



## CITY OF MILPITAS AGENDA REPORT (AR)

<b>Item Title:</b>	<b>Consider Mayor's Recommendations for Removal of One Commissioner and Appointment of Milpitas Chamber of Commerce Representative to the City of Milpitas Economic Development and Trade Commission (Contact: Mayor Tran, 408-586-3029)</b>
<b>Category:</b>	Consent Calendar-Community Development
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/17/2019
<b>Staff Contact:</b>	Mayor Rich Tran, 408-586-3029
<b><u>Recommendation:</u></b>	Receive Mayor Tran's recommendations, and move to remove Commissioner Dhaval Brahmbhatt from his current term as the Commissioner representing Technology on the Economic Development and Trade Commission; and, newly appoint Inderjit Mundra as voting Commissioner representing the Chamber of Commerce to a term that expires in April 2021. Also, confirm Tina Broyles as Alternate from the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce, per Chamber Board action.

### **Background:**

The purpose of the Economic Development and Trade Commission (EDTC) is to advise the City Council on business issues, cultivate international trade relationships, and make recommendations on the design, development, and implementation of economic development programs and initiatives in Milpitas.

The EDTC was originally established by the Milpitas City Council on February 18, 2003, as the Economic Development Commission. On August 21, 2018, City Council approved a merger of the Economic Development Commission with the dissolved Sister Cities Commission topics to form the Economic Development and Trade Commission. Additionally, on August 21, 2018, the City Council adopted the City's first Commission Handbook, which states that all Commissions shall consist of seven Commissioners and two Alternates (with the exception of the Planning Commission). Historically, the Economic Development Commission had been comprised of eleven Commissioners and two Alternates.

On April 16, 2019, Council re-appointed three Commissioners (Ms. Lynne Rice, Mr. Jeffrey Chen, and Mr. Chris Norwood); newly appointed two Commissioners (Mr. Matthew Taylor and Mr. Victor San Vicente); and newly appointed two Alternate Commissioners (Mr. Dipak Awasthi and Ms. Juliette Gomez) to the EDTC.

On June 10, 2019, Mr. Jeffrey Chen resigned as Vice Chair of EDTC. Mr. Chen served as the Business – Hospitality representative due to his role as General Manager of the Embassy Suites Milpitas – Silicon Valley. Mr. Chen's resignation was due to an out-of-state transfer opportunity with Embassy Suites. The Business – Hospitality representative is currently vacant and unfilled.

Commissioner Dhaval Brahmbhatt has been an EDTC member since its inception and is currently serving in a term that is scheduled to expire in April 2020. Commissioner Brahmbhatt informed EDTC staff liaisons this year, on two separate occasions, most recently on August 13, 2019, that his employer was no longer located within city boundaries, thus making Commissioner Brahmbhatt ineligible to serve on the Commission. On August 15, 2019, Commissioner Brahmbhatt relocated his business to Milpitas by executing a month-to-month lease agreement for property located at 1 North Main Street, Suite 4, Milpitas, CA 95035.

Commissioner Warren Wettenstein has been the Chamber of Commerce representative for 8 years. He is currently serving an “extended” term after his regular term expired in April 2018. The Chamber of Commerce Board recently elected to appoint Mr. Inderjit Mundra as their new representative and also confirmed Ms. Tina Broyles as their Alternate.

Per the recently Council approved City of Milpitas Commissioner Handbook, the Mayor of a General Law City has the power of appointment, upon confirmation of the City Council.

**Analysis:**

The following 10 applicants submitted applications for consideration by the Mayor and City Council for appointment or reappointment to the EDTC.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Application Received</b>
1.	Inderjit Mundra	May Be Appointed	July 2019
2.	Tina Broyles	May Be Appointed	July 2019
3.	Casey McNeil	May Be Appointed	June 2019
4.	Raghu Reddy	May Be Appointed	June 2019
5.	Warren Wettenstein	May Be Appointed	January 2019
6.	Steven Belong	May Be Appointed	March 2019
7.	Peter Chang	May Be Appointed	September 2018
8.	Francie Soito	May Be Appointed	November 2018
9.	Dennis Grilli	May Be Appointed	October 2018
10.	Massoud Arefi	May Be Appointed	October 2018

**Fiscal Impact:** Appointments to City Commissions will result in no new fiscal impacts.

**Recommendations:**

Receive Mayor Tran’s recommendations, and move to remove Commissioner Dhaval Brahmbhatt from his current term as the Commissioner representing Technology on the Economic Development and Trade Commission; and, newly appoint Inderjit Mundra as voting Commissioner representing the Chamber of Commerce to a term that expires in April 2021. Also, confirm Tina Broyles as Alternate from the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce, per Chamber Board action.

**Attachments:**

- A. All current Economic Development and Trade Commission applications
- B. Letter of Milpitas Chamber of Commerce Board Action