



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 29, 2022

Subject Appoint Representative to VTA North County Cities Group: Nominate a Council Member to serve as the Valley Transportation Authority Board Alternate for the North County Cities Group

Prepared by: Angel Rodriguez, Interim City Clerk

Reviewed by: Jon Maginot, Assistant City Manger

Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Attachment(s):

1. VTA “North County Cities Group” Procedure for Appointment of Board Member Representation and Expectations of the Board Member

Initiated by:

VTA

Previous Council Consideration:

October 2019

Fiscal Impact:

None

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to nominate a Council member to serve as the Valley Transportation Authority Board Alternate for the North County Cities Group?

Summary:

- The Cities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View and Palo Alto are grouped together by VTA and have one voting member and one alternate of the VTA Board
- Council member Lee Eng has served since 2017 on the VTA Policy Advisory Committee, a mayor-appointed position done annually. Since the end of 2019, Council member Lee Eng has been nominated by Council and voted in by the VTA North County Cities group as the alternate to the VTA Board.

Reviewed By:

City Manager

GE

City Attorney

JH

Finance Director

JE



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- The Alternate VTA Board Member position is a 2-year term, which is why this nomination is for Council consideration tonight.

Staff Recommendation:

Move to nominate a Council member to serve as the Valley Transportation Authority Board Alternate for the North County Cities Group.

Purpose

To nominate a Council member to serve as the Valley Transportation Authority Board Alternate for the North County Cities Group.

Discussion/Analysis

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors consists of elected officials appointed to serve on the Board by the jurisdictions they represent. The Cities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View and Palo Alto, collectively known as the North County Cities Group (Group 2 Cities), have one voting member of the Board and one alternate. In 2019, the City of Los Altos appointed Council Member Lee Eng to serve as the City’s Group 2 representative for a three-year term.

The nominee must be affirmed by a majority of the nominating city’s Council.

Background

As defined in the VTA ‘North County Cities Group’ Procedure for Appointment of Board Member Representative and Expectations of the Representative” document (Attachment 1), the appointment of the Group 2 member of the Board is made through an election process that takes place in odd years and is guided by a nomination rotation that gives first opportunity to the next city in the rotation.

Per VTA North County Cities Group, “in order to satisfy the enabling legislation's requirement that "the appointing powers shall appoint individuals who have expertise, experience, or knowledge to transportation issues," each nominee must meet at least 2 of the following criteria:

1. At least one years' service on the VTA Board with in the last 4 years
2. At least one year's service on a policy advisory body that reports directly to the VTA (Policy Advisory Committee, Policy Advisory Board, the Citizens Advisory Committee and has 80% attendance.
3. Any other transportation policy credential deemed relevant by the majority of the Group 2 Cites as meeting the intent of the experience requirement with in the last 4 years.
4. Demonstrate working knowledge of VTA.”



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Recommendation

Move to nominate a Council member to serve as the Valley Transportation Authority Board Alternate for the North County Cities Group.