



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA

4:00 PM - Tuesday, September 09, 2025

In-Person

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE RECORDED OR BROADCAST FOR VIRTUAL VIEWING

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.

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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

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**1. Commission Interview Sessions**

Conduct Interview Sessions with Applicants to Various City Commissions;

Submit a Written Ballot at the Conclusion of the Interview Sessions to the City Clerk for Commission Appointments; and

Confirm Appointments During the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter

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 9, 2025

Prepared By: Melissa Thurman

Approved By: Gabriel Engeland

Subject: Conduct Interview Sessions with Applicants to Various City Commissions

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

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

RECOMMENDATION

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FISCAL IMPACT

None

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Commission appointments are conducted annually by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

From early July – September 1, 2025, the City Clerk's Office conducted recruitment for vacancies on various city commissions.

The recruitment was successful, with the City Clerk's Office receiving 32 qualified applications for consideration for appointment. Many of the applicants listed other commissions they were also interested in serving on, should they not be appointed for their first choice. The applicant's choices are listed in the order in which they appeared on the application forms, with the first choice being displayed in bold font.

The applicant list for each commission is as follows:

Complete Streets Commission – One vacant short-term seat expiring in September 2026

• Clara Roa – 1st Choice

Environmental Commission – One vacant short-term seat expiring in September 2028

• Angelo DeGiuli – 1st Choice	• Alexandra Nguyen – 2nd Choice
• Khashayar Hooshiyar – 2nd Choice	• Les Poltrack – 2nd Choice
• Peter Liaw – 2nd Choice	• Teresa Morris – 2nd Choice

Financial Commission - Three full-term seats expiring in September 2029, with one possible re-appointment

• John Claras - Incumbent	• Julia Lovin – 1st Choice
• Jonathan Chang – 1st Choice	

Historical Commission - One full-term seat expiring in September 2029

• Karen Scussel – 1st Choice	• Eman Ghanma – 2nd Choice
• Alice Mansell – 1st Choice	• Khashayar Hooshiyar - 3rd Choice
• Jonathan Edge – 2nd Choice	

Library Commission – Three full-term seats expiring in September 2029 (one vacant), with two possible re-appointments

• Pierre Bedard – Incumbent	• Nila Yeung – 2nd Choice
• Carolle Carter – Incumbent	• Jeanine Valadez – 2nd Choice
• Ambica Bhardwaj – 1st Choice	• Jonathan Edge – 3rd Choice
• Julia Lovin – 2nd Choice	• Khashayar Hooshiyar – 4th Choice

PARC – Five full-term seats expiring in September 2029 (one vacant), with four possible re-appointments, and one vacant short-term seat expiring in September 2027

• Teresa Morris – Incumbent	• Matthew Poehler – 1st Choice
• Dylan Ardalan – 1st Choice	• Misti Sangani – 1st Choice
• Ellen Dolich – 1st Choice	• Yvette Stout – 1st Choice
• Jonathan Edge – 1st Choice	• Nila Yeung – 1st Choice
• Khashayar Hooshiyar – 1st Choice	• Ambica Bhardwaj – 2nd Choice
• Betty Hsu – 1st Choice	• Sara Kiani – 2nd Choice
• Amal Khan – 1st Choice	• Eman Ghanma – 3rd Choice
• Peter Liaw – 1st Choice	• Alexandra Nguyen – 3rd Choice
• Erin McDonald – 1st Choice	

Planning Commission – Two vacant short-term seats expiring in September 2026

• Sara Kiani – 1 st Choice	• Jonathan Chang – 2 nd Choice
• Alexandra Nguyen – 1 st Choice	• John Claras – 2 nd Choice
• Les Poltrack – 1 st Choice	• Angelo DeGiuli – 2 nd Choice
• Daphne Ross – 1 st Choice	• Ellen Dolich – 2 nd Choice
• Jeanine Valadez – 1 st Choice	• Matthew Poehler – 2 nd Choice
• Bob Zamani – 1 st Choice	• Yvette Stout – 2 nd Choice

Senior Commission – Two full-term seats expiring in September 2027, with two possible re-appointments

• Kris Olson – Incumbent	• Dylan Ardalan – 2 nd Choice
• Eman Ghanma – 1 st Choice	• Julia Lovin – 3 rd Choice
• Linda Kramer – 1 st Choice	• Jeanine Valadez – 3 rd Choice

ATTACHMENT

None