TO: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY
FROM: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY
SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a meeting of the Committee at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021.

City Selection Committee does not fall under Ralph M. Brown Act; however, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. As of May 12, 2021, San Mateo County moved to Tier 4 (Yellow) so this meeting will be in person (limited) at Belmont Sports Complex and also held virtually via Zoom.

To join the Zoom meeting, please click the following link: https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/97509771303. The meeting ID is 975 0977 1303. If joining via telephone, please dial +1-669-900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 975 0977 1303, then press #.

AGENDA

1) Roll Call

2) Approval of the following minutes:

   i. Regular City Selection Committee meeting of January 29, 2021; and
   ii. Special City Selection Committee meeting of February 9, 2021; and
   iii. Regular City Selection Committee meeting of February 26, 2021.

3) Selection of two (2) Councilmembers to serve as Regular Members on the Executive Board of Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing Cities (All Cities are eligible), for a term of two years beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

   i. Mayor Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking reappointment
   ii. Vice Mayor Giselle Hale, City of Redwood City, is seeking reappointment

4) Selection of two (2) Councilmembers to serve as Alternate Members on the Executive Board of Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing Cities (All Cities are eligible), for a term of two years beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.
i. Vice Mayor Richa Awasthi, City of Foster City, is seeking reappointment

ii. Councilmember Sam Hindi, City of Foster City, is seeking reappointment

5) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as Regular Member on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing Cities (All Cities are eligible), for a term of four years beginning May 28, 2021 through 1st Monday in May, 2025.

i. Councilmember Harvey Rarback, City of Half Moon Bay, is seeking reappointment

6) Oral Communications and Announcements

   i. Public Comment – Opportunity for the public to address the San Mateo County City Selection Committee.

   ii. Any subject not on the agenda may be presented at this time by members of the City Selection Committee. These topics cannot be acted upon or discussed, but may be agendized for a later meeting date.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Sukhmani S. Purewal at (650) 363-1802 or via email at spurewal@smcgov.org
Due to COVID19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order by Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee at 6:39 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021.

1) Roll Call – The following cities/towns were present: Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.

Absent: None

2) Approval of the following minutes:
   i. Regular City Selection Committee meeting of December 18, 2020; and
   ii. Special City Selection Committee meeting of January 5, 2021.

Motion: Redwood City
Second: Belmont
Noes: None
Absent: None

3) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as an Alternate member on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing Cities (All Cities are eligible), fulfilling the remaining term of Carlos Romero through June 30, 2021.

   i. Vice Mayor Richa Awasthi, City of Foster City, is seeking appointment
**ii. Councilmember Anders Fung, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment**

Councilmember Anders Fung, Millbrae withdrew his nomination.

**Motion to appoint Richa Awasthi:** Foster City  
**Second:** East Palo Alto  
**Ayes (20):** Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** None

4) Selection of one (1) Councilmember from City Selection Committee to be nominated to fill Association of Bay Area Governments’ (ABAG’s) South Bay representative position on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission **(only Redwood City, Menlo Park and East Palo Alto are eligible)**, for a term of two years ending December 31 of second year of appointment OR ends when appointee ceases to hold elected office. **Note:** Nomination will be forwarded to ABAG President Jesse Arreguin, who will invite selected candidates from either Alameda County, Santa Clara County, or San Mateo County to interview.

**Motion to nominate Regina Wallace-Jones, East Palo Alto:** Pacifica  
**Second:** San Carlos  
**Ayes (20):** Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** None

5) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing **Northern Cities (Eligible cities: Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Pacifica, San Bruno, and South San Francisco)**, fulfilling the remaining term of Karyl Matsumoto through December 31, 2022

   i. Mayor Juslyn Manalo, City of Daly City, is seeking appointment  
   ii. Mayor Rico Medina, City of San Bruno, is seeking appointment

Each Mayor or Proxy voted for one candidate via private chat with the Secretary on Zoom.

**VOTE RESULTS** * **

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Colma Abstained due to technical issues.

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" These results were later contested, and a special meeting was held on February 9, 2021 to recast the votes.

6) Selection of three (3) Councilmembers to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing Cities (All Cities are eligible) for a term of three (3) years beginning March 1, 2021 through February 29, 2024.

   i. Councilmember Sam Hindi, City of Foster City, is seeking reappointment
   ii. Vice Mayor Sara McDowell, City of San Carlos, is seeking reappointment
   iii. Vice Mayor Rick Bonilla, City of San Mateo, is seeking reappointment

Motion to reappoint Sam Hindi, Sara McDowell, and Rick Bonilla: Millbrae
Second: San Carlos
Noes: None
Absent: None

7) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as an Alternate member on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing Cities (All Cities are eligible), fulfilling the remaining term of Harvey Rarback through 1st Monday in May 2023.

   i. Councilmember Diana Reddy, City of Redwood City, is seeking appointment

Motion to appoint Diana Reddy: Belmont
Second: South San Francisco
Noes: None
Absent: None
8) Oral Communications and Announcements

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.
DRAFT MINUTES

Due to COVID19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order by Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee at 2:35 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

1) Roll Call – The following cities/towns were present: Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.

Absent: None

2) Discussion and possible action on voting procedures including, but not limited to, the potential of voting by roll call

It was unanimously decided by the members to vote using the chat option in the Zoom meeting. If there are technical issues, the voting members can text or call the Clerk to cast their vote. It was also recommended by the Chair that snapshot of the chat can be taken by the Clerk in case the votes need to be recounted or if the votes are contested in the future.

3) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing Northern Cities (Eligible cities: Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Pacifica, San Bruno, and South San Francisco), fulfilling the remaining term of Karyl Matsumoto through December 31, 2022

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4) Oral Communications and Announcements

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.
Due to COVID19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order by Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee at 6:37 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021.

1) Roll Call – The following cities/towns were present: Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, and South San Francisco.

Absent: Atherton, Millbrae, and Woodside

2) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing Northern Cities (Eligible cities: Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Pacifica, San Bruno, and South San Francisco), fulfilling the remaining term of Rico Medina through December 31, 2021

   i. Mayor Pro-Tem Cliff Lentz, Brisbane is seeking appointment
   ii. Vice Mayor Mark Nagales, South San Francisco is seeking appointment

Mayor Pro-Tem Cliff Lentz, Brisbane withdrew his nomination.

Motion to appoint Mark Nagales: Belmont
Second: South San Francisco
Ayes (17): Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, and South San Francisco
Noes: None
Absent: Atherton, Millbrae, and Woodside
3) Oral Communications and Announcements

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.
May 13, 2021

Re: Association of Bay Area Governments Appointment, City Selection Committee

Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I respectfully seek your support for re-appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. I presently serve on the Executive Board, elected in December 2020. Before my present appointment, I was the ABAG Board member alternate for four years.

My continued interest in serving on ABAG’s governing board stems from a commitment to regional transportation and housing planning that couples appropriate local land use, sound economic and housing policies, and a firm respect for the environment.

Over the next two years, ABAG/MTC will establish the Bay Area Housing Finance Agency (BAHFA), a vital regional entity our cities need to fund moderate and low-income housing. My deep understanding of housing finance and development as an affordable housing developer and consultant positions me well to help move BAHFA forward. In addition, San Mateo County cities must have someone at the table who can participate fully in the final stage of the MTC/ABAG merger. ABAG’s democratic and deliberative governance structure must not be lost during this final stage of the merger process.

I am well prepared to serve on ABAG given my current seven years of service as vice chair of both ABAG’s Regional Planning Committee and its Housing Committee. Most recently, I served on ABAG’s Housing Methodology Committee, grappling with a year-long process to determine our RHNA housing allocation methodology. Lastly, I also served three years as a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) advisory board member.

San Mateo County cities are diverse and have numerous needs and sometimes divergent concerns. I promise to continue to listen and learn with the rest of you to find solutions and craft positions that address our local and regional needs. I humbly ask that you support my re-appointment to ABAG. Please contact me should you have any questions concerning my candidacy. I may be reached at (650) 283-2852 or cromero_ezln@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Carlos Romero, Mayor
May 13, 2021

Sukhmani Purewal, Secretary
City Selection Committee
County of San Mateo
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear fellow San Mateo County Colleagues, Vice Mayors and Mayors,

I respectfully submit my application for reappointment to represent the 20 cities and towns on the ABAG Executive Committee as San Mateo County’s representative.

Since my appointment in December serving as one of your two ABAG representatives has underscored the importance of collaboration as we seek together to tackle the crisis facing our region. Recent ABAG votes have focused on housing and environmental policies that will carry our region and state into the future. I am proud to have provided a San Mateo County lens on these areas, taking stances on legislation including our own Assemblymember Mullin’s AB 897, which would enable regional climate networks, an area in which we have led in the State.

I continue to remain focused on our state’s housing allocation process giving credit to the hard work taking place in counties like San Mateo for our individual and collective efforts to create more housing across all AMI affordability levels. When you appointed me in December, I offered the following ideas and goals to shape future policy:

- Allowing family-sized units of two and three bedrooms approved for development to be counted equivalent to two and three units toward RHNA allocation goals. In the other words, focus on the number of people being housed, rather than just “housing units”;
- Allowing existing rental units which are purchased by affordable housing groups like HIP Housing and refurbished and deed-restricted as BMR units for 55 years to be counted toward RHNA affordable housing allocation goals;
- Allow fully entitled residential units approved by city and town councils, but for circumstances beyond a city’s control not constructed, to be counted toward RHNA allocation goals;
- Ensure housing that aims to reduce homelessness in the form of college dormitories and micro-housing counts towards RHNA goals;
- Ensure San Mateo County gets its fair share of funding for affordable housing;
• Work in partnership with our other regionally appointed officials on MTC, BAAQMD, Caltrain, etc., to align our strategies when possible to advocate more effectively for San Mateo County and ensure our great work is understood and recognized.

We are already starting to see inroads in these areas with legislation like AB 1029 (Mullin) targeting affordable housing preservation funding and more legislation in the works.

I remain available to you all as a resource, a partner to Carlos Romero, our County's other representative and a listener to diverse opinions and ideas as we collectively tackle the challenges ahead.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach contact me at ghale@redwoodcity.org or 650-521-2134.

Respectfully,

Giselle Hale
Vice Mayor, Redwood City
May 14, 2021

RE: CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG) EXECUTIVE BOARD

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers:

I respectfully request your support for my reappointment as an Alternate on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board.

Since January, I have served as your representative, and the experience thus far has reinforced my commitment to support the work of ABAG. If reappointed, I will continue to work to develop long-term, viable, and coordinated solutions that will help our constituents achieve a sustainable future. Land use decisions must be made soundly, and there needs to be a commitment to achieving balance between housing affordability and growth. A consideration and understanding of transportation and environmental challenges are also key.

Having been a Councilmember since 2018, I have tackled a breath of issues in my regional assignments. It includes having served on the C/CAG Airport Land Use Committee, Emergency Services Council, and Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (Commute.org), to name a few.

My priority has and will always be to remain engaged with you. I will bring a cooperative spirit and voice for the unique challenges each of our communities face. This is an opportunity to shape our communities now and well into the future, and I am dutifully committed to bringing careful oversight and decision-making to best represent our region.

I appreciate your consideration of my reappointment as an Alternate on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (650) 286-3504 or at rawasthi@fostercity.org.

Sincerely,

Richa Awasthi
Vice Mayor, City of Foster City
cc: Sukhmani Purewal, Secretary of City Selection Committee and Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
City Council, City of Foster City
Peter Pirnejad, City Manager, City of Foster City
May 10, 2021

RE: CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG) EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear Honorable Mayors, Councilmembers, and Colleagues:

Please accept this letter as I write to seek reappointment onto the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board as an Alternate member.

I have been a Councilmember for the past 5 years, 2 of which I have served as Mayor, and now re-elected to proudly serve for the next 4 years. My experience thus far on State, County, and regional boards have enabled me to be well-equipped as your representative on the ABAG Executive Board. The most relevant experience of which is having served as an Alternate on the ABAG Executive Board, representing Cities for a term of two (2) years since July 1, 2019. As an active participant, I am confident in my ability to provide continuity, having remain abreast of ABAG matters to best serve our communities.

ABAG’s role in the coming years is critical as we look towards making land use decisions, addressing housing needs, and building resiliency. It is my belief that local control alongside regional cooperation is possible. My long-term vision is to help achieve a more resilient and equitable future for not just our County, but the Bay Area. I will bring tenacity and passion as I advocate for solutions and goals such as reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, increasing transit funding and access, and more production and preservation of affordable housing alongside a thriving economy.

I fully recognize that each of our communities face unique challenges. With this opportunity, I will be diligent and continue to fairly represent our interests so that we can best shape our communities now and into the future. I hope you will entrust your confidence in me and respectfully, I ask for your support in my reappointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 286-3503 or at shindi@fostercity.org if you have any questions or would like to discuss my candidacy.

Sincerely,

Sam Hindi
Councilmember, City of Foster City
cc: Sukhmani Purewal, Secretary of City Selection Committee and Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
City Council, City of Foster City
Peter Pirnejad, City Manager, City of Foster City
May 3, 2021

The Honorable Sue Vaterlaus  
Member, Pacifica City Council, and Chair, City Selection Committee  
Via email to spurewal@smcgo.org

Re: Letter of Interest for Appointment to LAFCO

Dear Chair Vaterlaus:

I’m writing to express my strong interest in continuing to serve as a Regular Member on the Local Agency Formation Commission, and respectfully request your support and appointment. My experience, leadership, skills set, and record of action on the Half Moon Bay City Council and in my roles elsewhere, illustrate my commitment and dedication to serving the community and San Mateo County.

I have served the community of Half Moon Bay on its City Council since 2016, including terms as Vice-Mayor and Mayor, and was just re-elected to the Council. My other public service experience includes serving on the San Mateo County Special Districts Association; the Coastside Fire Protection District Board; the Leadership Committee of the League of California Cities Coastal Cities Group, and as a founding member of the Peninsula Clean Energy Advisory Committee. I’ve also been active in volunteering with groups including the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club, Loma Prieta Chapter, the Coastside Emergency Corps (CEC), and other community service groups on the San Mateo County Coastside. Additionally, I have been the Cities Local Agency Formation Commission Alternate for two years, am now the Regular Cities Member. I have attended all meetings and participated as a voting member in many.

Many of these roles involve coordination with a variety of inter-governmental jurisdictions including the Coastal Commission, the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside, and the Coastside Fire Protection District. As a member of City Council, I’ve also been involved with efforts involving Caltrans, the Highway Patrol, state-level elected officials, State Parks, and other agencies. The issues we deal with in Half Moon Bay are common to many local cities and agencies, and I believe my experience will be useful in assisting with the types of complex matters which LAFCo must address on a regular basis.
The common thread in my experience is my strong desire to serve the community in areas which I find of great importance to the quality of life of my constituents of today, as well as for the generations of the future. Our actions as policy-makers today must help ensure the well-being of those future generations; and that action is particularly important and effective at the local and regional level. I believe this perspective can greatly contribute to LAFCo’s efforts.

Thank you for your consideration of giving me the opportunity to continue to serve on LAFCo. Please feel free to contact me at hrarback@hmbcity.com or 650-560-0111 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Harvey Rarback
Member, City Council of Half Moon Bay

cc: Martha Poyatos, LAFCO Executive Officer
    Bob Nisbet, Half Moon Bay City Manager