



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

**SUBJECT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
APPOINTMENT**

DATE: November 29, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the following Boards and Commissions appointments:

(a) Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission

- (1) Reappoint Anthony Strawa to a term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025
- (2) Reappoint Ruth Merino to a term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025
- (3) Appoint Victor Niemeyer to a term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025
- (4) Appoint Glen Garfunkel to a term of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025

OUTCOME

Appointment to the vacant seats on each of the Commissions will allow the commission to continue conducting business.

BACKGROUND

San José Municipal Code Section 2.08.2140.A allows the Mayor to nominate to the special eligibility seats for the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission, if the Council Appointment Advisory Commission is unable to meet, with Council making the final appointments. Section 2.08.2120 provides that, whenever possible, at least six (6) members shall have expertise in one (1) of the following categories: community outreach, policy advocacy, clean energy programs, industry, labor, education, not-for-profits, environmental associations, and advocacy organizations. The current nominees for these vacant seats meet at least one of the requirements.

ANALYSIS

The applications of all nominated candidates are attached. A memorandum from the Office of the City Attorney regarding their conflicts of interest is attached. The applicants were also reviewed by Planning Building and Code Enforcement for code review and no issues were found.

Anthony Strawa and Ruth Merino are currently serving their first terms, which expire December 31, 2021. Victor Niemeyer and Glen Garfunkel were appointed to terms of less than six months, which expire December 31, 2021; under Section 2.08.150.E, they are eligible to serve for up to two (2) consecutive additional terms.

A supplemental memorandum will be posted should additional names be submitted for vacancy nominations.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

A duty of the Office of the City Clerk is to minimize vacancies on the Boards and Commissions.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Office of the City Clerk created a graphic for use in council office newsletters and sent the graphic to all council offices for distribution in their district newsletters. Additionally, notice was posted on Facebook, Twitter and the Boards and Commissions page as well as Community Energy social media pages.

The memorandum has been posted on the City Clerk's website as part of the December 7, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Office of the City Attorney.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment.

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For questions, please contact Toni Taber, City Clerk, at (408) 535-1260.