

**Council Meeting: January 5, 2010****SUBJECT: 2010-2011 Seating Arrangements for City Council****REPORT IN BRIEF**

Council Policy 7.3.11 Seating Arrangements/City Council (Attachment A) requires that City Council seating arrangements be determined as the last item of business at the meeting during which the Mayor and/or Vice Mayor is selected.

The actual change of seats will commence with the Council's next regular meeting scheduled on January 12, 2010.

EXISTING POLICY

See Attached Council Policy 7.3.11.

After selection of the seat to be occupied by the Vice Mayor, the following order is to be used to select the remaining seats:

| | Year First Elected | Councilmember | # Votes Last Election | Last Election Date |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Most Senior | 2003 | Ron Swegles | 9,577 | 2007 |
| | 2003 | Melinda Hamilton | 9,205 | 2007 |
| | 2005 | Christopher R. Moylan | 9,792 | 2009 |
| | 2005 | Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri | 9,518 | 2009 |
| | 2007 | David Whittum | 8,271 | 2007 |
| | 1/6/09* | Dean J. Chu | N/A | N/A |
| Least Senior | 11/3/2009 | James R. Griffith | 9,968 | 2009 |

*Dean J. Chu was appointed to serve as an interim Councilmember to Seat #5 during Councilmember Otto Lee's absence due to active military duty.

Councilmember Lee was first elected in 2003 and re-elected in 2007 by a vote of 13,330.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

Council determine the seating arrangements for 2010-2011 in accordance with Council Policy 7.3.11.

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Attachments

Attachment A: Council Policy 7.3.11

Policy 7.3.11 Seating Arrangements/City Council

POLICY PURPOSE:

Section 613 of the Charter provides that the City Council shall establish rules for the conduct of its proceedings. It is the purpose of this policy to establish a process to determine the seating arrangement of Councilmembers at Council meetings.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Seating of Mayor The Mayor shall be seated in the center seat. Should the Mayor be absent, the Vice Mayor will assume the Mayor's seat.
2. Seating of the Vice Mayor The Vice Mayor shall be seated to either side of the Mayor, with the vice Mayor receiving preference for obtaining the seat.
3. Councilmember Seating
 - A. When Determined: Seating arrangements will be determined as the last item of business at a meeting during which a mayor and/or vice mayor is selected.
 - B. How Determined: Councilmembers shall select where they wish to sit on the basis of length of continuous time of service on the City Council. The selection process shall be in the order of most senior to least senior. When two or more Councilmembers have equivalent time of service, those Councilmembers shall be given priority in seat selection by the highest number of votes in his/her most recent election.

(Adopted: RTC 81-602 (10/6/1981); Amended: 84-673 (11/6/1984), 85-554 (11/12/1985), 87-590 (11/10/1987), 88-701 (11/29/1988), 89-729 (11/14/1989), 91-522 (11/12/1991), 05-357 (11/29/05))

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