



**Council Meeting: March 24, 2009**

**SUBJECT: Ratification of Council Intergovernmental Committee  
Appointments**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

In January of each year, City Council fills a number of positions for intergovernmental assignments. Throughout the year, Councilmembers may be appointed to additional intergovernmental assignments.

Since January:

- o Mayor Spitaleri has been re-appointed to the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee, and
- o Vice Mayor Moylan has been re-appointed to the National League of Cities Transportation, Infrastructure and Services Policy and Advocacy Committee.

Appointments made by outside agencies are subject to Council ratification. Confirmation letters from the League of California Cities – the appointing agency – are attached (Attachment A).

Staff recommends Council ratify the re-appointments of Mayor Spitaleri to the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee, and Vice Mayor Moylan to the National League of Cities Transportation, Infrastructure and Services Policy and Advocacy Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

The City Council annually appoints members to a variety of intergovernmental agencies in order to represent the City's interests and to influence policies and regulations of other agencies. Specific intergovernmental appointments are also sometimes made by other agencies; the appointments are then subject to Council ratification.

**EXISTING POLICY**

**Legislative Sub Element, Goal 7.3C** Participate in intergovernmental activities, including national, state and regional groups, as a means to represent the City's interest, influence policy and legislation, and enhance awareness.

**Legislative Sub Element, Policy 7.3.C.1** Represent City policy in intergovernmental activities in accordance with adopted policy guidelines

**Council Policy 7.3.12** City Council Appointments to Intergovernmental Agencies, City Council Subcommittees and Council or Mayor-Created Advisory Task Forces

### **DISCUSSION**

Brief descriptions of each of the assignments follow, including designation of staff support. Attachment B is an updated 2009 Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee Assignments list, including these new assignments.

#### **Appointment to the National League of Cities' Public Safety and Crime Prevention (PSCP) Policy and Advocacy Committee**

The Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee addresses topics such as crime and violence levels, delivering life-saving rescue services, preventing fires, and preparing for and responding effectively to domestic terrorism and natural disasters. The primary goal of local public safety and crime prevention efforts is to ensure that the nation's cities and towns provide a safe, healthy environment in which residents can live.

Staff support for this assignment will be provided by James Bouziane, Captain, Department of Public Safety.

#### **Appointment to the National League of Cities' Transportation, Infrastructure and Services (TIS) Policy and Advocacy Committee**

The Transportation Infrastructure and Services (TIS) Policy and Advocacy Committee is responsible for all policy on transportation issues, including planning, funding, safety and security of public transit, streets and highways, aviation, railroads and ports. Each year in March, the TIS Committee will pick topics for that year's policy development.

Staff support for this assignment will be provided by Jack Witthaus, Transportation/Traffic Manager, Department of Public Works.

Both committees meet at NLC's two annual conferences, Congressional City and Congress of Cities, and usually meet mid-year in the summer. The summer meeting is not a regular part of the annual program and not a mandatory part of the appointments.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to this report.

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Council ratifies the re-appointments of Mayor Spitaleri to the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee, and Vice Mayor Moylan to the National League of Cities Transportation, Infrastructure and Services Policy and Advocacy Committee.
2. Council takes no action at this time.
3. Other action as directed by Council.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends Alternative 1. Council ratifies the re-appointments of Mayor Spitaleri to the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee, and Vice Mayor Moylan to the National League of Cities Transportation, Infrastructure and Services Policy and Advocacy Committee.

Reviewed by:

Robert Walker, Assistant City Manager

Prepared by: Yvette Blackford, Intergovernmental Relations Officer

Approved by:

Gary M. Luebbers  
City Manager

**Attachments**

- A. Appointment Notification Letters from the League of California Cities
- B. Updated 2009 Council IGR Committee Assignments

## **Attachment A**



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March 12, 2009

Anthony Spitaleri  
Mayor, Sunnyvale  
545 S. Frances Street  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Appointment to National League of Cities Policy and Advocacy Committee

Dear Mayor Spitaleri:

Every year, the **National League of Cities** (NLC) seeks State League appointments to their *Policy & Advocacy Committees*. Committee members assist with advocacy as well as with developing NLC recommendations and reactions to Congressional and Administrative initiatives.

You have been appointed by the League of California Cities to serve on NLC's Public Safety and Crime Prevention (PSCP) Policy and Advocacy Committee. As an NLC committee member you are invited to attend, at your city's expense, policy and advocacy committee meetings held during the Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C., March 14 -18, 2009, and the Congress of Cities in November. Conference registration is located on the NLC Website: [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of the League and the National League of Cities. We hope that in 2009 your work on this NLC policy and advocacy committee will prove helpful and productive. Thank you for representing California on this committee. We look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,

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Judy Mitchell  
President, League of California Cities  
Mayor, Rolling Hills Estates

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March 9, 2009

Christopher R. Moylan  
Council Member, Sunnyvale  
1641 Honfleur Drive  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Appointment to National League of Cities Policy and Advocacy Committee

Dear Council Member Moylan:

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**Attachment B**

**Updated 2009 City Council Appointments to Intergovernmental Agencies, City Council Subcommittees and Mayor-Created Advisory Task Forces As of 3/12/09** **ATTACHMENT B**

| <b><u>MEMBER/Committee Assignment</u></b>                                    | <b>Term Expires</b> | <b>Staff Support</b>                  |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b><u>MAYOR ANTHONY SPITALERI</u></b>  |                     |                                       |
| Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)                                   |                     |                                       |
| >General Assembly  | 1/10                | Yvette Blackford                      |
| US Conference of Mayors  |                     |                                       |
| >Children, Health and Human Services Standing Committee <sup>M</sup>         | 1/10                | Angela Chan                           |
| >International Affairs Standing Committee <sup>M</sup>                       | 1/10                | Yvette Blackford                      |
| Santa Clara County Cities Association (SCCCA)                                |                     |                                       |
| >City Selection Committee <sup>M</sup>                                       | 1/10                | Yvette Blackford                      |
| League of California Cities (LCC)  |                     |                                       |
| >Employee Relations Policy Committee*  | 9/09                | Tammy Parkhurst                       |
| National League of Cities (NLC)  |                     |                                       |
| >Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee**          | 3/10                | Capt. James Bouziane                  |
| <b><u>VICE MAYOR CHRISTOPHER MOYLAN</u></b>                                  |                     |                                       |
| Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)  |                     |                                       |
| >Policy Advisory Committee   | 1/10                | Jack Witthaus                         |
| >Board of Directors (Alternate, City Position)                               | 1/10                | Jack Witthaus                         |
| Grand Boulevard Task Force, Alternate  | 1/10                | Hanson Hom                            |
| Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study Policy Advisory Board (PAB)   | 1/10                | Jack Witthaus                         |
| Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council, Chair                     | 1/10                | Lt. John Gienger                      |
| Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)                                    |                     |                                       |
| >Lower Peninsula Flood Control and Watershed Advisory Committee              | 1/10                | Jim Craig (also serving as alternate) |
| National League of Cities (NLC)  |                     |                                       |
| >Transportation, Infrastructure and Services Policy and Advocacy Committee** | 3/10                | Jack Witthaus                         |
| Stevens Creek Trail Working Team   | 1/10                | Jack Witthaus                         |
| <b><u>JOHN N. HOWE</u></b>   |                     |                                       |
| Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Chair, Commissioner* <sup>S</sup> | 5/12                | Gerri Caruso                          |
| Santa Clara County Housing Bond Advisory Committee                           | 1/10                | Suzanne Ise                           |
| Santa Clara County Cities Association (SCCCA)                                |                     |                                       |
| >City Selection Committee, Alternate <sup>M</sup>                            | 1/10                | Yvette Blackford                      |
| >Board of Directors, Alternate   | 1/10                | Yvette Blackford                      |

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|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b><u>RON SWEGLES</u></b>  |                     |                                       |
| League of California Cities (LCC)  |                     |                                       |
| >Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee*                           | 9/09                | Hanson Hom                            |
| >League Water Task Force*  | 9/09                | Jim Craig                             |
| >Peninsula Division, Vice President*   | 9/09                | Yvette Blackford                      |
| >Peninsula Division, City Liaison  | 1/10                | Yvette Blackford                      |
| Military Affairs Council <sup>M</sup>  | 1/10                | Yvette Blackford                      |
| Housing Trust of Santa Clara County  |                     |                                       |
| > Board of Directors*  | 1/10                | Suzanne Ise                           |
| Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)                                   |                     |                                       |
| >Board of Directors  | 6/11                | Jim Craig                             |
| >Board Policy Committee  | 1/10                | Jim Craig                             |
| San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority (RFA)                   |                     |                                       |
| >Board of Directors  | 6/11                | Jim Craig                             |
| Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)  |                     |                                       |
| >Water Commission  | 1/10                | Jim Craig                             |
| Air Force Space Command's Commander's Group*   | No Exp              | Yvette Blackford                      |
| Advisory Council to the Council on Aging Silicon Valley <sup>M</sup>                     | 6/11                | Nancy Steward                         |
| <b><u>MELINDA HAMILTON</u></b>   |                     |                                       |
| North Valley (NOVA) Job Training Consortium Workforce Board                              |                     |                                       |
| >Nomination Committee  | 1/10                | Mike Curran                           |
| Grand Boulevard Task Force   | 1/10                | Hanson Hom                            |
| Santa Clara County Cities Association (SCCCA)  |                     |                                       |
| >Board of Directors  | 1/10                | Yvette Blackford                      |
| Comprehensive County Expressway Planning Study Policy Advisory Board (PAB),<br>Alternate | 1/10                | Jack Witthaus                         |
| Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council, Alternate                             | 1/10                | Lt. John Gienger                      |
| Santa Clara County Housing Bond Advisory Committee, Alternate                            | 1/10                | Suzanne Ise                           |
| <b><u>DAVID WHITTUM</u></b>  |                     |                                       |
| Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)  |                     |                                       |
| >Policy Advisory Committee, Alternate  | 1/10                | Jack Witthaus                         |
| Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)  |                     |                                       |
| >Guadalupe/West Valley Flood Control and Watershed Advisory Committee                    | 1/10                | Jim Craig (also serving as alternate) |
| Water Emergency Transportation Authority Community Advisory Committee                    | 1/10                | Jack Witthaus                         |
| <b><u>DEAN J. CHU***</u></b>   |                     |                                       |
| No assignments at this time  |                     |                                       |

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| <u>Community Member</u>  | <u>Term Expires</u>  | <u>Staff Liaison</u>  |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| Community Member IGR Assignments   |  |                       |
|  |  | (no support provided) |
| <u>Jim Griffith</u><br>Silicon Valley Library System Advisory Board  | 6/30/10  | Susan Denniston       |
| <u>David Simons</u><br>Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)<br>>Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee   | 6/30/10  | Jack Witthaus         |
| <u>Arthur Schwartz</u> (alternate representative while Councilmember Lee serves on active military duty)<br>Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) | 1/1/2010<br>(or until<br>Councilmember<br>Lee's return,<br>whichever is<br>sooner) | Stewart McGee         |

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**Committee Assignment/MEMBER**

City Council Subcommittees

| <u>Ad Hoc Advisory Committee</u> |                                   | <u>Date Formed</u> | <u>Staff Liaison</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| > Campaign Ethics                | No members appointed at this time | 10/24/06           | David Kahn           |

| <u>Mayor Created Task Force</u>  | <u>Appointing Mayor(s)</u>                              | <u>Staff Liaison</u> |
|--|---|----------------------|
| Per Council Policy 7.3.12, an advisory task force exists until its work is concluded or it is terminated by the Mayor; in all cases the term is limited to the term of the appointing Mayor. |   |                      |
| > Green Ribbon Task Force  | 2008 - Mayor Anthony Spitaleri<br>2007 - Mayor Otto Lee | None                 |
| > Blue Ribbon Committee on Paramedic Services  | 2008 - Mayor Anthony Spitaleri                          | None                 |

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