

Subject: Re: SC | SC Community Roundtable Meeting Notice - Feb 27 & Mar 27, 2019

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 8:27:13 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Michelle Wu

To: Andi Jordan

Hi Andi,

Good to see you today.

If possible and appropriate, please attach the following motion to the bylaw for tomorrow's roundtable discussion:

"Motion to amend the bylaws of the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Community Roundtable to allow a staff member or resident to be appointed to the Roundtable by the City Council as a voting member on behalf of the that City Council. "

Top reasons for the proposed motion are:

1. Ability to appoint a staff/resident would allow for greater continuity in a process which will likely take years. Council members serve 4-year terms. Most will be attend the meeting just one or two years before termed out. On the other hand, a staff or a resident will likely remain in the seat much longer time period.
2. Allowing City Council members to a designate a citizen representative would enable the Roundtable to draw from a much greater pool of talent for a subject which is highly technical in nature also passionate in the subject matter.
3. As to the concern that if residents were appointed, they would tend to be partisan and just want to solve the problem in their own backyard and not be open to compromise. That's possible but partisans could be vetted through an application process that requires certain technical credentials or professional experience, verifiable experience on other civic committees and a reputation for working well with others including staff.
4. If the motion is not approved and a council member can not to attend or city could withdraw completely from participation.
5. If the motion is not approved, perhaps we can consider to add alternate as a staff/resident.

Let me know if you have any questions. I will see you tomorrow at the meeting.

Best regards,

- Michelle Wu
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