



Council Meeting: November 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Council Nomination for Consideration of Appointment to VTA Board of Directors Representing Small Cities Group 2

BACKGROUND

The Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors (Board) is made up of 17 members and two ex-officio members, all of whom are elected officials appointed to serve on the Board by the jurisdictions they represent. Fourteen Directors are city council members and three are County Supervisors. Twelve Directors serve as voting members and there are five Directors who serve as alternates. The ex-officio members are non-voting members and are Santa Clara County representatives to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Cities are represented by fourteen seats – ten voting seats and four alternates on the Board. The ten voting seats are split into four groups. As detailed below, the City of Sunnyvale is represented in Small Cities Group 2 with three seats:

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| Group 1 | San Jose | Group 2 | Small Cities: Los Altos Los Altos Hills Mountain View Palo Alto Santa Clara Sunnyvale |
| 5 seats | | 3 seats | |
| Group 3 | Small Cities: Campbell Cupertino] Los Gatos Monte Sereno Saratoga | Group 4 | Small Cities: Gilroy Milpitas Morgan Hill |
| 1 seat | | 1 seat | |

EXISTING POLICY

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

DISCUSSION

Vice Mayor Moylan requested this action item be placed on the agenda of the November 17, 2009 City Council meeting as the VTA Small Cities Group 2 will

appoint three members and one alternate to the VTA Board of Directors at its December 2009 meeting. In anticipation, Vice Mayor Moylan has indicated that Group 2 member cities have been asked to nominate one person from their Council and specifically requested that any nominee have at least two years remaining on their current council term.

When making IGR appointments or nominations, Council considers the City's overall intergovernmental priorities and the particular interests and backgrounds of individual councilmembers.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related 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 nominates one councilmember for consideration of appointment to the VTA Board of Directors to represent Small Cities Group 2.
2. Other action as directed by Council

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative 1: Council nominates one councilmember for consideration of appointment to the VTA Board of Directors to represent Small Cities Group 2.

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