibbons	AYE
Paul	AYE
Leroe-Muñoz	AYE
Enander	AYE
Mok	AYE
Sayoc	ABSENT
Montano	AYE
Ellahie	AYE
Constantine	AYE
Hicks	AYE
Burt	AYE
Jones	AYE

Jain	AYE
Walia	AYE
Klein	AYE

2c. Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council (EOAC)

Nomination of one representative from the North County Cities (Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto)
 Current term expires June 23, 2022. New two-year term begins upon appointment by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.
 Current representative is Hon. Lydia Koh (Palo Alto)

Motion by Enander to nominate Hon. Jonathan Weinberg (Los Altos) to represent North County Cities on the Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council. Seconded by Gibbons. Motion adopted 15-0-0-0.

Gibbons	AYE
Paul	AYE
Leroe-Muñoz	AYE
Enander	AYE
Mok	AYE
Sayoc	AYE
Montano	AYE
Ellahie	AYE
Constantine	AYE
Hicks	AYE
Burt	AYE
Jones	AYE
Jain	AYE
Walia	AYE
Klein	AYE

2d. Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)

Appointment of one representative to complete term ending January 2023.
 Current representative, Mayor Rich Constantine (Morgan Hill), is vacating position

There were three candidates for this position: Hon. Bryan Mekechuk (Monte Sereno), Hon. Sergio Lopez (Campbell), and Hon. Yvonne Martínez Beltrán (Morgan Hill).

Per direction from the Chair, the Clerk took a roll call vote with all three candidates as options. Hon. Sergio Lopez received 8 votes, Hon. Bryan Mekechuk received 5 votes and Hon. Yvonne Martínez Beltrán received 2 votes. With the majority of votes, Hon. Sergio Lopez was appointed as representative of Santa Clara County cities to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Board of Directors.

The following votes were recorded:

Gibbons	LOPEZ
Paul	LOPEZ
Leroe-Muñoz	MARTINEZ BELTRAN
Enander	LOPEZ
Mok	MEKECHUK
RENNIE	MEKECHUK
Montano	LOPEZ
Ellahie	MEKECHUK
Constantine	MARTINEZ BELTRAN
Hicks	LOPEZ
Burt	LOPEZ
Jones	LOPEZ
Jain	MEKECHUK
WaLopezia	MEKECHUK
Klein	LOPEZ

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There were no speakers from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Audin Leung
Board Clerk

DRAFT

January 19, 2023

Cities Association of Santa Clara County
City Selection Committee
P.O. Box 3144
Los Altos, CA 94024

Dear Members of the City Selection Committee,

Please accept my letter of interest for appointment as the Cities Association's Primary Representative to Santa Clara Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC).

Larry Klein
Mayor

Omar Din
Vice Mayor

Russ Melton
Councilmember

Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember

Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember

Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember

Linda Sell
Councilmember

It has been an honor to serve for the past five years as Alternate to the Cities Association's previous appointee, Glenn Hendricks. During this time, I have attended roughly half of ALUC's public hearings as a voting member.

Each county is required by State law to have an ALUC. The County of Santa Clara has five airports and the Santa Clara ALUC has adopted a Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) for each. CLUPs specify maximum building heights and densities within specified radiuses around each airport, with a primary goal of ensuring safety of people on the ground and that noise within the CLUP boundaries does not exceed certain thresholds. A city wishing to adopt or amend its land use plans or zoning codes within the boundary of a CLUP is required to apply to the ALUC for a so-called determination of consistency, which is the responsibility of the Commission¹.

During the past five years, I have developed expertise on ALUC. I also have a deep appreciation for what it does not do. This allows me to help ALUC stay focused on its core function. For example, ALUC is not responsible for:

- Operations within an airport, which is the jurisdiction of each airport's governing agency
- Airplane flight patterns, air traffic control, and/or airplane noise, which are the jurisdiction of the FAA

¹ Notably, the City of San Jose has the ability to override, via a Council supermajority vote, a decision made by the ALUC

- Any air pollution arising from airport operations, which is the jurisdiction of BAAQMD

If appointed, my commitment to the Cities Association is that the ALUC will quickly and diligently handle applications for consistency determinations, and to always be mindful of the important safety goals that come with adherence to the CLUPs.

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, City of Sunnyvale

Hello,

This message serves as my letter of interest to continue serving on the BAAQMD Board of Directors for a full term.

I was appointed to the BAAQMD Board of Directors in April of 2022. Since that time, I have taken on a leadership role with the Air District, including serving on the Legislative and Community Equity Health and Justice Committees. I have worked to connect our County and cities with grants from BAAQMD to aid with public health and climate resiliency efforts. Additionally, I served in a leadership role as part of the subcommittee leading the appointment of a new executive officer for the Air District.

This year, I am continuing my leadership on the Board, tentatively appointed as a member of the Finance and Administration Committee, as well as Vice Chair of the Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee.

I currently serve as Councilmember for the City of Campbell, with deep experience in regional governance, and have worked professionally at all levels of government, including local, state, and federal.

As a proud first-generation college graduate and the child of immigrants, I graduated Yale University and Duke Divinity School, and attend the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. My work on public policy thought leadership and research on American history has been published in *TIME* magazine, *Sacramento Bee*, *America*, *National Catholic Reporter*, *Teen Vogue*, and more.

I would be thrilled to build upon the work of the past year to continue serving the residents of Santa Clara County on the important issues before the Air District.

I am available at sergiol@campbellca.gov or 408-660-0547. Thank you for your consideration.

Sergio Lopez

Councilmember

City of Campbell

(408) 660-0547



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January 9, 2023

Dear Cities Association Selection Committee Members,

I am humbly writing to request your re-appointment to represent you and the cities of Santa Clara County on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board.

The board is highly technical and it requires more than a year to come up to speed and be a high functioning board member. I was appointed to the last 2 years of Rod Sinks 4-year term and have now been on the board for 2 years. After serving on the sub committees of Mobile Source, Stationary Source, Legislative, and Technical Advisory, I am now quite knowledgeable and able to perform at a high level on this board.

Additionally, Santa Clara County has had a lot of turnover amongst its 4 representatives on the board. Rich Constantine and I were new 2 years ago, Rich left the board last year and was replaced by Sergio Lopez, and Cindy Chavez left the board last year and was replaced by Otto Lee. Margaret Abe Koga is the only representative with more than 2 years of experience on the board. I believe it is important at this time to limit further turnover of the representation from Santa Clara County.

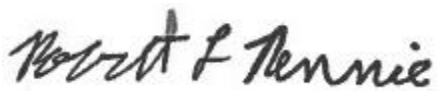
I include below my qualifications by which I was originally appointed. During the Cities Association deliberation, technical background and skills were the main arguments made by committee members for my appointment:

- 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 by being the first to offer 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 particular 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Rennie". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

ROB RENNIE
Council Member

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Dear City Selection Committee Members,

I am a Council Member for the City of Palo Alto and respectfully seek the honor of your appointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

I earned my BS in Biochemistry because of a deep curiosity and respect for organic life, a desire to promote health, and an interest in understanding the impact of our environment. I was raised in a home that cared deeply about the air we breathe – my father was a professor of Public Health and interacted frequently with the American Lung Association; in fact, his first doctoral student became their president. As an adult, I became a patent lawyer and have litigated life science patent cases starting 35 years ago.

More broadly, my background with respect to environmental and climate issues includes:

- a. After coursework in environmental law at Georgetown Law School, I performed pro bono work early in my legal career for the Natural Resources Defense Council related to disposal of toxins.
- b. After I moved to California, I performed pro bono work for the Earth Environmental Tithing Trust.
- c. In 2016, I ran on protecting the environment and climate action during my campaign for the State Assembly. I was honored to earn an endorsement from the Sierra Club and the California League of Conservation Voters (now California Environmental Voters). I also earned endorsements from the California Environmental Justice Alliance and environmental leaders including former Congressman Pete McCloskey and former State Senators Byron Sher and Fran Pavley.
- d. In November 2022, I ran for the Palo Alto City Council and was the only candidate endorsed by both the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters. As a Council Member, I will be serving on the City's S/CAP Committee and the Joint Palo Alto/Santa Clara Valley Water District Recycling Committee.
- e. On a personal note, I have driven an EV since 2015 and my husband drives a plug-in hybrid. In fact, in 2017 I wrote a blog entitled "Two in a Tesla" about driving across the country with my daughter in an EV at a time when people seriously wondered if it could be done. It's hard to imagine now, but people would walk up to us at charging stations, tell us they'd never seen an EV before, and ask questions like, "does it have trouble going uphill?"

I am eager to use my knowledge of chemistry and biology, background with environmental issues, and experience evaluating expert opinions and data to address issues before the BAAQMD Board. I have litigated patent cases in courts across the country, primarily related to biotechnology and medical devices. A big part of that was analyzing the views of competing expert witnesses. My years of experience analyzing technical reports and competing views, would be a useful asset in this role.

In addition, I will be serving simultaneously on Palo Alto's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan Committee, which would create natural synergies with the work of BAAQMD. Palo Alto has the country's top electric vehicle adoption rate. The City's strategies to support EV use is directly applicable to BAAQMD's goal to reduce mobile source emissions.

As a patent lawyer, I have honed the art of being a quick study on technical issues. I have also made a career of understanding and catalyzing innovation. I believe this skillset would be an asset on the BAAQMD Board and equips me well to get up to speed quickly on the complex issues that come before it.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at vicki@vickiforcouncil.com if you would like any additional information. It would be an honor to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully,

Vicki Veenker

Council Member
City of Palo Alto



January 19, 2023

Cities Association of Santa Clara County
City Selection Committee
P.O. Box 3144
Los Altos, CA 94024

Dear Members of the City Selection Committee,

Please accept my letter of interest for appointment as the Cities Association’s Primary Representative to Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

It has been an honor to serve as the Cities Association’s Alternate Representative to LAFCO for the past six years, during which time I have attended nearly every public hearing. Since March 2019, I have also served LAFCO as Chair of the Finance Subcommittee.

LAFCO is unique as a State Agency with the County of Santa Clara as its jurisdiction. 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, originally adopted by the Legislature in 1963 to promote good governance and curb urban sprawl. 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 at the Legislature’s “watchdog institutions” in carrying out the State’s power to regulate local government boundaries. I take LAFCO’s mandate seriously and my pledge to the Cities Association is to diligently consider each

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Richard Mehlinger
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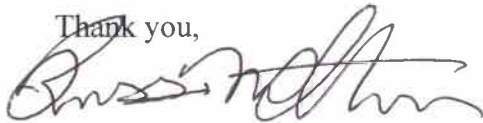
Linda Sell
Councilmember

application with it in mind. Each of our Cities has a Climate Action Plan, all of which benefit by votes taken at LAFCO that are in line with 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 will be happy to answer any questions regarding my application and I appreciate the consideration of the City Selection Committee.

Thank you,



Russ Melton
Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale

Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Selection Committee Members
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January 26, 2023

Dear Members of the Cities Selection Committee.

I write to express my interest in being reappointed to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

I have had the opportunity to serve as the MTC appointee for the last two years where I have worked hard to represent the transportation interests of all the cities in Santa Clara County, fought for our County's fair share of State and Federal transportation dollars, advocated for ways to improve our regional transit system and advance capital projects.

The last two years have primarily been focused on getting through and recovering from the COVID pandemic. We all know that the pandemic diminished ridership immensely and put many of our transit agencies in deep financial jeopardy. I worked hard with my colleagues on MTC to disperse Federal and State relief funds equitably and worked doubly hard to make sure our County received its fair share. As VTA faced added challenges due to the shooting tragedy in 2021, I advocated for, and was successful in obtaining an extra \$28M for VTA to address the hardships resulting from the tragedy. I've fought for funding for the BART Extension Phase II, Caltrain electrification, expansion of our express lanes, and restoring bus and rail service.

I have been an active member of MTC, serving in several committees, as Vice Chair of the Bridge and Toll Authority (BATA) Committee, and on the Ad Hoc Committee to recruit and appoint a new Executive Director since our current Director, Therese MacMillan, will be retiring in February. The Ad Hoc Committee is in the middle of our work and is expected to appoint someone in the next several weeks.

I have discovered that there is a steep learning curve to serving on MTC and have worked hard to learn and understand the issues at hand. The Commission is also at a critical juncture as we work to reimagine transit/transportation post-pandemic along with having to appoint a new Executive Director. Given that there are many works in progress that I have been deeply involved with, I believe my continuing on MTC would be most beneficial to representing Santa Clara County as well as the Commission. I have had an excellent relationship working with the other members of our South Bay Delegation – County Supervisor Cindy Chavez and Former San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. I expect to continue in the same way with Supervisor Chavez and forge a strong working relationship with new San Jose Mayor Mahan. I have also been asked to take on more leadership roles should I be reappointed which illustrates my positive relationship with the other MTC commissioners.

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. 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 would be honored to have your support for re-appointment to MTC.

Finally, should I have the benefit of being reappointed, I would ask that my term be considered a full four-year term that would expire at the end of 2024 when I term off of the Mountain View City Council. With such a conversion, my successor would be able to start a new full four-year term when I vacate the position in 2024.

Sincerely,

Margaret Abe-Koga
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Councilmember, City of Mountain View

Dear Members of the City Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

I was elected to the City Council in Saratoga in November 2022, and would bring a fresh perspective as a young advocate representing the various cities in Santa Clara County at the MTC. I'm born and raised in the Bay Area, and have a variety of experiences that would make me an excellent candidate:

1. Traffic Safety Commission, Saratoga: For five years I served on Saratoga's Traffic Safety Commission, where I worked with residents, city staff, engineers and various public agencies to address resident concerns related to traffic safety. I have worked on over 100 locations across the city and worked through staff to engage with neighboring cities on shared conflict areas. I led the Commission twice.
2. Transbay Joint Powers Authority, Vice Chair of CAC: For five years I served on the CAC for the Transbay Joint Powers Authority as the Caltrain representative, and presented to the board numerous times. I served as Vice Chair for the last three years after declining to run for the Chair position. As part of my work at the TJPA, I saw the opening, closing and reopening of the Salesforce Transit Center firsthand, and worked closely with TJPA staff to prioritize and seek funding for the TJPA's ambitious DTX goals over the coming decade. I also gained a regional perspective on the interoperability of various agencies.
3. Lifelong Public Transit Advocate: I might only be 36, but I'm a lifelong fan of public transit. I've lived in the South Bay, East Bay and San Francisco, and have traveled to 30+ countries while taking public transit wherever I go to best understand the experience in various countries. High quality public transit can help save our planet and make our lives better. How many hours have we all lost sitting in traffic on 101 or 237? Safety in transit is also a personal value of mine: I am a former member of the Flight Safety Foundation.

I'd be humbled and honored if appointed to the MTC, and thank you for considering my candidacy.

Best,
Belal Aftab
Councilmember, City of Saratoga

January 9, 2023

Cities Association Selection Committee and Board,

I request consideration for appointment as the Cities Association representative to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Although I was recently elected to the Campbell City Council, I previously served for over 14 years on the Council. I have continued to follow the work of MTC, and I realize the importance of Regional Planning Agencies in planning and funding transportation projects for the nine-county, 101-metropolitan area surrounding the San Francisco Bay Area. I previously served on the VTA Policy Advisory Board, and for several years I served on the Executive Board of ABAG. I understand the responsibilities of the joint work of MTC and ABAG. MTC also considers the positions of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board in their transportation-housing planning and funding.

It is important as a representative of the Cities Association to advocate for funding of programs and projects in Santa Clara County and the fifteen cities that are within California's sixth largest county. The compact nature of the cities within our county demands that we have our fair share of funding to plan for the expected increase in the number of housing units and increased population, which will need adequate transportation routes and comprehensive regional planning. I am also aware that policies and state funding may change in the new year as well as new Federal programs and guidelines. As a veteran and an Army officer who served in senior leadership positions, I am confident I can meet these new challenges.

If selected for this position, I will collaborate with leadership from our cities and the other representatives on the Board from Santa Clara County. I want to have the best information available to do this job. It would be my intention to make regular reports to the Cities Association.

Sincerely,

Dan Furtado

Dear City Selection Committee Members,

I am a Council Member for the City of Palo Alto and respectfully seek the honor of your appointment to the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County.

I have a longstanding interest in our environment. When I started my career as a patent lawyer in New York City in the late 1980s, I volunteered to do pro bono work for the Natural Resources Defense Council. I was assigned to litigation related to the disposal of toxins and I recall pouring over the Solid Waste Disposal Act. I was able to understand and evaluate the underlying technical issues because I hold a BS in Biochemistry.

I worked in Manhattan in the early years of recycling. As a young associate, I convinced my law firm to partner with We Can, a nonprofit that collected aluminum soda cans. The firm agreed to put cardboard collection boxes in the lunch rooms of our Manhattan skyscraper. I am pleased today to see how recycling has grown and that more and more residents embrace the need to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

More broadly, my background with respect to environmental and climate issues includes:

- a. Coursework in environmental law at Georgetown Law School.
- b. In 2016, I ran on protecting the environment and climate action during my campaign for the State Assembly. I was honored to earn an endorsement from the Sierra Club and the California League of Conservation Voters (now California Environmental Voters). I also earned endorsements from the California Environmental Justice Alliance and environmental leaders including former Congressman Pete McCloskey and former State Senators Byron Sher and Fran Pavley.
- c. In November 2022, I ran for the Palo Alto City Council and was the only candidate endorsed by both the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters. As a Council Member, I will be serving on the City's S/CAP Committee and the Joint Palo Alto/Santa Clara Valley Water District Recycling Committee.

I have litigated life science patent cases for several decades now and am eager to use my knowledge of chemistry and biology, background with environmental issues, and experience evaluating expert opinions and data on the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission. I have litigated patent cases in courts across the country, primarily related to biotechnology and medical devices. Those cases involved analyzing the views of competing expert witnesses. My years of experience analyzing technical reports and competing views would be a useful asset in this position.

In addition, I will be serving simultaneously on Palo Alto's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan Committee, which would create natural synergies with the work of this commission.

As a patent lawyer, I have honed the art of being a quick study on technical issues. I have also made a career of understanding and catalyzing innovation. I believe this skillset would be an asset on the RWRC and equips me well to get up to speed quickly on the complex issues that come before it.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at vicki@vickiforcouncil.com if you would like any additional information. It would be an honor to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully,

Vicki Veenker

Council Member
City of Palo Alto

Re: Recommendation to ABAG for Appointment
to the San Francisco Restoration Authority

February 6, 2023

Dear Cities Association Selection Committee,

Please consider me for the seat on the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority opened by Sally Lieber's resignation. It was my honor to serve on the Restoration Authority from 2015 to 2017 and assist with the passage of Measure AA. The grants the Bay Restoration Authority issues with the funds collected by the Measure AA parcel tax are vital to restore Bay habitat and provide protection from sea level rise with nature-based solutions. It would be an honor to serve on the Restoration Authority again.

I have served on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) since 2016 as an ABAG appointee, alternate and now as the Senate Rules Appointee. By serving on the Environmental Justice and Bay Fill Working Groups, I have helped develop modernized policies. BCDC and the Restoration Authority collaborate on many issues.

As an environmentalist, I'm passionate about wetland restoration around San Francisco Bay for the incredible habitat it produces. As a civil engineer, I'm passionate about that same wetland restoration for the protections it provides against climate change induced sea level rise and tidal flooding. As a resident, I am also passionate about the public access restoration provides for hiking and biking along the Bay.

San Francisco Bay belongs to all residents- past, current and future, so we need to protect and enhance it. As we face the impacts of Climate Change, lots of infrastructure will be needed to protect surrounding communities from sea level rise and tidal flooding. Fortunately, most restoration efforts, such as the South Bay Salt Pond Program along the Santa Clara County shoreline, serve as soft infrastructure that protects from sea level rise and provides important habitat.

As outlined in my resume, the last 20 years of my professional experience focused on environmental restoration projects that require working collaboratively with many agencies and stakeholders. For 5 years, I represented the Santa Clara Valley Water District on the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Program's Project Management Team . Staff from 6 partner agencies met monthly to work out policy, operational, science and funding issues. This experience educated me about wetland restoration and the funding and regional oversight it requires. Before joining ValleyWater, I managed the San Francisco Watershed Council and helped found the San Francisco Joint Powers Authority.

In summary, my technical expertise as an engineer and my experience on BCDC would provide value to the Bay Restoration Authority. I understand the importance of wetland restoration habitat, flood protection and recreation. I respectfully ask for your recommendation.

Sincerely,



Pat Showalter, PE

Vice Mayor

City of Mountain View

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SUMMARY: Climate Resilience and Housing advocate. Vice Mayor of Mountain View for 2023. Served on Mountain View City Council from 2015-2018, as Mayor in 2016 and re-elected in 2020. Professional Engineer who dedicated career and public service to protecting and advocating for the Bay Area environment. Started career as hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey, served as director for the non-profit San Francisco Creek Watershed Council, and retired after 15 years with the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Specialized in multi-agency projects like the Valley Habitat Plan and the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration. Active in IFPTE Local 21.

EDUCATION: University of California, Berkeley - **M.S.** in Civil Engineering (Geotechnical)
Mount Holyoke College - **A.B.** in Geology and History
Princeton University - Visiting Student

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2003 to May 2017 **Santa Clara Valley Water District** **Senior Project Manager** San Jose, CA
Retirement

Extensive experience managing multi-agency collaborations and representing the SCVWD on various initiatives including:

- Salt Pond Restoration Projects:
 - Represented SCVWD on Project Management Team of multi-agency efforts related to the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration
 - Led project to restore Alviso Salt Ponds A5-A8 including scientific oversight of numerous investigations required to answer permitting questions.
 - Led effort to reconnect Calabasas and San Tomas Creek to Bay.
- Running SCVWD's Community Rating System, a program that saves county residents more than \$2M/year through flood insurance premium discounts.
- Providing bi-monthly flood policy updates to District Management.
- Representing SCVWD on the Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission's Technical Advisory Committee.
- Leading effort to secure Endangered Species Act Permits for SCVWD activities through development of 2 Habitat Conservation Plans.
 - Water supply HCP was drafted as part of managing Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE), a program to resolve challenge to the SCVWD's water rights by extensive stream restoration and reoperation of reservoirs.
 - For 24 non- aquatic species, an HCP was developed in partnership with the County of Santa Clara, Valley Transportation Authority, cities of San Jose, Gilroy and Morgan Hill. Adopted in 2013, this 50-year plan is being implemented by the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan Agency.
- Representing District on technical committees related to State and Federal Water Contracts, particularly related to environmental issues.
- Leading completion of the district's Water Management Plan required by the Bureau of Reclamation under Central Valley Project Improvement Act for all water contractors. Worked with other federal water contractors to increase transparency of environmental fee usage and effectiveness.

2001 to 2003 **Santa Clara Valley Water District** **Senior Engineer**

Represented District on the San Francisquito Watershed Council and provided staff support for the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (JPA). Leadership allowed for on-

time construction of JPA floodwall replacement and levee restoration project, a collaboration between 6 agencies.

1997 to 2001 **San Francisquito Creek Watershed Council** **Coordinator** Palo Alto, CA
a program of Acterra

Led watershed alliance of 23 signatory stakeholder groups. Provided expertise on broad range of environmental issues, zoning requirements, project requirements, habitat restoration, and permitting. Led the Steering Committee, the Watershed Council’s monthly forum and governing body. Took lead role in establishment of Joint Powers Authority. Secured \$500K in grants from private foundations and government. Established collaboration with US Geological Survey on land-use policy development. Administered grant programs. Chaired Department of Fish and Game’s Citizen’s Advisory Committee for the 2000 California Coastal Salmon Recovery Grant Program.

1980 to 1987 **US Geological Survey** **Hydrologist** Menlo Park, CA

Managed cooperation between Monterey County Flood Control District, San Luis Obispo County and Regional Water Quality Control Board to develop a comprehensive ground and surface water monitoring network for the Salinas River Basin. Project chief for program with Santa Clara Valley Water District to assess quality of water used to recharge regional aquifers.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP:

2019 to 2020	Santa Clara County Roads Commission Alta Housing Corporation Carbon Free Mountain View Cooper Park Neighborhood Association	Commissioner Board Member Board Member President
2018 to 2019	National League of Cities	Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee
2017 to present	Water Now Alliance	Board Member
2016 thru 2018	Santa Clara County Recycling & Waste Reduction Commission	Commissioner
2016 thru 2018	Santa Clara Cities Association	Board Member, Legislative Action Chair, 2nd Vice President
2016 to present	San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission	Commissioner & Alternate; Environmental Justice & Bay Fill Committees
2015 to 2017	San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority	Governing Board Member
2015 to 2019 2021 to present	Mountain View City Council	Vice Mayor (2023); Mayor (2016)
2000 to 2014	Santa Clara League of Conservation Voters	Board Member
2003 to 2014	Los Altos-Mountain View League of Women Voters	Natural Resources Chair
1994 to 2002	Environmental Planning Commission City of Mountain View	Vice-Chair (1996), and Chair (1997)

REGISTRATION: Professional Civil Engineer, California, #33556

Cities Association of Santa Clara County
City Selection Committee
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February 3, 2023

Dear Cities Association Selection Committee Members,

I am writing to respectfully request for my appointment to represent you and the cities of Santa Clara County as the Cities Association's Alternate Commissioner to Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

I would first like to contextualize my letter of interest. I am submitting this letter conditionally, under the assumption that the current LAFCO Alternate Commissioner, Russ Melton, is appointed to the Primary Commissioner position. As of Friday, Commissioner Melton is the only applicant for the Primary Commissioner vacancy. I am not and will not challenge Commissioner Melton for the Alternate seat if circumstances change. My understanding is that during the Cities Selection Committee Meeting two years ago, the Alternate seat was filled immediately, hence my application for the Alternate Commissioner seat in advance of an official vacancy.

As a lifelong environmentalist and a conservation professional, I see LAFCO as an integral body to create the best possible future for Santa Clara County. LAFCO specifically focuses on promoting “sustainable growth and good governance.” I deeply value LAFCO’s mission of minimizing sprawl, preserving open space, encouraging efficiency of services, fiscal sustainability, and accountability and transparency.

I believe I will bring a unique and valuable perspective to LAFCO. I have been involved with environmental protection and conservation for my entire professional career. Some of my environmental experiences include running large scale environmental campaign to ban fracking in San Luis Obispo County, spearheading and overseeing the creation of a 30 member Climate Action Corps in Santa Clara County, and facilitating the partnerships required with the City of San Jose to implement the Resilience Corps program, a first of its kind sustainability-focused work program to support hundreds of unemployed and underemployed young adults.

Correspondingly, I am supportive of sustainable growth and recognize the real need to build more housing. I have been intimately involved in the General Plan and Housing Element processes in Los Gatos, where I have fought against hillside development and for the creation of more dense, more sustainable housing throughout the community. I believe these experiences, among others, complement LAFCO’s goals of curbing sprawl and preserving open space well.

When I ran for office, one of my primary goals was to “protect our natural environment and open space.” I feel that I am well suited for this appointment and I humbly ask for your support.

In community,

Rob Moore
Los Gatos Town Councilmember



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February 8, 2023

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Dear Members of the City Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the Cities Association (Primary or Alternate) Representative to Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

I have over a decade of involvement in the South County region, and I was recently elected Mayor of the City of Morgan Hill. Prior to serving as the Morgan Hill Mayor, I was the President/CEO of the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce leading initiatives to help with legislative advocacy at the local, regional, and state level and economic development and sustainability to support the development of vibrant communities.

In 2020, I was presented the Chamber Executive of the Year Award from the Western Association of Chamber Executives (W.A.C.E.). W.A.C.E. is the largest state or regional association of chamber of commerce executives in the United States. I was also the Chair of the Silicon Valley Chamber Coalition consisting of 18 Chambers of Commerce in and around Silicon Valley.

Aside from my professional experience, I have lived in Morgan Hill since 1992 and have extensive experience serving on several Boards such as: the Morgan Hill Community Foundation, Gilroy Police Foundation, Gilroy Economic Development Corporation, and Visit Gilroy. Also, I have been appointed to serve on the Caltrain Local Policy Maker Group and the Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority. Additionally, I have helped to raise funds for the Community Foundation, Wreaths Across America, Morgan Hill Spirit Softball, St. Louise Regional Hospital Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Operation Freedom Paws, DreamPower Horsemanship, South Valley Wine Auction, Pratham USA, Cystic Fibrosis-Northern California Chapter, and Morgan Hill schools just to name a few.

Based on my experience, and collaborative personality, I am confident I would represent the Cities Association of Santa Clara County very well as a LAFCO Commissioner - enthusiastically contributing to sustainable growth decisions and ensuring trusted governance.

Sincerely,

Mark Turner, Mayor