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Item #1



**City of
Santa Clara**
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AGENDA REPORT

Date: March 9, 2020

To: City Manager

From: Executive Assistant to the Mayor & City Council

Subject: Correspondence received regarding Item #1 – 327 on the March 9, 2020 City Council Meeting Agenda

From Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., through Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., the Mayor and City Council Offices received the attached communications regarding Item #7-20-327 Conduct Interviews and Appoint Candidate to fill the Vacancy for a Partial Term Ending in November 2020 in Council District 5.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Minot".

Julie Minot
Executive Assistant to the
Mayor & City Council

Documents Related to this Report:

- 1) *Communications received*

POST MEETING MATERIAL

Julie Minot

From: Hudson Washburn <hudw1@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Candidate for Vacancy

Honorable Mayor and Council,

We wish to add our voice in enthusiastic support of Robert O'Keefe for the council vacancy. Most of you are familiar with his work on several city issues and will recognize his signature thoroughness on any matter he considers. While he has represented specific views in the issues he has addressed with you, I would like you to know he has a wide ranging interest in city matters and approaches those interests with a an open mind and fairly considers all aspects. That is, you can be confident he will not represent only a single view, but can and will consider all matters carefully. That is our experience with him and we know his character will require such careful and thorough consideration of all city matters. I think Robert is a lifelong city resident and that perhaps is the reason for his deep care for the potential of the city and its development. We are confident he will make an excellent representative for all citizens of Santa Clara.

Yours,
Hudson and Chris Washburn
2251 Park Ave
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Julie Minot

From: davegill13@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Appointing council member for district five.

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Sud Jain is more experienced, knowledge and has been involved in community for long time. So I think he is the best candidate to be appointed for District five.

Thanks

Davinder
Sent from my iPhone

Julie Minot

From: Rekha Dalal <r987d@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 7:01 AM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: member election

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

It is come to my notice that there is a council member selection on March 9th. Please appoint Suds Jain from District 6 because we feel he is a good candidate.

Thank you.

Rekha

Julie Minot

From: Debbie Sparks <fourteafour@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Council member for District #5

Mayor and Council,

I highly encourage you to appoint the best candidate you see fit to replace Patricia Mahan.
Or, find a temporary solution to give District 5 a focused voice.
Representation per district is not a choice, whether we agree or disagree with the reasoning behind it.

Thank you
Debbie Sparks
1223 Loyola Drive
(resident of District #5)

You MUST appoint a representative for District #5!
To not appoint someone is to say we don't deserve a voice. If you won't even give us a voice now how can we expect you to speak for us in the future?
The idea behind districts is for you to speak for your constituents, the ones that elected you. If you claim to speak for all of Santa Clara all the more reason to give us a focused voice.
Do not go home until we have a voice.
Resident District #5.

Julie Minot

From: Judy Hoffmann <judy_hoffmann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Mark and Kathy Kelsey; Bob O'Keefe; Susan Fuller; Donna Gatson; Joe Hastings; Hudson Washburn; Edie Matthews; Susan Colbeck; Lolita Fatjo; Jim Sheets
Subject: Please support the appointment of Bob O'Keefe for City Council, District 5

Mayor and Council Members,

We are writing to convey our support for Bob O'Keefe for City Council seat District 5.

We feel strongly that Bob is the best choice to represent our district. As a prior CHP Lieutenant, he has an excellent understanding of the local law. On past city issues we've seen him thoroughly research city codes and then clearly articulate his point of view fairly, calmly and with reason. He has the well-being of our city at heart, and you can easily tell how much he loves Santa Clara.

He has spoken at NURC, Architectural Review, Planning Commission and City Council meetings. He's a very well-respected Santa Clara resident, with an innate sense of integrity.

His excellent leadership, communication skills and managerial capabilities make him hands-down the best candidate for this position, as we're sure you'll agree.

We would appreciate your support for Bob O'Keefe for City Council member, District 5.

Sincerely,

Judy & Carl Hoffmann
763 Hilmar St.
Santa Clara, CA 95050
408.241.8468

Julie Minot

From: DONNA GATSON <gatgallery@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2020 7:05 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Support of the appointment of Bob O'Keefe to the vacant seat for District 5 on the City Council

We fully support of the appointment of Bob O'Keefe to fill the vacant seat for District 5 on the City Council. He has impressed us with his love of Santa Clara and its residents. He is very articulate and fair with his

comments. Having served for many years as CHP Lieutenant, he is very familiar with local laws and codes he doesn't hesitate to thoroughly research local facts, and bring them to the public meetings.

We totally support his sitting on the council.

Donna and Larry Gatson

2407 Park ave

Santa Clara, CA 95050

Julie Minot

From: Susan Colbeck <colbeck5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2020 6:45 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Cc: Mark and Kathy Kelsey; Bob O'Keefe; Judy Hoffmann; Carl Hoffmann; Susan Fuller; Donna Gatson; Joe Hastings; Hudson Washburn; Edie Matthews
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Susan & Mark Colbeck
2380 Park Av
Santa Clara

Julie Minot

From: Jim Bush <jimbush2436@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: District 5 needs representations!!

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James and Patricia Bush

Julie Minot

From: Mark and Kathy Kelsey <ltmk@me.com>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Recommending Bob O'Keefe for City Council Vacancy District 5

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Mayor and Councilmembers,

We are writing in support of Bob O'Keefe for the City Council seat for District 5. Bob is the best choice to represent our District and to serve all the citizens of Santa Clara as a Councilmember. Bob brings to this position considerable skills, knowledge, experience and commitment.

Bob has demonstrated commitment and passion for the welfare of our neighborhood and our city. He regularly represents neighborhood concerns at the NURC, Architectural Review and Planning Commission meetings. He has ably represented District 5 at numerous City Council meetings, speaking passionately and knowledgeably for the good of our city. Bob is always thoughtful in his recommendations. He informs his positions with well researched facts and documentation. Bob demonstrates excellent communication skills, speaking and writing powerfully and persuasively.

Bob has experience as a dedicated public servant with a 30 year career in the California Highway Patrol. As a CHP Lieutenant, he demonstrated leadership and managerial capability overseeing patrol operations in the Peninsula for the CHP.

Bob has been actively involved in the issues that are relevant for District 5 including building a collaborative relationship with Santa Clara University, addressing boarding house regulation, defending the character of our neighborhoods, providing feedback on the zoning code update to address the needs of the Old Quad and supporting the development of downtown Santa Clara. He is an active and thoughtful participant in public forums on District 5 issues. Bob does his homework and is always prepared with the facts and with well reasoned positions and proposals.

Bob has committed himself to our community. Bob is a board member of the Old Quad Residents Association (OQRA) serving as an able representative for the Old Quad. In 2018 Bob stood for election for the City Clerk position. He committed the time and effort to build support across the city for his campaign. Bob is the best choice for the role of City Councilmember representing the residents of District 5 and the residents of the entire City of Santa Clara. Bob is committed to Santa Clara and to ensuring Santa Clara remains a great place to live and work.

Finally, Bob is a person of great character and integrity. He speaks up for what is right, does what is right and looks for the greater good in all he does.

We recommend your vote for Bob O'Keefe for City Councilmember for District 5.

Mark Kelsey
Kathy Kelsey
740 Hilmar St
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