



**REGULAR MEETING**  
**City Selection Committee**

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

**FEBRUARY 8, 2024**  
**5:30 PM**

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**Meeting Information:**

- *Board meetings are open to the public at the location shown above.*
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## WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER – (Klein)

## ROLL CALL (Jameson, County Clerk)

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NONAGENDIZED ITEMS

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## AGENDA

### 1. Consent Agenda (Klein)

- a. Approve Minutes from City Selection Committee Meeting on May 11, 2023

### 2. Selection of Vice Chair for City Selection Committee: Action (Klein)

### 3. Appointments: Action (Klein)

#### a. Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

*Per ALUC Bylaws, two (2) [seats] representing the cities, appointed by the city selection committee; at least one, and preferably both, of these members must represent a city adjacent to an airport.*

- i. Seat 6
- ii. Seat 7

[Letter of Interest from Russ Melton](#)

#### b. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

- i. Seat (a)
- ii. Seat (b)

[Letters of Interest from Neysa Fligor, Dan Furtado, & Yvonne Martinez Beltran](#)

- iii. Alternate (a)
- iv. Alternate (b)

[Letter of Interest from Emily Ann Ramos](#)

#### c. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Planning Committee

- i. Seat

#### d. Sourcewise Advisory Council

- i. Seat

#### e. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

- i. Seat

[Letter of Interest from Russ Melton](#)

- ii. Alternate

[Letters of Interest from Zach Hilton, & Mark Turner](#)

#### f. Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council (EOAC)

- i. Seat 6 Alternate Representing Central County Cities (Milpitas, Santa Clara & Sunnyvale)
- ii. Seat 7: North County Cities (Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos & Los Altos Hills)

#### g. Recycling Waste & Reduction Commission (RWRC)

*Per RWRC Bylaws, each Commission member may designate from among the elected officials of its council, board, or eligible cities an alternate representative to serve in absence of the regular member. Alternates may serve on subcommittees, and/or ad hoc task forces.*

- i. Seat: Member-at-Large

[Letter of Interest from Kathy Watanabe](#)

- ii. Seat: South County Cities (Gilroy or Morgan Hill)

**ADJOURN (Klein)**

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## Cities Selection Committee SPECIAL MEETING *(Please note the special starting time for this meeting)*

### Agenda

**5:30 PM – May 11, 2023**

Mountain View City Hall Plaza Conference Room  
500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041

Agenda in black/**Minutes in Red**

Meeting recording available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtEjZ3P5S-U>

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## WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

### Members in attendance (11/15):

- Margaret Abe-Koga (alternate for Alison Hicks, Mountain View)
- Anne Bybee (Campbell)
- Kookie Fitzsimmons (Saratoga)
- Lisa Gillmor (Santa Clara)
- Rosemary Kamei (San Jose) (arrived late)
- Larry Klein (Sunnyvale)
- Lydia Kou (Palo Alto)
- Sally Meadows (Los Altos)
- Carmen Montano (Milpitas)
- Mark Turner (Morgan Hill) (arrived late)
- Hung Wei (Cupertino)

### Members absent (4/15):

- Marie Blankley (Gilroy)
- Bryan Mekechuk (Monte Sereno)
- Stanley Mok (Los Altos Hills)
- Rob Rennie (Los Gatos)

### Others in attendance:

- Neysa Fligor (Los Altos)
- Dan Furtado (Campbell, via Zoom)
- Mathew Hudes \*(Los Gatos)
- Michele Neighbors, SCC Clerk of the Board
- Vaishali Sirkay, CASCC Executive Director

## AGENDA

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| <b>1. Consent Agenda</b> |
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<p>1a. Approval of February 9, 2023 City Selection Committee Meeting Minutes  <b>Motion to approve February 9, 2023 minutes with suggested changes (change Tina Walia to Kookie Fitzsimmons in attendance) made by Meadows. Seconded by Gillmor. Motion adopted 9-0-0 (Turner and Kamei not present for vote).</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="318 457 727 823"> <tr><td>Abe-Koga</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Bybee</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Fitzsimmons</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Gillmor</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Klein</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Kou</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Meadows</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Montano</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Wei</td><td>AYE</td></tr> </table>	Abe-Koga	AYE	Bybee	AYE	Fitzsimmons	AYE	Gillmor	AYE	Klein	AYE	Kou	AYE	Meadows	AYE	Montano	AYE	Wei	AYE
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<p><b>2. Appointments</b></p>																		
<p><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, <b>all appointees of the CSC must be an elected official.</b> Appointments end on the date a representative ceases to be an elected official.</i></p>																		
<p>2a. <b>Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission (RWRC)</b>                  South County Seat (Gilroy or Morgan Hill)  <i>Fulfilment of current term which ends Dec 2024</i>  <b>(no nominations for this seat)</b></p>																		
<p>2b. <b>Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission (RWRC)</b>                  Central County Seat (Milpitas or Santa Clara)  <i>6-year term beginning on Nov 1, 2023</i>  <b>Motion to appoint Montano by Gillmor and seconded by Meadows. Motion adopted 9-0-0 (Turner and Kamei not present for vote).</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="318 1537 727 1860"> <tr><td>Abe-Koga</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Bybee</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Fitzsimmons</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Gillmor</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Klein</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Kou</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Meadows</td><td>AYE</td></tr> <tr><td>Montano</td><td>AYE</td></tr> </table>	Abe-Koga	AYE	Bybee	AYE	Fitzsimmons	AYE	Gillmor	AYE	Klein	AYE	Kou	AYE	Meadows	AYE	Montano	AYE		
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2c. **Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council (EOAC)**

Seat 5 (Primary Appointee)

(representing West Valley Cities (Cupertino, Los Gatos, Campbell, Saratoga and Mountain View) and South County Cities (Gilroy and Morgan Hill))

*2-year term starting on July 1, 2023*

There were two candidates for this position: Hon. Mathew Hudes (Los Gatos) and Hon. Dan Furtado (Campbell).

As per direction from the Chair, Clerk took a roll call vote with both candidates as options. Hon. Mathew Hudes received 5 votes and Hon. Dan Furtado received 6 votes. With the majority of votes, Hon. Dan Furtado was appointed to Seat 5 (primary position) for the SCC EOAC.

Abe-Koga	Hudes
Bybee	Furtado
Fitzsimmons	Hudes
Gillmor	Furtado
Kamei	Furtado
Klein	Hudes
Kou	Furtado
Meadows	Furtado
Montano	Hudes
Turner	Furtado
Wei	Hudes

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

Seat 5 (Alternate Appointee)

(representing West Valley Cities (Cupertino, Los Gatos, Campbell, Saratoga and Mountain View) and South County Cities (Gilroy and Morgan Hill))

*2-year term starting on July 1, 2023*

Motion to appoint Hudes to Seat 5 alternate position by Abe-Koga and seconded by Kamei. Motion adopted 11-0-0

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Gillmor	AYE
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2e. **Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council (EOAC)**  
 Seat 6 (Primary Appointee)  
 (representing Central County Cities (Milpitas, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale))

*2-year term starting on July 1, 2023*

Motion to appoint Kathy Watanabe (Santa Clara) by Gillmor and seconded by Kamei. Motion adopted 11-0-0

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2f. **Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council (EOAC)**  
 Seat 6 (Alternate Appointee)  
 (representing Central County Cities (Milpitas, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale))

*2-year term starting on July 1, 2023*

Motion to appoint Montano by Gillmor and seconded by Kamei. Motion adopted 11-0-0

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2g. **Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council (EOAC)**  
 Seat 7 (Primary Appointee)  
 (representing North County Cities (Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills))

*2-year term starting on July 1, 2023*

Motion to appoint Jonathan Weinberg (Los Altos) by Meadows and seconded by Wei. Motion adopted 11-0-0

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2h. **Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council (EOAC)**  
 Seat 7 (Alternate Appointee)  
 (representing North County Cities (Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills))

*2-year term starting on July 1, 2023*

Motion to appoint Meadows by Wei and seconded by Gillmor. Motion adopted 11-0-0

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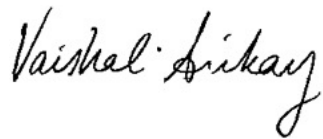
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### ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Vaishali Sirkay, Executive Director, CASCC

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February 1, 2024

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 re-appointment as the Cities Association's Primary Representative to Santa Clara Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC).

Larry Klein  
Mayor

Murali Srinivasan  
Vice Mayor

Russ Melton  
Councilmember

Alysa Cisneros  
Councilmember

Omar Din  
Councilmember

Richard Mehlinger  
Councilmember

Linda Sell  
Councilmember

It has been an honor to serve the Cities Association on the ALUC Board. Prior to my appointment last year, I served several years as Alternate to the Cities Association's previous appointee, Glenn Hendricks.

Each county is required by California 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 Commission<sup>1</sup>.

During the past six years, I have developed expertise on ALUC. I also have a deep appreciation not only for what it does, but also 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Thank you,



Russ Melton

Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale

## Neysa Fligor

### Reappointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (“ABAG”) Executive Board

Dear City Selection Committee Members,

I respectfully request reappointment to the ABAG Executive Board (“ABAG Board”) as a representative for the cities of Santa Clara County. My experience as the representative since 2020 and serving on different ABAG committees has given me an opportunity to deepen my understanding of ABAG and develop relationships with staff and representatives from across the region, all of which have been and would continue to be beneficial in advancing the interests of our cities.

As a result of my work and leadership on the ABAG Board, the President appointed me to serve on the Administrative Committee and the Housing Committee and then was selected as the Vice Chair of the Housing Committee last year. Of note, the Housing Committee plays a key role in the analysis related to the potential housing bond measure being considered for the November 2024 ballot measure, and I have been able to contribute and provide insight on how such a measure could impact the Santa Clara County cities.

Finally, if I am given the opportunity to continue representing our cities on the ABAG Board, it will ensure continuity and consistency and I would build on the relationships, knowledge and experience I have developed to effectively represent our cities. I would be honored to continue serving on the ABAG Board. Thank you for considering my application.

Best,  
Neysa  
Councilmember/Former Mayor, City of Los Altos

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**Neysa Fligor** | Councilmember, City of Los Altos

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January 2024

Dear Cities Association Selection Committee,

I am a Councilwoman in the City of Morgan Hill. I would like to express my deep interest in continuing to serve as an ABAG Executive Board primary appointment. I served as the ABAG General Assembly for 3 years and as the alternate representative for Cities Association for a year. Recently, I was honored to receive the appointment as the Cities Association primary representative and now hope to be re-appointed.

ABAG's work on regional housing and shared interest in transportation is of great interest to me as we work through the myriad of challenges faced by our region, cities and communities and complements my professional background and experience. I've served on the League of Cities HCED (Housing and Economic Development Policy Committee) for years and now serve as Chair of the committee. I am the City representative for the HCDAC (Housing Community Development Advisory Committee). I have followed housing conversations on RHNA, environment and transportation, and am interested in how we will balance it all, fund and build housing and ensure our communities thrive.

I grew up in a small town, suburban Morgan Hill yet studied Urban Planning in New York, the most dense city in the United States. I understand and appreciate the challenges for small cities with the lack of transportation and infrastructure as well as the difficulty of large cities building housing with crowding and lack of sites. This has provided me with a varied background and perspective that we need a balanced regional approach.

I appreciate the great work you all do and ask for your support in re-appointing me to the ABAG Executive Board.

In Community,

Yvonne Martinez Beltran



January 17, 2023


City Selection Committee  
Cities Association of Santa Clara County

I request an appointment to the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments. I had the opportunity to represent the City of Campbell to the ABAG General Assembly when I served on the City Council from 1996 to 2010. I served as the Cities Association representative to the Executive Board of ABAG, starting in 2005 for several years. During my service on the Board, I also was appointed to ABAG's Regional Planning Committee and Legislative & Governmental Operations Committee.

I recognize that the Association of Bay Area Governments has a focus on Housing and especially Affordable Housing in the San Francisco Bay Area. There is also a focus on Land Use, Energy, and Infrastructure, and advancing the California Finance Authority for ABAG member cities and counties. Since ABAG membership extends to the one hundred cities and nine counties that surround San Francisco Bay waters, there are programs that also help protect the estuary of the greater San Francisco Bay area.

I request the opportunity to represent the cities of our county in these important regional projects.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Furtado, Councilmember  
City of Campbell

# EMILY ANN RAMOS

COUNCILMEMBER, CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Dear Honorable Members of the City Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as an **alternate member on the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) Executive Board**. As a dedicated advocate for regional collaboration, sustainable development, and effective governance, I am eager to contribute my skills and experience to support ABAG's mission of addressing critical issues facing the Bay Area.

Throughout my professional career, I have actively engaged in community development, urban planning, and public policy initiatives. I currently serve as a council member for the City of Mountain View and in my time of service, my colleagues and I successfully approved a certified housing element, an environmental biodiversity strategy, and an innovative affordable housing project, which included a land swap with a public storage business. Together, we also moved forward on our city's displacement response strategy, active transportation plan, and affordable housing strategic plan. In my day job as a policy associate, I work on tenant protections and the preservation of affordable housing all across Santa Clara County, which has also equipped me with a comprehensive perspective on the complex interaction of regional issues.

As a lifelong Bay Area resident and a daughter of immigrants, I have a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that our diverse Bay Area communities face. I am committed to fostering innovative solutions that promote inclusivity, resilience, and sustainable growth. I am particularly drawn to ABAG's commitment to addressing housing affordability, transportation, and environmental sustainability – key pillars that are integral to the future well-being of our communities.

If appointed as an alternate member, I am dedicated to working collaboratively with the Executive Board when called upon to contribute meaningful insights, advocate for equitable policies, and ensure that the voices of all Bay Area residents are represented. I am confident that my passion for community engagement, coupled with my personal and professional background, aligns well with ABAG's goals.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experiences can contribute to the success of the ABAG Executive Board during the upcoming City Selection Committee meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Emily Ann Ramos

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February 1, 2024

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 re-appointment as the Cities Association's primary representative to Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Board of Directors.

Larry Klein  
Mayor

Murali Srinivasan  
Vice Mayor

Russ Melton  
Councilmember

Alysa Cisneros  
Councilmember

Omar Din  
Councilmember

Richard Mehlinger  
Councilmember

Linda Sell  
Councilmember

Thank you for appointing me to this role in January 2023. From 2017 to 2023, I served as the Cities Association LAFCO board alternate.

It is an honor to serve on the LAFCO board with amazing colleagues and alongside a talented and dedicated professional staff.

2023 has been a busy year for Santa Clara LAFCO:

- In April, I was selected by my board colleagues to serve as chairperson for the remainder of 2023; in November I was selected to continue as chairperson for 2024
- In August, LAFCO completed the City of Gilroy's application for Urban Service Area (USA) expansion, culminating with a unanimous board vote
- In October, LAFCO completed and published the Countywide Fire Service Review

The Board's goals for 2024 include:

- Modernization of Board policies for user friendliness and conformance with changes in State law
- Increasing organizational capacity to tackle multiple major initiatives required under State law

LAFCO is unique in that it is 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, focusing on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the slowing of global warming. This is accomplished 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 continue to diligently consider each 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 for re-appointment and I appreciate the consideration of the City Selection Committee.

Thank you,



Russ Melton

Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale



**ZACH HILTON**

Gilroy City Council Member

**Livable Gilroy for All**

February 2, 2024

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

**RE: Letter of Interest for Cities Association's Alternate Commissioner to Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)**

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 have been watching and participating in LAFCO meetings since I was Chair of the Gilroy Bicycle Pedestrian Commission from 2017-2020 and elected as an At-Large Gilroy City Council Member in 2020.

I value LAFCO's mission of minimizing sprawl, preserving open space, encouraging efficiency of services, fiscal sustainability, and accountability and transparency. I have been deeply involved with Gilroy's General Plan 2040 implementation and getting our Housing Element certified with State HCD. I promote the values of smart growth in Santa Clara County, and we will need to continue to examine the ways in which land use patterns can be the limiting factor as we work towards affordability and equity.

As a Firefighter and Paramedic, I bring a unique and valuable perspective to the Service Review process that LAFCO conducts for each of our cities. I have hands-on experience with what it takes to provide these services efficiently and effectively, as required by LAFCO. I believe my independent 3rd party perspective would be of great benefit for all the cities of Santa Clara County, and I'm excited to be able to serve you all in this way.

I am also a firm believer in LAFCO's policies of protecting agricultural lands and open space from premature conversion to development. While many cities in our county are built out, I see Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy as areas that we need to protect from further urban sprawl. As a Council Member for the City of Gilroy, I represent those in Gilroy and the rest of South County who support sustainable land use planning in line with LAFCO policies. I was proud to publicly support LAFCO staff's recommendation just a few months ago for the City of Gilroy to focus its future housing growth in our Downtown and transit corridors, rather than through the City's application to expand the Urban Service Area to allow single-family home sprawl on adjacent unincorporated farmland. I supported the staff recommendation not only because Gilroy has eight years of capacity for building in infill areas and thus has no need to expand our city boundaries for housing, but also because more sprawl would be costly for our city, which cannot afford to provide urban services to this new development. For these reasons, I humbly request your support.

Sincerely,

**Zach Hilton**  
**Gilroy City Council Member**  
[www.zachhilton.com](http://www.zachhilton.com)



**Confirmed: Requesting Re-Appointment to  
Alternate Seat**

Mayor Mark Turner  
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Morgan Hill, CA 95037-4128  
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I am writing this letter to express my strong desire to remain as the Cities Association's representative for LAFCO for several reasons.

One, I have developed a better understanding of LAFCO's mission and objectives. This understanding has allowed me to participate in the discussions. While not a voting member of the LAFCO board, my contribution to the conversations has been helpful to the overall discussions and decision-making process.

Secondly, I have established good relationships with other LAFCO board members and I remain committed to the time and energy necessary to best represent the interests of the Cities Association.

Lastly, with so much open space being in South County, having representation from this area is helpful to those on the board who look for a perspective of someone who represents residents, businesses, and concerned citizens in Morgan Hill and Gilroy.

In conclusion, I kindly request your consideration to allow me to remain as the Cities Association's representative for LAFCO.

Sincerely,

Mark Turner  
Morgan Hill Mayor

January 11, 2024

Dear Members of Santa Clara Cities Association:

I am submitting this letter of application to serve as the Member-at-Large for the Recycling Waste & Reduction Commission (RWRC). I have served the last four years representing the Central County Cities which include Milpitas and Santa Clara. I also had the honor of serving as Chair of the Commission for the years 2022-2023.

Serving on this commission has been time of great opportunity to learn about how many public agencies and organizations are working to make Santa Clara County more green, less wasteful and a better future for our children. I look forward to the honor of continuing to serve.

Sincerely,



Kathy Watanabe  
Councilmember, District 1  
City of Santa Clara





January 8, 2024

## Available Seats for February 8, 2024 City Selection Committee Meeting

*Please send letters of interest to Shali Sirkay (shali@citiesassociation.org) by Noon on Friday, February 2, 2024 to be included in the CSC Agenda Packet*

For regional bodies where there are multiple specific eligibility requirements for seat holders, the seats that are appointed by the City Selection Committee are highlighted in yellow.

### **AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION (ALUC)**

<https://plandev.sccgov.org/commissions-other-meetings/airport-land-use-commission>

The Airport Land-Use Commission (ALUC) was established to provide for appropriate development of areas surrounding public airports in Santa Clara County. It is intended to minimize the public's exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards, and to ensure that the approaches to airports are kept clear of structures that could pose an aviation safety hazard.

As per ALUC Bylaws, Commission shall be composed of seven (7) voting members be selected as follows:

- Two (2) representing the cities, appointed by the city selection committee; at least one, and preferably both, of these members must represent a city adjacent to an airport.
- Two (2) representing the county, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- Two (2) having expertise in aviation, appointed by a committee comprised of the aviation director of the San Jose International Airport, the director of Palo Alto Airport, and the director of the county roads and airports department.
- One (1) representing the general public to be selected by the other six (6) members of the Commission.

**Seats 6 & 7 available**

### **ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG)**

<https://abag.ca.gov/about-abag/what-we-do/how-we-govern/executive-board>

The ABAG Executive Board is led by the ABAG President and Vice President. Member representatives are elected officials and make operating decisions, authorize expenditures and recommend policy. County representatives are selected by city mayors or the county board of supervisors' president. Most city member representatives are selected by the mayors and council members conferences for each county. Members who sit on the board give a voice — and a vote — to new policies or recommendations that affect their communities and the region as a whole.

**2 Seats available**

**2 Alternate Seats available**



**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG) REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

<https://abag.ca.gov/about-abag/what-we-do/how-we-govern/committees/regional-planning-committee>

The Regional Planning Committee, or RPC, provides oversight to the executive board on matters related to the preparation and implementation of regional planning activities, such as Plan Bay Area. The RPC receives input on special plans, or reports from various task forces or regional agencies. It also advises on comprehensive planning policies and procedures, along with other matters as assigned by the ABAG Executive Board.

**1 Seat available**

**SOURCEWISE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

<https://mysourcewise.com/about/advisory-council/>

The purpose of the Council is to advise Sourcewise and its Board of Directors about the needs of older adults and disabled persons in the county, to advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable and those of greatest need within the community, and to inform the community of resources and services available through Sourcewise.

**1 Seat available**

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)**

<https://santaclaralafco.org/about-lafco/commissioners>

The Local Agency Formation Commission, or LAFCO, is a state mandated independent local agency established to oversee the boundaries of cities and special districts in Santa Clara County.

State law dictates LAFCO composition. In Santa Clara County, LAFCO is composed of seven commissioners:

- Two County Supervisors appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- One Council Member from the City of San Jose appointed by the City Council
- **One Council Member from any of the other cities appointed by the Cities Selection Committee**
- Two Board Members from independent special districts – one appointed by the Santa Clara Valley Water District, one appointed by the Independent Special District Selection Committee
- One Public Member appointed by the other members of the Commission

Alternate commissioners are appointed for each of the categories. State law provides that LAFCO commissioners must exercise independent judgment and represent the interests of the public as a whole in furthering the purposes of LAFCO and not solely the interests of their appointing authority.

**1 Seat available**

**1 Alternate Seat available**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL AREA COUNCIL (EOAC)**

<https://emergencymanagement.sccgov.org/about-us>

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) engages the whole community in assessing needs and developing strategies to achieve stronger preparedness, prevention, response, and mitigation capabilities within the Santa Clara County Operational Area. Our office supports first responders, including fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services in emergencies and disasters. We are also responsible for facilitating the coordination of resources from Local and State partners, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations to provide community members with relief and supplies in an emergency or disaster.

**Seat 6 Alternate available:** Representing Central County Cities (Milpitas, Santa Clara & Sunnyvale)

**Seat 7 available:** North County Cities (Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos & Los Altos Hills)

## **RECYCLING WASTE & REDUCTION COMMISSION (RWRC)**

<https://www.morganhill.ca.gov/2366/Commissions-Committees>

The ten-member RWRC commission is made up of select local elected officials that serve as the principal advisory body to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on countywide solid waste planning issues. The members shall be appointed by the following public agencies or organizations:

1. One (1) County Supervisor appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County.
2. One (1) city councilmember appointed by the City Council of the City of San Jose.
3. One (1) city councilmember from one of the following cities: Cupertino, Los Altos, or Los Altos Hills to represent North County Cities.
4. One (1) city councilmember from one of the following cities: Milpitas or Santa Clara to represent Central County Cities.
5. One (1) city councilmember from one of the following cities: Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, or Saratoga to represent West Valley Cities.
6. One (1) city councilmember from one of the following cities: Mountain View, Palo Alto, or Sunnyvale to represent SMaRT Station Cities.
7. One (1) city councilmember from one of the following cities: Gilroy or Morgan Hill to represent South County Cities.
8. Two (2) city councilmembers to serve as members-at-large. The Members-at-large shall be drawn from any city that does not already have a representative on the Commission.
9. One (1) director appointed by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

**Seat available: South County Cities**

**Seat available: Member-at-Large**

### **Note on RWRC Member-at-Large seat:**

*as per RWRC bylaws, "the Members-at-Large shall be drawn from any city that does not already have a representative on the Commission." Thus the following cities are eligible to apply for the Member-at-Large seat in February 2024: Campbell, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Mountain View, Santa Clara and Saratoga. Depending on which city is represented by the South County Cities seat, either Gilroy or Morgan Hill will also be eligible for the Member-at-Large seat.*

### **Note on RWRC Alternates:**

*Each Commission member may designate from among the elected officials of its council, board, or eligible cities an alternate representative to serve in absence of the regular member. Alternates may serve on subcommittees, and/or ad hoc task forces.*