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Cities Association of Santa Clara County
City Selection Committee
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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