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March 7, 2022

VIA EMAIL

Los Altos City Council
Los Altos City Hall
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Re: Public Comment Agenda Item #12 - March 8, 2022 Meeting –
Commission Appointments

Dear Mayor Enander, Vice Mayor Meadows, Councilmember Lee Eng, Councilmember Weinberg, and Councilmember Fligor,

We are Los Altos residents and submit this unsolicited letter in support of Scott Spielman's re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

1. Mr. Spielman has demonstrated a commitment to representing the interests of the community at-large.

Section 4.1 of the City Council Norms and Procedures provides that commissioners represent the interests of the community at large. During his tenure as a commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mr. Spielman was a role model of representing the interests of the community at large. As an example, when the commission was considering a site for a fenced-in dog park, many of us expressed our concern about the process during public comment. Mr. Spielman responded to our concern by proactively proposing a meeting with our neighborhood. He spent hours listening to our concerns and helping us understand the process. He also facilitated educating other commissioners about the concerns and issues we raised. His dedication to reaching out to residents was a role model for seeking to represent the interests of the community at-large. Moreover, we believe his efforts contributed to enabling the city to move forward with the plan that the City Council recently approved.

2. Mr. Spielman is uniquely qualified to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Spielman served on the commission for approximately 18 months. His effectiveness was recognized when he was elected Vice Chair. At a time when the Parks and Recreation Commission is considering many important matters, we believe the City Council and the commission will benefit from Mr. Spielman's prior experience, familiarity with the current matters before the commission, as well as his pre-existing, positive working relationships with the current commission members.

We ask that each of you vote to re-appoint Mr. Spielman to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Signatory submits this letter as a resident of Los Altos and not as a member of the Public Arts Commission

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Hello Los Altos City Council,

I watched the commission interviews Tuesday and today via video, and was very encouraged to see at least one resident who is relatively new to Los Altos volunteering to serve. I hope we can find a way to take advantage of the enthusiasm and energy of our new neighbors who might be running up against a full slate of incumbents returning to a commission. Hopefully there are other commissions you can interest them in considering.

I also noticed that one of the elements missing from the appointment considerations is feedback from their commission colleagues and staff liasons who work directly with the candidates. Many of us in our professional lives have experienced 360 degree reviews from our peers, subordinates and managers. I would hope that past performance of the incumbents and their relationships with other commissioners is somehow taken into account as you consider your appointments.

Thank you,

Joe

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