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Heather Glaser, City Clerk

October 21, 2025

Council Chambers and Video Conference, 500 Castro St., Mountain
View, CA 94041

SPECIAL MEETING

This meeting was conducted with a virtual component. All members of the City Council and all speakers participated in-person unless otherwise noted.

6:00 P.M.-STUDY SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:02 p.m., Mayor Kamei called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kamei led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Councilmember Clark, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Showalter, Vice Mayor Ramos, Mayor Kamei

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McAlister

4. STUDY SESSION

4.1 Environmental Planning Commission Applicant Interviews

The purpose of this study session was to interview applicants for the Environmental Planning Commission and make a recommendation for appointment at the December 9, 2025 City Council meeting.

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

The Council selected the following time allocation and questions to ask each Environmental Planning Commission applicant:

1 minute: What would you bring, or what have you brought, to the Environmental Planning Commission that is unique?

1 minute: What is the role of a Planning Commissioner?

2 minutes: What are your thoughts on the City's existing plans, like the General Plan and Precise Plans, specifically the Downtown Precise Plan?

1.5 minutes: What do you think the big issues facing the Environmental Planning Commission will be, for instance implementing the Housing Element or others?

2 minutes: How does good land use improve our City, and what is good land use?

The Council interviewed the following five applicants for two members on the Environmental Planning Commission to fill two terms beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029.

Hala Alshahwany

Tina Pham

Shwetha Subramanian

IdaRose Sylvester

Jerry Wilburn

MOTION - M/S - Showalter/Ramirez - To recommend the Council reappoint Tina Pham to fill one term on the Environmental Planning Commission beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Councilmember Clark, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Showalter, Vice Mayor Ramos, Mayor Kamei

The Council discussed the remaining applicants and voted by ballot.

City Clerk Glaser announced the Council voted as follows (first round):

Councilmember Clark voted for IdaRose Sylvester.

Councilmember Hicks voted for IdaRose Sylvester.

Councilmember Ramirez voted for Shwetha Subramanian.

Councilmember Showalter voted for IdaRose Sylvester.

Vice Mayor Ramos voted for Shwetha Subramanian.

Mayor Kamei voted for Shwetha Subramanian.

City Clerk Glaser announced there was a tie vote between Shwetha Subramanian and IdaRose Sylvester.

The Council discussed the remaining applicants and voted again by ballot.

City Clerk Glaser announced the Council voted as follows (second round):

Councilmember Clark voted for IdaRose Sylvester.

Councilmember Hicks voted for Shwetha Subramanian.
Councilmember Ramirez voted for Shwetha Subramanian.
Councilmember Showalter voted for IdaRose Sylvester.
Vice Mayor Ramos voted for Shwetha Subramanian.
Mayor Kamei voted for Shwetha Subramanian.

Shwetha Subramanian was selected to fill one term on the Environmental Planning Commission beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029.

These selections were scheduled to be brought back to the Council for appointment on December 9, 2025.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:29 p.m., Mayor Kamei adjourned the meeting.