



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 19, 2023
Subject Commissioner Interview Session

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Attachment(s):
 None

Background:

From early July to September 1, 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. Many of the applicants listed other commissions they had interest in serving on and their choices are indicated in order they appeared on the application(s).

The applicant list for each commission/committee is as follows:

Complete Streets Commission – 2 vacancies (one 1-year term; one 2-year term)

7 Member Commission – Currently has 5 Members and 2 vacancies

Alon Golan	Michael Holmen – 2 nd Choice
Wesley Helmholz	Sutis Robert – 2 nd Choice
Tony Li	Freddie Wheeler – 2 nd Choice
Joseph Luk	Lou Wolner – 2 nd Choice
Scott J. Piepka	

Financial Commission – 4 vacancies

7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members

Stephen Chu	Sujoy Sagar
Lloyd Davies	Ibrahim Bashir – 2 nd Choice
Patrick Dupuis	Daniel Morris – 2 nd Choice
Francis Grillo	Michelle Morris – 2 nd Choice
Kristen Guggeis	Scott Ottoes – 2 nd Choice
Deepak Jain	Jesse Zhang – 2 nd Choice
Pierre Joubert	



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Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee – 3 vacancies

9 Member Commission (4 Los Altos Hills Members) – *Currently has 8 Members and 1 vacancy*

Laurel Iverson – Incumbent	David Recht – 3 rd Choice
Sumita Chandra – 2 nd Choice	

Library Commission – 2 vacancies

5 Member Commission – *Currently has 6 Members*

Freddie Wheeler – Incumbent	Brian Treco
Sumita Chandra	Monica Waldman
Maya Bronicki	Jesse Zhang
Edward Hoa	Scott Ottoes – 3 rd Choice
Jennifer Martin	Denise Welsh – 3 rd Choice
Michelle Morris	Lou Wolner – 3 rd Choice

Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission – 1 vacancy

7 Member Commission – *Currently 10 Members due to recent merger of commissions*

Dana Tasic – Incumbent	David Recht
Yong Yeh – Incumbent	Freddie Wheeler
Jim Allen	Lou Wolner
Shradha Balakrishnan	Victoria Wong
Ibrahim Bashir	Lloyd Davies – 2 nd Choice
Michael Homen	Kristen Guggeis – 2 nd Choice
Daniel Morris	Michelle Morris – 3 rd Choice
Kris Olson	Scott Ottoes – 4 th Choice
Cyndel Podich	Sutis Robert – 4 th Choice
Andrea Ramirez	

Senior Commission – 1 vacancy (2-year term)

7 Member Commission – *Currently has 6 Members with one Los Altos Hills Member vacancy*

Tony Li – Incumbent (2 nd Choice)	Kris Olson – 2 nd Choice
Artie Green	Pierre Joubert – 2 nd Choice
Sutis Robert	Lou Wolner – 4 th Choice
Denise Welsh	

During their regular meeting of September 12, 2023, the City Council provided the following direction regarding the Commission Interviews for this recruitment period:

- Commission interviews will be held on September 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- Applicants will be given three questions prior to the meeting
- Applicants will be given three self-managed minutes to answer the three questions
- Council may ask additional questions, if necessary



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Fiscal Impact:

None

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Staff Recommendation:

- Conduct Interviews with the applicants during a Special Meeting on September 19, 2023
- Each Councilmember shall submit a written ballot at the conclusion of the interviews to the City Clerk
- Authorize the addition of an agenda item on the Regular Meeting agenda of September 26, 2023 “Confirmation of Appointments to City Commissions and Committees”