



DATE: October 17, 2017

CATEGORY: New Business

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors – Mountain View
Nominee**

RECOMMENDATION

Select one or two Councilmembers to stand for election as the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board member from the Group 2 Cities for the two-year term beginning January 1, 2018.

DISCUSSION

In 2011, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Group 2 Cities (comprised of Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills) developed a process for selecting their representative to the VTA Board. The policy was updated in 2015 (see Attachment 1). The policy calls for a rotation of the seat between the four cities and sets out qualifications and a process for nominations and voting.

The VTA enabling legislation requires "...individuals who have expertise, experience, or knowledge relative to transportation issues." The North County cities have defined expertise and experience as follows:

- At least one year's service on the Transit District Board (the VTA Board or the County Board of Supervisors prior to 1994).
- At least one year's service on a policy advisory committee that reports directly to the Transit District Board (the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), the Citizens' Advisory Committee, or the former County Transportation Commission).
- Any other transportation policy credential deemed relevant by the majority of the Group 2 cities as meeting the intent of the experience requirement.

Additionally, a Councilmember must be able to fulfill the entire two year term as an elected official.

The current Group 2 representative is Councilmember Jeannie Bruins from Los Altos, who also serves as the VTA chair this year. Councilmember McAlister is the City's current representative on the PAC, and would be our voting member on the Working Group.

The policy states the appointment "is guided by a nomination rotation that gives first opportunity to the next city in the rotation." Mountain View is the next city in the normal rotation. The city that is next in the rotation can nominate up to two of its qualified Councilmembers for the VTA Board, either simultaneously or serially. The policy, however, also says "consideration will be given first to the reelection of the sitting board member and secondarily to the city rotation." It goes on to state, "if the member is eligible to complete the upcoming two-year board term, then that person will be considered the nominee. Ultimately, it is up to the Working Group to vote for the Group 2 Board representative. The election is to be held no earlier than November and no later than December of the odd-numbered year.

FISCAL IMPACT – There is no fiscal impact with selecting a VTA Board member.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachments: 1. Group 2 Resolution and VTA North County Cities Board Selection Process