



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA

2:00 PM - Tuesday, September 24, 2024

In-Person

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may participate by being present at the Los Altos Council Chamber at Los Altos City Hall located at 1 N. San Antonio Rd, Los Altos, CA during the meeting. Public comment is accepted in person at the physical meeting location, or via email to PublicComment@losaltosca.gov.

RULES FOR CONDUCT: Pursuant to Los Altos Municipal Code, Section 2.05.010 "Interruptions and rules for conduct": Understanding that the purpose of the city council meetings is to conduct the people's business for the benefit of all the people, in the event that any meeting of the city council is willfully interrupted by a person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible, the mayor, mayor pro tem, or any other member of the city council acting as the chair may order the removal of the person or persons responsible for the disruption and bar them from further attendance at the council meeting, or otherwise proceed pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.0 or any applicable penal statute or city ordinance.

This meeting will be held in-person only.

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS: Prior to the meeting, comments on matters listed on the agenda may be emailed to PublicComment@losaltosca.gov. Emails sent to this email address are sent to/received immediately by the City Council. Emails sent directly to the City Council as a whole or individually, and not sent to PublicComment@losaltosca.gov will not be included as a public comment in the Council packet.

Please note: Personal information, such as e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, home addresses, and other contact information are not required to be included with your comments. If this information is included in your written comments, they will become part of the public record. Redactions and/or edits will not be made to public comments, and the comments will be posted as they are submitted. Please do not include any information in your communication that you do not want to be made public.

Correspondence submitted in hard copy/paper format must be received by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to ensure distribution prior to the meeting. Comments provided in hard copy/paper format after 2:00 p.m. will be distributed the following day and included with public comment in the Council packet.

The Mayor will open public comment and will announce the length of time provided for comments during each item.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**CONFIRM QUORUM****SPECIAL ITEM**

- [1.](#) Conduct Interviews with Applicants to Various City Commissions and Appoint Members to City Commissions

ADJOURNMENT**SPECIAL NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Altos will make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk 72 hours prior to the meeting at (650) 947-2610.



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: September 24, 2024

Prepared By: Melissa Thurman

Approved By: Gabriel Engeland

Subject: Conduct Interviews with Applicants to Various City Commissions and Appoint Members to City Commissions

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- ☐ Business Communities
- ☐ Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- ☒ General Government

RECOMMENDATION

- Conduct Interviews with the applicants during a Special Meeting on September 24, 2024
- Each Councilmember shall submit a written ballot at the conclusion of the interviews to the City Clerk for Commission appointments
- Authorize the addition of an agenda item on the Consent Calendar of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2024 “Confirmation of Appointments to City Commissions and Committees”

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Commission appointments are conducted annually by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

From early July – September 6, 2024, the City Clerk’s Office conducted recruitment for vacancies on various city commissions.

The recruitment was successful, with the City Clerk’s Office receiving 33 qualified applications for consideration for appointment. Many of the applicants listed other commissions they also had interest in serving on, should they not be appointed for their first choice. The applicant choices are listed in the order in which they appeared on the application forms.

The applicant list for each commission is as follows:

Complete Streets Commission – Three (3) vacancies (full four-year terms)

7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members, with one partial-term seat expiring and two first-term seats expiring

Stephen Katz – Incumbent – 1 st Choice	Suresh Venkatraman – 1 st Choice
Tony Li – 1 st Choice	Ralph Wyatt Adams, Jr – 2 nd Choice
Stephen Magowan – 1 st Choice	Manish Gupta – 2 nd Choice
Kartik Trivedi – 1 st Choice	

Environmental Commission – Three (3) vacancies (full four-year terms)

7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members, with one second-term seat expiring and two first-term seats expiring

Margot Czeropski – 1 st Choice	Vishwa Ramasamy – 1 st Choice
Bruno Delagneau – Incumbent – 1 st Choice	Laura Lewis – 2 nd Choice
Raashina Humayan – Incumbent – 1 st Choice	Kartik Trivedi – 2 nd Choice
Colm Nee – 1 st Choice	Manish Gupta – 3 rd Choice
Himanshu Raj – 1 st Choice	

Financial Commission – One (1) vacancy (short term seat expiring in September 2027)

7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members, with one short-term vacancy, expiring in September 2027

Ken Fowler – 1 st Choice	Stephen Magowan – 2 nd Choice
Charles Pigeot – 1 st Choice	Steven Paff – 2 nd Choice
Sarosh Vesuna – 1 st Choice	Manish Gupta – 4 th Choice
Bruce Winterhof – 1 st Choice	

Historical Commission – Three (3) vacancies (full four-year terms)

5 Member Commission – Currently has 5 Members, with two second-term seats expiring and one first-term seat expiring

Gina Atkinson – 1 st Choice	Alice Mansell – 2 nd Choice
Suzanne Maguire-Negus – 1 st Choice	Steven Paff – 3 rd Choice

Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission - One (1) vacancy (short term seat expiring in September 2027)

7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members, with one short-term vacancy, expiring in September 2027

Richa Agarwal – 1 st Choice	David Young – 1 st Choice
Alice Mansell – 1 st Choice	Rajiv Shah – 2 nd Choice
Steven Paff – 1 st Choice	Laura Lewis – 3 rd Choice
David Recht – 1 st Choice	Manish Gupta – 5 th Choice

Planning Commission – Four (4) vacancies (full four-year terms)

7 Member Commission – *Currently has 7 Members, with four first-term seats expiring*

Ralph Wyatt Adams, Jr. – 1 st Choice	Rajiv Shah – 1 st Choice
Manish Gupta – 1 st Choice	Eric Steinle – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice
Laura Lewis – 1 st Choice	Bruce Winterhof – 2 nd Choice
Susan Mensinger – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice	Raashina Humayan – 2 nd Choice
Richard Roche – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice	Steven Paff – 4 th Choice

Senior Commission – Three (3) vacancies (full four-year terms)

7 Member Commission – *Currently has 7 Members, with two second-term seats expiring and one first-term seat expiring*

Jayne M. Cohen – <i>Incumbent</i> – 1 st Choice	Nomi Trapnell – 1 st Choice
Robert Sutis – 1 st Choice	Ralph Wyatt Adams, Jr. – 3 rd Choice
Dolores Gallagher Thompson – 1 st Choice	