



## Agenda Report

18-951

Agenda Date: 7/16/2018

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### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### SUBJECT

Action on Filling the Planning Commission Vacancy

#### BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting of July 10, 2018, Council accepted the resignation of Michael O'Halloran from the Planning Commission, and declared a vacancy for a partial term ending on June 30, 2019.

Council also directed the Acting City Clerk to contact the candidates from the previous Planning Commission candidates from the April 10<sup>th</sup> interviews, as well as the Cultural Commission candidates interviewed the same night to seek interest on serving the partial term on the Planning Commission.

#### DISCUSSION

As directed, all applicants were contacted by phone and email and the following candidates have expressed a desire to be considered for the current vacancy on the Planning Commission:

Arundhati Bhowmick  
Jeremy Hicks  
Qian Huang  
Luis Lecanda (Cultural Commission)  
Ashish Mangla  
Charlie Moon  
Kevin Park  
Martin B. Schulter  
Snehalata Vedula (Cultural Commission)

At the time of finalizing this report, the Clerk's Office was still awaiting a response from the following candidate:

Jie Zhang

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(a) as it has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall Council Chambers. A complete agenda packet is available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to a Regular Meeting and 24 hours prior to a Special Meeting. A hard copy of any agenda report may be requested by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (408) 615-2220, email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov) <<mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov>> or at the public information desk at any City of Santa Clara public library.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Appoint a candidate from the pool of candidates previously interviewed.
2. Set a Special Meeting for a date to be determined to conduct interviews and direct the Acting City Clerk to determine an application deadline and advertise the vacancy through the City's standard notification channels, including the City Manager Blog, social media, the City's website, and posting in City facilities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff makes no recommendation on filling the vacancy to the Planning Commission.

Reviewed by: Jennifer Yamaguma, Acting City Clerk

Approved by: Deanna J. Santana

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Applications
2. Voting Guidelines