



# COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** December 17, 2024

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** Council Appointments Review Committee,  
City Clerk's Office

**TITLE:** **Appoint Board, Commission, and  
Committee Members**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Appointing Barbara Weesen-Baer to the Board of Library Trustees; Reappointing Hank Dempsey to the Environmental Planning Commission; Reappointing Joan MacDonald and Molly Smith and Appointing Elise Lester to the Human Relations Commission; Reappointing Sandra Sommer to the Parks and Recreation Commission; Reappointing Terence Barton and James Kuszmaul and Appointing Serge Bonte to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee; Reappointing Pamela Baird and Jamil Shaikh and Appointing Stephanie Lin to the Downtown Committee; Appointing Nirvana Nwodiku to the Senior Advisory Committee; and Reappointing Susi Merhar and Regina Sakols and Appointing Joe Medwid and Stephanie Spaid to the Visual Arts Committee, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

## **BACKGROUND**

On November 15, 2024, the City Council interviewed three applicants for one upcoming opening on the Environmental Planning Commission with a four-year term starting January 1, 2025. The City Council made a recommendation for appointment as outlined in Attachment 1.

On November 22, 2024, the Council Appointments Review Committee interviewed 30 applicants for openings on the Board of Library Trustees, Human Relations Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Downtown Committee, Performing Arts Committee, Public Safety Advisory Board, Senior Advisory Committee, and Visual Arts Committee. The Council Appointments Review Committee made recommendations for appointments as outlined in Attachment 1. Recommendations for appointments to the Public Safety Advisory Board were removed from Attachment 1 based on the action taken by the City Council at its December 10, 2024 meeting to dissolve the Public Safety Advisory Board.

The Council Appointments Review Committee also recommended Jamil Shaikh for reappointment to the Downtown Committee (Neighborhood) seat for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. The Neighborhood seat on the Downtown Committee is elected by the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association. Jamil Shaikh's current term on the Downtown Committee (Neighborhood) expires on December 31, 2024, and he ran unopposed for the neighborhood liaison position. Mr. Shaikh was re-elected by the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association on December 2, 2024.

Remaining vacancies on all boards, commissions, and committees will be advertised again for further recruitment and consideration by the Council Appointments Review Committee.

### **LEVINE ACT**

California Government Code Section 84308 (also known as the Levine Act) prohibits city officials from participating in any proceeding involving a "license, permit, or other entitlement for use" if the official has received a campaign contribution exceeding \$250 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant in the proceeding within the last 12 months. A city official is similarly prohibited from accepting, soliciting, or directing a campaign contribution exceeding \$250 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant to any proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use for 12 months after a final decision is rendered in said proceeding.

Please refer to the "X" in the checklist below for information about whether the recommended action for this agenda item is subject to or exempt from the Levine Act.

#### **SUBJECT TO THE LEVINE ACT**

- Land development entitlements
- Other permit, license, or entitlement for use
- Contract or franchise

#### **EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT**

- Competitively bid contract
- Labor or personal employment contract
- General policy and legislative actions

For more information about the Levine Act, please see the Fair Political Practices Commission website: [www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html](http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html).

**ALTERNATIVES**—Other direction as provided by Council.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**—Agenda posting and a courtesy notification to all applicants.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution