



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: June 23, 2026

CATEGORY: New Business

DEPT.: Human Resources

TITLE: **Resolution Appointing a Retired Annuitant as Interim City Attorney Under Government Code Section 21221(h)**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Appointing Jannie Quinn as an Interim City Attorney under Government Code Section 21221(h), to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

BACKGROUND

City Attorney Jennifer Logue has been appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to serve as a judge on the Contra Costa County Superior Court. On July 3, 2026, City Attorney Logue will step down from her current role with the City of Mountain View, after nearly five years serving the City. The recruitment and selection process for a successor City Attorney is currently being conducted by Teri Black and Company and is expected to be completed in the fall of this year. It is necessary to appoint an Interim City Attorney to serve until the formal appointment of Ms. Logue's successor.

ANALYSIS

The City Attorney position requires extensive knowledge and experience as a municipal attorney to advise the City Council, boards, commissions, and City officials in matters of law related to the conduct of City business. Jannie Quinn retired on August 2, 2019, from her position as City Attorney after 24 years of service with the City of Mountain View. In addition, Ms. Quinn served as Interim City Attorney for the City of Mountain View in 2022 during the recruitment process from which Ms. Logue was appointed. Ms. Quinn has unique and specialized experience and qualifications to serve as Interim City Attorney until the City Council permanently fills the position.

As the City contracts with the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), Ms. Quinn is a retired CalPERS annuitant. Under California Government Code 21221(h), retired annuitants with specialized skills may be appointed by a governing body to a vacant position on an interim basis while the agency is actively recruiting to fill the vacancy. The retired annuitant is required to reach normal retirement age at the time of separation and have a 180-day waiting period after

retirement before the retired annuitant can be employed by a CalPERS agency, unless the nature of the employment meets one of the exceptions and is approved via resolution by the governing body. In this case, Ms. Quinn meets the aforementioned CalPERS requirements for appointment to an interim position.

Staff recommends appointing Ms. Quinn as Interim City Attorney with an hourly rate of \$179.66 effective July 6, 2026. Ms. Quinn will not receive any other benefit, incentive, compensation in lieu of benefit, or other form of compensation in addition to this hourly pay rate.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the interim appointment of the City Attorney is available within the City Attorney's Office budget due to salary savings and existing appropriations. No additional appropriation is required to support this appointment. Consistent with Government Code Section 21221(h), the appointment is temporary in nature, and no City-paid benefits will be provided.

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 \$500 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant within the last 12 months. The Levine Act is intended to prevent financial influence on decisions that affect specific, identifiable persons or participants. For more information see the Fair Political Practices Commission website: www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/pay-to-play-limits-and-prohibitions.html

Please see below for information about whether the recommended action for this agenda item is subject to or exempt from the Levine Act.

EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT

Labor or personal employment contract

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not certify the nature of Ms. Quinn's employment to fill the City Attorney on an interim basis.
2. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution