



## City Council Agenda Report

**Meeting Date:** January 14, 2025

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### Subject: Appointment of Los Altos Representative to VTA Board

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#### COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

Appoint a Representative from the Los Altos City Council to serve on the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board for the North County Cities Group

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Not Applicable.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not Applicable.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

November 29, 2022

#### BACKGROUND

An appointment to the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board requires City Council action and is not a mayoral appointment.

#### ANALYSIS

The VTA bylaws state, in part:

*Board Member Nomination Process: The City Council of the PAC member whose turn it is to nominate ("nominating city") may nominate up to two of its qualified councilmembers for the VTA Board. The nominees can be put forth simultaneously or serially (in the event that the first nominee is not elected). A nominating city with no qualified councilmember may not make a nomination. The nominating city also has the option of declining to nominate any of its councilmembers. In the case of no eligible candidates or the nominating city declines to make a nomination, the option to*

*nominate shall pass to the next city in the rotation. The nominating city shall notify the group of whether it intends to nominate a candidate by November 1 of the election year. The choice of who to nominate will be at the discretion of the nominating city.*

*Nominees must be affirmed by a majority of the nominating city's Council. Each city will have the opportunity to put forth two nominees for consideration. If neither succeeds, then the nomination process shall pass to the next city in order.*

## **DISCUSSION**

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board of Directors consists of elected officials appointed 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 and one alternate.

The City Council is required to appoint a member to the VTA Board of Directors, and the Mayor has the discretion to make an annual appointment to two separate VTA committees and boards, which are as follows:

- VTA Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) – *Advisory Committee*
- VTA State Route (SR) 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board – *Advisory Board*

Further information on the VTA's Board of Directors, as well as their various committees, may be found via the following web link: <https://www.vta.org/about/board-and-committees#accordion-policy-advisory-boards>

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. VTA Revised Bylaws