



Sunnyvale

## News Release

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### **COUNCIL VOTES TO FILL VACANT SEAT BY APPOINTMENT**

*Eligible candidates must apply by Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022*

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Last night, the Sunnyvale City Council voted unanimously to declare at-large Council Seat 3 vacant and fill the vacancy by appointment versus election. The Council also approved the public application and appointment process. After interviewing eligible candidates, the Council is scheduled to make the appointment on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022. The appointed councilmember will serve until the Jan. 3, 2023 Council meeting.

The Council's decisions avoid having to hold a costly special election to fill the vacancy before the general election in November 2022. Available election dates had significantly different costs, ranging from approximately \$230,000 to \$3 million.

To be eligible for the appointment, candidates must be a registered voter in Sunnyvale for at least 30 days and be aged 18 or older when applying. Interested candidates must [submit an application and Statement of Economic Interests](#) (FPPC Form 700) by Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 at 4 p.m. After confirming the candidates' eligibility, the City will publish their applications on the City's website. The Council is scheduled to interview eligible candidates at public meetings on Monday, Jan. 31 and Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022.

The City is changing to a district-based election system and Seat 3 is one of the three remaining at-large seats. At-large Seats 1, 3 and 5 will change to district-based seats in the Nov. 8, 2022 general election. At-large Seat 3 is vacant due to former Councilmember Mason Fong's resignation, effective Nov. 14, 2021.

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