



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: December 6, 2022

CATEGORY: New Business

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: **Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors—Mountain View Nominee for Alternate**

RECOMMENDATION

Nominate one Councilmember to stand for election as the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board Member Alternate from the Group 2 Cities for the two-year term beginning January 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND

One of the 12 voting members of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board represents the Group 2 Cities, comprised of Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills. The Group 2 Cities also select a VTA Board Member Alternate who serves as a voting member when the regular Board Member is unable to attend the meeting. The Group 2 Cities developed a process for selecting their representative to the VTA Board in 2011 and updated it in 2015 and 2018. The process involves a Working Group consisting of the VTA Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) representatives from each city voting to select the Board Member and Alternate. Councilmember Ellen Kamei is the City of Mountain View's PAC member who serves on the Group 2 Cities Working Group.

Selection of the Board Alternate has the following requirements:

- Nomination of a Board Member Alternate may be put forth by any city provided the person meets the qualifications for the Board Member and the Board Member Alternate does not come from the same city as the Board Member.
- The Working Group shall give consideration to selecting someone from the city next in the rotation for Board Member. It is desirable that in addition to the qualifications above that the Alternate be eligible to become the Board Member at a future election.

The qualifications for Board Member require meeting at least two of the following criteria:

1. At least one year's service on the VTA Board within the last four years.
2. At least one year's service on a policy advisory body that reports directly to the VTA Board (Policy Advisory Committee, Policy Advisory Board, the Citizens Advisory Committee) and has a minimum 80% attendance record.
3. Any other transportation policy credential deemed relevant by the majority of the Working Group as meeting the intent of the experience requirement within the last four years.
4. Demonstrate working knowledge of VTA.

ANALYSIS

On December 7, 2022, the Group 2 Cities Working Group will elect the VTA Board Member and Alternate for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2023. The current Group 2 Cities Board Member is Mayor Patrick Burt from Palo Alto, who is eligible for a second two-year term. The current Group 2 Cities VTA Board Alternate is Los Altos City Councilmember Lynette Lee Eng, who would not be eligible to be a VTA Board Member in 2025 due to being termed out of office at the end of 2024.

Los Altos Hills is currently next in rotation for VTA Board Member after Mayor Burt's term ends. It is not certain whether Los Altos Hills will have a qualified candidate for Board Alternate at this time who may be eligible to become a Board Member in 2025. To provide the Working Group with options for selecting a qualified Board Alternate, staff recommends that the City Council nominate a Mountain View City Councilmember who meets all the qualifications for the Working Group's consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT—There is no fiscal impact with selecting a VTA Board Member Alternate.

ALTERNATIVE

Decline to nominate a Mountain View Councilmember for VTA Board Member Alternate.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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