

Memorandum

TO: Toni Taber
City Clerk

FROM: Rosalynn Hughey

**SUBJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION
APPLICANT EVALUATION**

DATE: May 4, 2018

Approved

Date

BACKGROUND

Council Policy 0-4, Consolidated Policy Governing Boards and Commissions, allows the Department staff liaison for the Commission to submit a memo to the City Clerk with its evaluation of applicant(s) based on the powers and duties of the Commission, any special eligibility requirements, and experience, background and expertise of the applicant(s). The memo should include a statement setting forth attendance, residency information and compliance with City requirements (e.g., commission training, state-mandated training, Form 700 filing) on any incumbents eligible for reappointment.

COMMISSION'S SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

San José Municipal Code Section 1000. Planning Commission.

There shall be, and there is hereby established, a Planning Commission to consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Council. It shall be deemed to be a continuation of the Planning Commission established by and pursuant to this Section as it read immediately prior to the effective date of this Section as it now reads. A person shall not be eligible to take or hold office as a member of the Planning Commission unless he or she satisfies all of the following conditions:

- (a) He or she must have been a citizen of the United States for at least one year immediately preceding the commencement of the four-year term or lesser period of time for which he or she is appointed, and he or she must be a citizen of the United States during his or her incumbency;
- (b) He or she must have been a resident of the City of San José for at least one year immediately preceding the commencement of the four-year term or lesser period of time for which he or she is appointed, and he or she must be a resident of the City of San José during his or her incumbency;
- (c) He or she must have been a registered elector of the City of San José at the time of his or her appointment and thereafter to and including the date of commencement of the four-year term or lesser period of time for which he or she is appointed.

The City Manager, the City Attorney and such other officers as the Council may designate, or their representatives, may meet with the Planning Commission and may participate in its discussions but shall not have a vote.

Those persons who immediately prior to the effective date of this Section (as it now reads) were members of the Planning Commission established by and pursuant to this Section as it read immediately prior to the effective date of this Section (as it now reads) shall continue to be members of this Planning Commission and, subject to other provisions of this Charter, shall hold such offices until the expiration of the terms for which they were appointed, to wit: the three members appointed for terms expiring on June 30, 1970, shall continue in office until the end of June 30, 1970, and the four members appointed for terms expiring on June 30, 1972, shall continue in office until the end of June 30, 1972. Thereafter, the Council shall appoint commissioners for four-year terms commencing on the first day of July of each even-numbered year to fill the offices of those members whose terms expire as of the end of the 30th day of June of such year.

The office of a member shall become vacant if during his or her term of office he or she ceases to be a resident of the City of San José or ceases to be a citizen of the United States. Also, the office of a member shall become vacant upon the happening before the expiration of his or her term of any of the events set forth in subsections (a), (b), (c), (e), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) of Section 409 of this Charter, or upon such member's absence from five (5) consecutive regular meetings other than adjourned regular meetings, of the Commission, unless excused by resolution of Council. Also, the Council may remove a member from office at any time for misconduct, inefficiency or willful neglect in the performance of the duties of his or her office providing it first states in writing the reasons for such removal and gives such member an opportunity to be heard before the Council in his or her own defense. If a vacancy occurs before the expiration of a member's term, the Council shall appoint a qualified person to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term of such member.

The Planning Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) Make recommendations to the Council respecting the adoption, amendment, or repeal of master, general, comprehensive, precise or specific plans for future physical development of the City or any part thereof, and periodically review the same;
- (b) Make recommendations to the Council respecting the adoption, amendment or repeal of land use and development regulations, including but not limited to zoning and subdivision regulations;
- (c) Make recommendations to the Council respecting the adoption, amendment or repeal of plans or programs for the redevelopment, rehabilitation or renewal of any areas of the City;
- (d) Make recommendations to the Council respecting capital improvement programs; and
- (e) Exercise such other powers and perform such other functions and duties as may be expressly given to it by other provisions of this Charter, or exercise such other powers or perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Council not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

APPLICANT EVALUATION

1. Sergio Lopez

- Council District: 10
- Employment
 - February 2018-present: Political Director for Renteria for Governor
 - January 2017-February 2018: National Organizing Director for Rise
 - May 2016-July 2016: Democratic National Committee Delegate
 - September 2015-May 2016: Policy Team Member for Hilary for America
 - May 2015-August 2015: Correspondence Intern for the White House's Executive Office of the President
 - January 2015-September 2015: Campaign Manager for Fish Start for Ward 1
- Education: Bachelor's Degree in History and English from Yale University

2. Edgar "David" Parker

- Council District: 3
- Employment: Justice System Clerk for County of Santa Clara
- Education
 - 90 semester units towards a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences or Public Administration
 - Graduate of the Courtroom Clerk Training Institute administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts of California
- Extracurricular Activities
 - February 2011-present: Commissioner with the City of San Jose's Appeals Hearing Board; Chair since 2013
 - October 2014-present: Vice Chair and Negotiator of SEIU 521, Santa Clara County
 - 2014-2016: Guest teacher at Stanford Law School's Trial Techniques Course
 - 2012-2015: Attorney coach for Prospect High School's Mock Trial
 - January 2007-February 2011: Commissioner, Vice Chair with the City of San Jose's Human Rights Commission
 - January 2007-January 2013: Elected Member of the Democratic County Central Committee, 27th Assembly District

3. Melanie Griswold

- Council District: 6
- Employment
 - March 2011-present: Deputy District Attorney with the Santa Clara County Office of the District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit
 - December 2009-March 2011: Litigation Associate for King & Spalding/Filice Brown Eassa & McLeod, LLP
 - Summer 2003, November 2005-November 2009: Litigation Associate for Latham & Watkins, LLP

- Education
 - Juris Doctor Degree from Harvard Law School (focus in environmental law and labor relations)
 - Bachelor's Degree in Labor Relations and Human Resource Management from University of British Columbia
- Extracurricular Activities
 - 2011-present: Santa Clara County Bar Association
 - 2014-present: Chair of Law-Related Education Committee
 - 2018-present: Judicial Evaluation Committee
 - 2013-2015: Conference of Delegates Committee
 - 2010-2011: Co-Chair of Barrister's Association of San Francisco – Pro Bono Committee

4. Barinder Ahluwalia

- Council District: 4
- Employment: Secretary for the County of Santa Clara's Roads and Airports Department
- Education: High School
- Extracurricular Activities: USA Cricket Association, Northern California Cricket Association

5. John Leyba

- Council District: 6
- Employment
 - 2016-present: Expert Business Process Analyst, Integrated Change Control, Transmission Work & Resource Management with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company
 - 2015-2016: System Resource Manager, Work and Resource Management with PG&E
 - 2013-2015: Supervisor, Business Analysis, Performance Management for GC Line for PG&E
 - 2012-2013: Senior Distribution Operations Analyst for PG&E
 - 2011-2012: Senior Business Analyst, Government Partnerships for PG&E
 - 2008-2010: Senior Business Analyst, Project Governance for PG&E
- Education: Bachelor's Degree in Economics (emphasis on Public Economics and Finance) from Dartmouth College
- Extracurricular Activities
 - 2018: Chair of San Jose District 6 Neighborhood Leadership Group
 - 2010-present: Board member of the Buena Vista Neighborhood Association; Vice President from 2011-2012; President from 2014-2016;
 - 2011: Treasurer of the Burbank/Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee
 - 2015-2018 Member of the San Jose Unified Measure H Board Oversight Committee
 - 2012-2015 Board member of the San Jose Parks Foundation

6. Ryan Carrigan

- Council District: 3
- Employment
 - November 2017-present: Government Affairs Director with the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors
 - January 2014-November 2017: Policy Director for the City of San Jose's District 7 Council Office
 - April 2012-October 2013: Manager of Public Policy and External Relations for the San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
 - March 2011-March 2012: Association at Townsend Public Affairs
- Education
 - Master's Degree in Applied Economics from San Jose State University
 - Master's Degree in Chinese Studies from Valpraiso University
 - Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Kalamazoo College
- Extracurricular Activities: None listed

7. Mike D'Ambrosio

- Council District: 9
- Employment: Intero Real Estate Services Title: Assistant Manager, Broker Associate
- Education: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Real Estate and Land Use from CSU Sacramento
- Extracurricular Activities
 - 2012-2015: Board member of the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors; 2015 Vice President; 2016 Treasurer; 2012-2016 Regional Director
 - 2014-2016: Board member of the Italian American Heritage Foundation
 - 2015-present: Board member of the Silicon Valley Capital Club
 - Past board member of Little Italy San Jose
 - Member of the Willow Glen Business Association

8. Ada Marquez

- Council District: 5
- Employment
 - 2008-present: Instructor at San Jose State University's Environmental Studies Department
 - Present: Instructor/consultant for seminars/workshops on the California Environmental Quality Act
 - 2015-2016: Instructor at De Anza College for Environmental Science
- Education
 - Master's Degree in Environmental Studies from San Jose State University
 - Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies from San Jose State University
- Extracurricular Activities
 - 2017-2018: California Faculty Association Board Member; June 2016-June 2019 Alternate Representation to the California Teaching Association State Council

- 2013-2014: CLFSA Dr. Ernesto Galarza Scholarship Committee Chair
- 2013: Campus Climate/UNITY Council

9. Nick Pham

- Council District: 8
- Employment: PN Real Estate Group, Inc. Title: Broker/Owner
- Education: Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering
- Extracurricular Activities
 - Current: City of San Jose Planning Commissioner since July 2014 and has been the Chair since July 2017. Four absences in 2017; no absences yet in 2018.
 - 2015-2017: Director of the Santa Clara County Association of Realtors (SCCAOR)
 - 2016: Chair of SCCAOR's Community Outreach Committee
 - 2015: Vice Chair of SCCAOR's Policy Committee
 - 2010-2012: Co-Founder and Chapter President of SCCAOR

10. Michelle Brenot

- Council District: 3
- Employment: Not listed
- Education
 - Juris Doctor Degree from the University of San Diego
 - Bachelor's Degree in History from UC Irvine
- Extracurricular Activities
 - 2001: Philanthropy Chair for the Santa Clara County Quilt Guild

11. David Mein

- Council District: 4
- Employment: Executive Vice President with Colliers International. 35 years of commercial real estate and leasing experience in San Jose.
- Education: None listed
- Extracurricular Activities: None listed

12. Jim Toal

- Council District: 6
- Employment: Director of Regional Marketing at Vishay Semiconductor
- Education
 - Masters in Business Administration, Operations from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
 - Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Extracurricular Activities
 - 1998-2005: Special Olympics coach in long distance running, and track and field
 - 2008-present: Apprentice at Tzu Chi Foundation
 - 2007: Treasurer at Easterbrook Discovery School Parent Teacher Organization

- 2009-2017: Treasurer of Villas of Santana Park Homeowners Association

13. Sunayanaa Bedi

- Council District: 6
- Employment: Executive at SAIR, LLC
- Education: None listed
- Extracurricular Activities: None listed

14. Marta Martinez

- Council District: 2
- Employment
 - 2008-present: Chief Operating Officer/Owner of Elite Recycling Services
 - 1999-2004: Office Manager for Airflash (via merger to Webraska)
 - 1997-1999: Software Analyst for BMC Software
- Education
 - Unix Administration Expert Certificate from UC Santa Cruz
 - Human Resource Generalist Certificate from San Jose State University
 - Independence High School
- Extracurricular Activities
 - Current Chair for the City of Milpitas' Recycling Resource and Source Reduction Commission

15. Gerardo Aguilar

- Council District: 10
- Employment: Broker at Gala Properties
- Education: Associates Degree in Real Estate from San Jose City College
- Extracurricular Activities
 - 2006-2009: San Jose Housing Advisory Commission

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the above applicants meet the special eligibility requirements for the appointment to the Planning Commission under San José Municipal Code Section 1000.

/s/

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