

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-8650**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA  
REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 6442 FOR  
ESTABLISHING, PURSUANT TO SECTION 705 OF THE CITY  
CHARTER, A PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF VICE MAYOR  
AND SELECTION OF CHAPLAIN OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, Section 705 of the City Charter provides that the City Council will designate one of its members as Vice Mayor to perform the duties of the Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability;

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 1998, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6442, which established, pursuant to Section 705 of the City Charter, a procedure for selection of Vice Mayor and selection of Chaplain of the City Council;

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution will replace Resolution No. 6442 and establish an amended procedure for the selection of Vice Mayor and Chaplain of the Santa Clara City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this policy is to provide for an orderly progression for the opportunity to serve in the Vice Mayor and Chaplain positions with the objective to give every elected Councilmembers the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That Resolution No. 6442, attached hereto as Attachment 1, is hereby repealed in its entirety.
2. In January of each year, the City Council shall select a Vice Mayor and a Chaplain by majority vote of a quorum of the City Council.
3. The Vice Mayor and Chaplain shall commence service immediately upon selection and shall serve for approximately one (1) year until the next Vice Mayor and Chaplain are appointed, provided that such service shall be at the pleasure of the City Council.

4. The Vice Mayor, after adoption of this Resolution, shall be the City Councilmember with (a) the highest seniority in consecutive years on the Council and (2) who has not previously served as Vice Mayor.

5. If two or more Councilmembers have the same seniority in number of consecutive years served on the City Council, the Vice Mayor selected will be the Councilmember who received the most votes in the most recent applicable council election.

6. No Councilmember shall serve more than once as Vice Mayor unless all Councilmembers, expressly including those joining the Council from a later election, have had an opportunity to serve in that position.

7. A Councilmember may choose to not serve as Vice Mayor or exchange such service opportunity. Councilmembers may exchange places in the Vice Mayor rotation (i.e., allow another member to take his/her position in the rotation) if a majority of a Council quorum votes to approve the request.

8. The Chaplain will be selected in January of each year by majority vote of a quorum of the City Council. The Chaplain will be the most recent outgoing Vice Mayor.

9. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Chahal, Davis, Hardy, Mahan, O'Neill, and Watanabe and Mayor Gillmor
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NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
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ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
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ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None
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ATTEST:



NORA PIMENTEL, MMC  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Attachments incorporated by reference:

1. Resolution No. 6442

Resolution/Repeal and Replace Resolution No. 6442  
Rev: 12/14/2018

**RESOLUTION NO. 6442**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING, PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 705 OF THE CITY CHARTER, A PROCEDURE  
FOR SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AND  
SELECTION OF A CHAPLAIN OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA,  
CALIFORNIA, as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, Section 705 of the City Charter provides that the City Council will designate one of its members as Mayor Pro Tempore to perform the duties of the Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution establishes a procedure for the selection of Mayor Pro Tempore and Chaplain of the Santa Clara City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this policy is to provide for an orderly progression for the opportunity to serve in the Mayor Pro Tempore and Chaplain positions with the objective to give every elected Council member the opportunity to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. This policy is based on the existing Council seniority policy for City representation at special events, when the Mayor is not available to represent the City. This policy also acknowledges voter's input during the election process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, as follows:**

(1) In December of each year, the City Council shall select a Mayor Pro Tempore and a Chaplain by majority vote of a quorum of the City Council.

(2) The Mayor Pro Tempore and Chaplain shall commence service on the immediately following January 1st and shall serve for a one (1) year term, provided that such service shall be at the pleasure of the City Council.

(3) The first Mayor Pro Tempore, after adoption of this Resolution, shall be the City Council member with (a) the highest seniority in consecutive years on the Council and (2) who has not previously

served as Mayor Pro Tempore.

(4) If two or more Council members have the same seniority in number of consecutive years served on the City Council, the Mayor Pro Tempore selected will be the Council member who received the most votes in the most recent applicable council election.

(5) The order of rotation for appointment of subsequent Mayors Pro Tempore shall be determined by seniority and election vote result as stated above.

(6) No Council member shall serve more than once as Mayor Pro Tempore unless all Council members, expressly including those joining the Council from a later election, have had an opportunity to serve in that position.

(7) A Council member may choose to not serve as Mayor Pro Tempore or exchange such service opportunity. Council members may exchange places in the Mayor Pro Tempore rotation (i.e., allow another member to take his/her position in the rotation) if a majority of a Council quorum votes to approve the request.

(8) The Chaplain will be selected in December of each year by majority vote of a quorum of the City Council. The Chaplain will be the most recent outgoing Mayor Pro Tempore.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 9th DAY OF JUNE, 1998, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

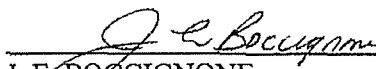
AYES: COUNCILORS: Arno, Diridon, Gillmor, Mahan, McLemore, Parle  
and Mayor Nadler

NOES: COUNCILORS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILORS: None

ABSTAINED: COUNCILORS: None

ATTEST:

  
J. E. BOCCIGNONE  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

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