



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: April 30, 2024

Initiated By: City Council

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Subject: City Council to create a process to select the City of Los Altos representative on the Sourcewise Advisory Council

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

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

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council create a process to select a representative to be on the Sourcewise advisory council. Staff recommends City Council select one of the following processes to select a representative.

1. Council nominate and select a representative.
2. Senior Commission recommend a representative to City Council.
3. Direct staff to create an application process to recommend a representative or City Council.

Once the representative is selected, through one of the process identified by City Council, staff will bring a resolution back to City Council to appoint that selection to the Sourcewise Advisory Council seat that is currently vacant from the City of Los Altos. Staff will then update Sourcewise of the representative appointed.

POLICY QUESTION(S) FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- Does City Council wish to appoint a City of Los Altos representative to the Sourcewise Advisory Council?
- What will the process of selecting a Sourcewise Advisory Councilmember be?

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action does not qualify as a “Project” as defined in California Government Code Section 15378(b) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Sourcewise is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that collaborates with Santa Clara County, state and local networks to provide access to programs and information on support services for the aging population. The purpose of the Council is to advise Sourcewise and its Board of Directors about the needs of older adults and disabled persons in the county, to advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable and those of greatest need within the community, and to inform the community of resources and services available through Sourcewise. Sourcewise was previously known as the Council on Aging for Silicon Valley.

The Advisory Council operates under the authority of the federal Older Americans Act and the state Older Californians Act. Community organizations, county districts and local agencies within Santa Clara County are represented on this 37-seat advisory council.

Advisory council members will report on events and needs within their communities and take back to their communities what they’ve learned through their council participation. Members also serve on committees of the Council that advocate for specific needs, such as transportation, legislation, or health.

Advisory council members are actively involved in the development, implementation, and monitoring of the Area Plan, which assesses unmet needs and identifies service goals and objectives. Members are also included in the evaluation of applications for grants for services such as nutrition, legal aid, and adult day care.

City staff has looked into past involvement in the Sourcewise Advisory Council and there was previous Los Altos representation 5 years ago. This representation was a member of the Los Altos Senior Advisory Commission. After that commissioner’s term, no other representative from the City attended Sourcewise Advisory Council meetings.

It is not required for advisory council members to be residents of the City but should be part of or actively engage with senior coordinating councils in their communities. They should also actively engage with advocacy organizations, elected officials, and the general public for the purpose of increasing awareness of issues of concern to older adults and disabled persons.

Sourcewise advisory council member terms are three years, beginning July 1st, and may renew for one additional term. The advisory council meetings currently take place via Zoom on the 1st Monday of each month, between 12pm and 2pm. Los Altos Senior Commission meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 3:30pm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. None