



Alison Hicks, Mayor  
Pat Showalter, Vice Mayor  
Margaret Abe-Koga, Councilmember  
Ellen Kamei, Councilmember  
Lisa Matichak, Councilmember  
Lucas Ramirez, Councilmember  
Emily Ann Ramos, Councilmember

Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager  
Jennifer Logue, City Attorney  
Heather Glaser, City Clerk

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October 17, 2023

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

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### 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.**

#### **5:00 P.M.-CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:01 p.m., Mayor Hicks called the meeting to order.

#### **1. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT (OPEN SESSION)**

City Attorney Logue announced the item listed for Closed Session.

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

At 5:02 p.m., Mayor Hicks recessed the meeting to Closed Session with all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Abe-Koga.

At 5:05 p.m., Councilmember Abe-Koga arrived to Closed session.

#### **2. CLOSED SESSION (PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM)**

##### **2.1 Conference with Labor Negotiators (California Government Code 54957.6(a))**

**Agency Designated Representative: Vice Mayor Showalter**

**Unrepresented Employees: City Attorney, City Clerk and City Manager**

At 6:50 p.m., Closed Session concluded.

#### **6:00 P.M.-STUDY SESSION**

##### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:57 p.m., Mayor Hicks called the meeting to order.

##### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Councilmember Abe-Koga, Councilmember Kamei, Councilmember Matichak, Councilmember Ramirez, Councilmember Ramos, Vice Mayor Showalter, Mayor Hicks

**4. STUDY SESSION****4.1 Rental Housing Committee and Environmental Planning Commission Applicant Interviews**

The purpose of this Study Session was for the Council to interview applicants for the Rental Housing Committee and the Environmental Planning Commission and make a recommendation for adoption at the November 7, 2023 City Council meeting.

There were no public speakers in-person or virtually.

The Council selected the following time allocation and questions to ask each Rental Housing Committee applicant:

1 minute: Tell us about yourself and what unique perspectives or abilities you would bring to the Rental Housing Committee.

2 minutes: Tell us about the role of the Rental Housing Committee and the role of its legal counsel in the Rental Housing Committee decision-making process. Have you read the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act?

2 minutes: What do you think will be the most important issues in the next year and how would you go about thinking them through and addressing them?

The Council interviewed the following five applicants for one member on the Rental Housing Committee to fill an unexpired term ending April 17, 2025.

Mark Balch  
Alexander Brown  
(Virtual) Amanda Garley  
Edith Gomez Marin  
Li Zhang

Li Zhang withdrew from the interview process for the Environmental Planning Commission.

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

1 minute: What have you personally done to make a contribution to the Environmental Planning Commission, or, if you are not currently serving, what would you bring to the Environmental Planning Commission that is unique?

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

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

1.5 minutes: How would you evaluate proposals to amend the General Plan?

The Council interviewed the following three applicants for two members on the Environmental Planning Commission to fill terms beginning January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2027.

Paul Donahue  
Alejandro Nuñez  
Silja Paymer

The Council discussed the applicants for the Rental Housing Committee and voted.

City Clerk Glaser announced the Council voted as follows:

Councilmember Abe-Koga voted for Mark Balch.  
Councilmember Kamei voted for Alexander Brown.  
Councilmember Matichak voted for Mark Balch.  
Councilmember Ramirez voted for Alexander Brown.  
Councilmember Ramos voted for Alexander Brown.  
Vice Mayor Showalter voted for Alexander Brown.  
Mayor Hicks voted for Alexander Brown.

Alexander Brown was selected to fill one unexpired term on the Rental Housing Committee ending April 17, 2025.

The Council discussed the applicants for the Environmental Planning Commission and voted.

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

Councilmember Abe-Koga voted for Paul Donahue and Silja Paymer.  
Councilmember Kamei voted for Alejandro Nuñez and Silja Paymer.  
Councilmember Matichak voted for Paul Donahue.  
Councilmember Ramirez voted for Alejandro Nuñez and Silja Paymer.  
Councilmember Ramos voted for Paul Donahue and Alejandro Nuñez.  
Vice Mayor Showalter voted for Paul Donahue and Alejandro Nuñez.  
Mayor Hicks voted for Alejandro Nuñez and Silja Paymer.

Alejandro Nuñez was selected to fill one term on the Environmental Planning Commission beginning January

1, 2024, to December 31, 2027.

The Council voted for one from between Paul Donahue and Silja Paymer.

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

Councilmember Abe-Koga voted for Paul Donahue.

Councilmember Kamei voted for Silja Paymer.

Councilmember Matichak voted for Paul Donahue.

Councilmember Ramirez voted for Silja Paymer.

Councilmember Ramos voted for Paul Donahue.

Vice Mayor Showalter voted for Paul Donahue.

Mayor Hicks voted for Silja Paymer.

Paul Donahue was selected to fill one term on the Environmental Planning Commission beginning January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2027.

These selections were scheduled to be brought back to the Council for appointment on November 7, 2023.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:34 p.m., Mayor Hicks adjourned the meeting.