

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: INTERIM APPOINTMENTS TO
COUNCIL DISTRICT 10

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

DATE: January 13, 2023

COUNCIL DISTRICT: CITYWIDE

REVISED MEMORANDUM

RECOMMENDATION

- a) Interview candidates for the interim appointment to Councilmember for District 10 on the San José City Council (“City Council”).
- b) Consideration of appointment of candidate to a term as the Councilmember for District 10, to begin January 30, 2023 and end when a candidate has been duly elected in the next regularly scheduled election and the results of the election have been officially certified.

OUTCOME

The recommended action provides for the possible appointment of an applicant to Councilmember for City Council District 10, which will ensure the continued representation for Council District 10 until the next election.

BACKGROUND

The City of San José (“City”) general election of 2022 saw the Councilmembers for Districts 8 and 10 elected to other offices leaving unanticipated vacancies for those Districts. On November 16, 2022, the Rules and Open Government Committee discussed and took action on a memorandum submitted by Councilmembers Jimenez and Cohen regarding the anticipated vacancies for Districts 8 and 10. Staff was directed to prepare an informational memorandum outlining the process for filling Council vacancies, and to schedule a Special Meeting no later than December 18, 2022, for Council to decide the process for filling Council seats vacated by the recent election beginning January 1, 2023. That meeting was held on December 5, 2022, when the City Council directed the opening of a recruitment to fill the unanticipated vacancies in Districts 8 and 10 by interim appointment to fill the office until a candidate has been duly elected and the results of



the election have been officially certified. (City Charter Section 410)

On December 8, 2022, the City Clerk posted the application to the [website](#). That same day, the [City Clerk](#) distributed the application to a contact list of individuals, organizations, and to the City Council. On December 14, 2022, the City's Twitter, NextDoor, and LinkedIn accounts posted the image included within this memorandum with a link to the applications. Additionally, an application advertisement was published on December 20, 2022, via Facebook and Instagram. The same image was also provided to Council Districts 8 and 10 for their direct use in recruitment.

The list of applicants was posted and updated each business day, along with a description of the process of selecting candidates for interview.

By 11:59 on January 2, 2023 we received the following applications for District 10:

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| • Allen Waldman | • Gabriel Gomez | • Nooran Bayzaie |
| • Andrew Toolson | • George Casey | • Rhonda Hruby |
| • Ann Chung | • Greg Holsen | • Robert Braunstein |
| • Anne Samuel | • J. David Heindel | • Ron Del Pozzo |
| • Anthony Moses | • James Sodergren | • Sandeep Chaparala |
| • Arjun Batra | • Jean D'innocenti | • Wendi Mahaney- |
| • Dennis Hawkins | • Jesse Castaneda | Gurahoo |
| • Dolores Carr | • Maylyne Ho | |
| • Forrest Williams | • Mike Wilson | |

ANALYSIS

On January 03, 2023, the City Clerk transmitted the applications along with the Conflict of Interest memorandum provided by the City Attorney to the City Councilmembers. Each Councilmember was asked to select 4 applicants for District 10 to bring forward for the interview process. Those applicants receiving four or more indications of interest were invited to interview.

The applicants selected for interview are listed in random alphabet order based on the [Randomized Alphabet](#) the California Secretary of State held for the General election in 2022. Applicants were requested to attend the interview in person.

District 10

1. Ron Del Pozzo
2. Arjun Batra
3. George Casey
4. Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo

5. Dennis Hawkins
6. J. David Heindel

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

No subsequent City Council action on this issue is necessary. After the appointment has been made, the City Clerk will perform the Oath of Office and swear the interim appointed Councilmember to a term to begin January 30, 2023 and end when a candidate has been duly elected in the next regularly scheduled election and the results of the election have been officially certified.

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSE

The recommendation in this memo has no effect on Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The vacancy was posted on Twitter and Nextdoor on December 14, 2022, and on Facebook and Instagram on December 20, 2022. This memorandum will be posted on the City's website for the January 26, 2023 City Council agenda.

COORDINATION

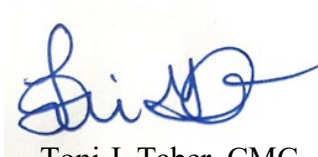
This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-008, General Procedure & Policy Making resulting in no changes to the physical environment.



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City Clerk

For questions, please contact Toni Taber, City Clerk, at city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov or (408) 535-1260.