



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 26, 2023

Subject Confirmation of City Council Appointments to City Commissions and Committee

Prepared by: Melissa Thurman, City Clerk

Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Attachment(s):
None

Background:

From early July to September 2023, the City of Los Altos held a recruitment for vacancies on various city commissions and committees. The recruitment was very successful, with the City Clerk's office receiving 63 qualified applications for consideration.

On September 19, 2023, the City Council held a Special Meeting to conduct interview sessions with the applicants. At the conclusion of the interview sessions, the City Council each voted on provided ballots their choice of appointments to the Commissions and Committee. The final list of interviewed applicants per Commission and Committee is listed below, with the Council's final appointments detailed.

Complete Streets Commission

2 vacancies for one 1-year term and one 2-year term

Alon Golan	Scott J. Pietka
Wesley Helmholz	Michael Holmen
Tony Li	Robert Sutis
Joseph Luk	Lou Wolner (<i>written answers provided</i>)

The City Council appointed **Wesley Helmholz and Scott J. Pietka** to the Complete Streets Commission.

Financial Commission

4 vacancies for four-year terms

Patrick Dupuis	Jesse Zhang
Kristen Guggeis	Stephen Chu (<i>written answers provided</i>)
Deepak Jain	Francis Grillo (<i>written answers provided</i>)
Daniel Morris	Sujoy Sagar (<i>written answers provided</i>)
Michelle Morris	Ibrahim Bashir (<i>written answers provided</i>)
Scott Ottoes	

The City Council appointed **Deepak Jain, Patrick Dupuis, Scott Ottoes and Jesse Zhang** to the Financial Commission.



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Library Commission

2 vacancies for four-year terms

Freddie Wheeler – Incumbent	Monica Waldman
Sumita Chandra	Jesse Zhang
Jennifer Martin	Maya Bronicki <i>(written answers provided)</i>
Michelle Morris	Denise Welsh <i>(written answers provided)</i>
Scott Ottoes	Lou Wolner <i>(written answers provided)</i>
Brian Treco	

The City Council appointed **Michelle Morris** to the Library Commission.

The Library Commission membership was recently changed by the City Council to move from a 7-member body to 5-members. With this appointment the Commission will have five members.

Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee

3 vacancies for four-year terms

Laurel Iverson – Incumbent	Sumita Chandra
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The City Council appointed **Laurel Iverson and Sumita Chandra** to the Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee.

Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission

1 vacancy for four-year term

Dana Tasic – Incumbent	Andrea Ramirez
Shradha Balakrishnan	Yong Yeh – Incumbent <i>(written answers provided)</i>
Daniel Morris	Jim Allen <i>(written answers provided)</i>
Michelle Morris	Ibrahim Bashir <i>(written answers provided)</i>
Scott Ottoes	Lou Wolner <i>(written answers provided)</i>
Kris Olson	Victoria Wong <i>(written answers provided)</i>
Cyndel Podich	

The City Council did not make an appointment to the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission.

The Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission was recently created by merging the Parks & Recreation Commission with the Public Arts Commission. The membership of the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission was set to 7 members. Due to the merger of the Commissions there are currently 10 members on the Commission. With no appointment made to the Commission the total number of members is 7.

Senior Commission

1 vacancy for a 2-year term

Tony Li – Incumbent	Robert Sutis
Artie Green	Denise Welsh <i>(written answers provided)</i>
Kris Olson	Lou Wolner <i>(written answers provided)</i>

The City Council appointed **Kris Olson** to the Senior Commission.



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Fiscal Impact:

None

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the confirmation of the City Council appointments to City Commissions and Committee