



**Council Meeting: June 9, 2009**

**SUBJECT: Board and Commission Appointments (Based on 2009 Summer Recruitment)**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

The Office of the City Clerk received 22 boards and commissions applications by the recruitment deadline of April 17, 2009. Ten interviews were held on May 4, 2009 and 12 interviews were held on May 18, 2009. Five applications were submitted following the deadline. Although these five applicants were not interviewed, their applications were included for Council consideration as an interview is not a prerequisite to being appointed to a board or commission. (The deadline is necessary to allow for the scheduling and preparation of interviews.)

Staff recommends that Council confirm appointments from the candidates listed in this report, specifying the terms for each candidate for the boards and commissions that have multiple seats and terms.

The terms for these newly appointed board and commission members will be effective July 1, 2009 and will continue until the specified term expires.

**BACKGROUND**

Staff conducted a citywide recruitment from August 2008 to April 17, 2009. Outreach efforts included: Council meeting announcements; advertising on the City's Web site; a news release; a Quarterly Report article; notices to incumbents; two advertisements each in the *Sunnyvale Sun* and *San Jose Mercury News*; phone calls to applicants on file from the summer 2008 recruitment; and e-mail notification to neighborhood associations and community groups.

**EXISTING POLICY**

Council Policy 7.2.19 outlines the appointment process as follows:

*The Mayor will announce by board or commission each vacancy including its term, and then will read each applicant's name. Council will vote on each applicant. The candidate receiving the most affirmative votes and at least four affirmative votes will be appointed. Should no candidate receive at least four affirmative votes, the vacancy will remain. Should a tie between the candidates receiving the most affirmative votes occur, the affected applicants will be voted*

*on again. If a tie still remains, and the affected applicants each have received at least four affirmative votes, the Mayor would ask the City Attorney to draw the name of the person to be appointed. The process is repeated for each board or commission.*

### **DISCUSSION**

Following the April 17, 2009 deadline, the Office of the City Clerk verified that the applicants met voter registration and residency requirements as applicable.

Current vacancies, terms of appointments, and names of candidates are as follows:

<b>Board of Building Code Appeals (4 vacancies)</b>	<b>Terms</b>
David Musgrave	1 term to 6/30/2011 2 terms to 6/30/2012 1 term to 6/30/2013
<b>Heritage Preservation Commission (2 vacancies)</b>	<b>Terms</b>
Amrit Verma	1 term to 6/30/2010 1 term to 6/30/2013
<b>Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (1 vacancy, Category 2)</b>	<b>Term</b>
Carl Bergholm Angela Rausch* Garry Sellers (Preference #3) Cathy Switzer (Preference #1) Cyndi Wheeler Kristin Yiotis	1 term to 6/30/2010
<b>Personnel Board (1 vacancy)</b>	<b>Term</b>
Eric Anderson (Preference #1) Garry Sellers (Preference #1) Cathy Switzer (Preference #4)	1 term to 6/30/2013
<b>Parks and Recreation Commission (2 vacancies)</b>	<b>Terms</b>
Amitabh Bihari (Preference #1) Ralph Kenton Bob Kinder* Mike Michitaka Richard Oliver Craig Pasqua Robert Pochowski (Preference #1) Cathy Switzer (Preference #2)	2 terms to 6/30/2013

<b>Planning Commission (1 vacancy)</b>	<b>Term</b>
John Cordes Robert Pochowski (Preference #2) Brandon Sulser Cathy Switzer (Preference #3)	1 term to 6/30/2013
<b>Housing and Human Services Commission (9 vacancies)</b>	<b>Terms</b>
Eric Anderson (Preference #2) Dori Hailu Gary Sellers (Preference #2) Demi Yezgi	2 terms to 6/30/2011 2 terms to 6/30/2012 5 terms to 6/30/2013
<b>Arts Commission (2 vacancies)</b>	<b>Terms</b>
Amitabh Bihari (Preference #2) Amber Estrada* Noelle Hughes Christine Lanoie-Newman (Preference #1) Tracy Seto*	2 terms to 6/30/2013
<b>Board of Library Trustees (1 vacancy)</b>	<b>Term</b>
Eric Anderson (Preference #3) Dixie Carney Micki Falk Christine Lanoie-Newman (Preference #2) Mei-Ling Stefan*	1 term to 6/30/2013

\*Late application; applicant not interviewed.

As noted above, the following boards and commissions did not receive a sufficient number of applications to fill all current vacancies: Board of Building Code Appeals, Heritage Preservation Commission and Housing and Human Services Commission.

Remaining vacancies will be included in the continuous recruitment process. When eligible applications are received, staff will return to Council with options for filling the vacancies.

Following appointments, the staff liaison for each board and commission will provide a board/commission-specific orientation and each new member is required to take the Oath of Office, sign the Model of Excellence, attend the Boards and Commissions Orientation hosted by the Office of the City Clerk, and complete ethics training. A ceremonial oath will be offered to all incoming board and commission members.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact as a result of 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.

In addition, the public was notified of the recruitment for board and commission applicants as noted on page one of this report.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Council confirm appointments from the candidates listed in this report, specifying the terms for each candidate for the boards and commissions that have multiple seats and terms.
2. Council decline to make appointments at this time and direct staff to include the current vacancies in the City's continuous recruitment process.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Alternative 1: Council confirm appointments from the candidates listed in this report, specifying the terms for each candidate for the boards and commissions that have multiple seats and terms.

Alternative 1 represents the culmination of the 2009 summer board and commission recruitment.

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