

SAN MATEO COUNTY

CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

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

Mayor Eddie Flores, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a **Special** meeting of the Committee at **2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025**. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom:

To join the Zoom meeting, please click the following link: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/81957949831>. The meeting ID is **819 5794 9831**.

AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call

- 2) Selection of two (2) Councilmembers to serve as Alternate members on the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing **Cities** (*all Cities are eligible*), fulfilling the remaining terms of former San Mateo Councilmember Rich Hedges and former Foster City Councilmember Sam Hindi through June 30, 2025 each.
 - i. *Foster City Councilmember Phoebe Shin Venkat, is seeking appointment*
 - ii. *Millbrae Councilmember Stephen Rainaldi, is seeking appointment*
 - iii. *Redwood City Councilmember Isabella Chu, is seeking appointment*
 - iv. *City of San Mateo Mayor Rob Newsom Jr., is seeking appointment*

- 3) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) representing **Cities** (*all Cities are eligible*), fulfilling the remaining term of former Belmont Councilmember Davina Hurt, beginning March 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
 - i. *San Bruno Mayor Rico Medina, is seeking appointment*
 - ii. *San Mateo Deputy Mayor Adam Loraine, is seeking appointment*

- 4) Selection of five (5) 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, 2025 through February 29, 2028.
 - i. *Burlingame Vice Mayor Michael Brownrigg, is seeking reappointment*
 - ii. *Daly City Vice Mayor Glenn Sylvester, is seeking reappointment*
 - iii. *Pacifica Mayor Pro Tem Mary Bier, is seeking reappointment*

- iv. *City of San Mateo Councilmember Lisa Diaz Nash, is seeking appointment*
- v. *South San Francisco Councilmember James Coleman, is seeking reappointment*

** All Cities are eligible to apply to these positions; however, please note that HEART's JPA Agreement expressly prohibits any City member agency from having two members on HEART's Board of Directors.*

- 5) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing **Cities** (*all Cities are eligible*), fulfilling the remaining term of former Foster City Councilmember Sam Hindi through February 28, 2027.

- i. *City of San Mateo Councilmember Lisa Diaz Nash, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 4 is unsuccessful*
- ii. *South San Francisco Councilmember James Coleman, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 4 is unsuccessful*

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- 6) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as a Regular member on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing **Cities** (*all Cities are eligible*), fulfilling the remaining term of former Half Moon Bay Councilmember Harvey Rarback through 1st Monday in May 2025.

- i. *Half Moon Bay Vice Mayor Debbie Ruddock, is seeking appointment*
- ii. *Millbrae Councilmember Stephen Rainaldi, is seeking appointment*
- iii. *Pacifica Councilmember Greg Wright, is seeking appointment*

- 7) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as a Regular member on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing **Cities** (*all Cities are eligible*), fulfilling the remaining term of former Pacifica Councilmember Tygarjas Bigstycck through 1st Monday in May 2026.

- i. *Half Moon Bay Vice Mayor Debbie Ruddock, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 6 is unsuccessful*
- ii. *Millbrae Councilmember Stephen Rainaldi, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 6 is unsuccessful*
- iii. *Pacifica Councilmember Greg Wright, is seeking appointment if the nomination for Item No. 6 is unsuccessful*

- 8) 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 former Millbrae Councilmember Ann Schneider through 1st Monday in May 2027.

- 9) 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.*

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January 10, 2024

Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary of City Selection Committee and
Asst. Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Dear Mr. Purewal,

Happy new year! I recently learned about the opening for the remaining term of former councilmember Sam Hindi's alternate position on the Association of Bay Area Governments, and would like to be considered for it.

I was elected in November 2024 to a citywide, four-year term to serve the Foster City Community. Prior to getting elected, I had served almost three years on the Foster City Planning Commission. I'm currently Board Vice Chair of the CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse), and a founding Executive Board Member of the San Mateo County Asian American Pacific Islander Alliance. Within Foster City, I volunteer with seniors and youth, with an emphasis on helping seniors age independently in their homes.

I have been working in the private sector for the past 25 years, and began my professional career at a startup in New Jersey, and went on to work at several global companies across multiple industries including tech, pharma, and finance. My family relocated from the East Coast to Foster City in 2014 when I took on a key role at San Francisco-based Salesforce. Since then, I've held roles at Facebook, Okta, and TripActions, as well as a strategic consultant to Fortune 500 companies.

I'm proud to be a bridge builder who brings people and ideas together. Based on my strengths of adaptability, empathy, and critical thinking, I think I'd be a positive addition to the ABAG as an alternate.

Thank you for your consideration.

In community,

Phoebe

Phoebe Shin Venkat
Foster City Councilwoman



City of Millbrae

621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030

STEPHEN RAINALDI
Councilmember

January 9, 2025

City Selection Committee
c/o Sukhmani Purewal, City Selection Committee Secretary
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Appointment to Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

Dear Chair Flores, Vice Chair, and Members of the Council of Cities/City Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my desire to serve as a regular member of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and seek your support for appointment to either open seat.

As a lifelong San Mateo County resident, active community member and newly elected Council Member, I have developed and maintained relationships throughout our region which dovetail well with ABAG's mission of strengthening cooperation and collaboration across local governments to build healthier, stronger communities.

Current projects like the Bay Trail's Cupid Row and San Juan Ave segment have me excited to potentially join ABAG. I not only grew up in this neighborhood/area, but have always envisioned a way to preserve the natural area of the land, while providing some type of recreational access for residents and neighbors to enjoy this underserved stretch Millbrae.

Other ABAG areas of interest include Water Resource Protection and Energy Efficiency. Having grown up with Crystal Springs Reservoir just up the hill from me, I have enjoyed countless hikes alongside its scenic beauty. I find it incredibly important to protect these natural resources so we can ensure stable distribution, while still being able to have a balance of recreational access within reason of public safety.

I also find it important to ensure we and our local energy partners are environmentally responsible when it comes to projects so we can ensure public safety and minimize our environmental footprint, especially given recent wildfires becoming far too frequent.

As for experience, I have nearly 2 decades worth of business experience helping large institutions embrace transformative technologies to provide better services, which enrich the lives of the people they touch.

I also hold a certification in Electrical Power Systems and Instrumentation from the College of San Mateo, which was sponsored by PG&E, SFPUC, and EBMUD, which make me familiar with some of the local agencies/partners from a technical aspect of what is involved in energy & resource distribution.

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City Selection Committee

Re: Appointment to Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

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I humbly ask for your vote so that I may honorably serve our communities on ABAG. I'm currently semi-retired and have the time available to be a good partner and help ABAG further address issues on a regional scale to benefit our entire County from small cities to large.

If I can provide any additional information that would help you in making your decision or answer any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 710-0062 or srainaldi@ci.millbrae.ca.us.

Thank you for your consideration,



Stephen Rainaldi

Council Member, City of Millbrae

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January 10, 2025

City Selection Committee of San Mateo County
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Re: Association of Bay Area Governments Appointment

Honorable Mayors, Council Members and Designees:

At the January 13, 2025, Special City Selection Committee meeting, I wish to seek election to the available seat on the Association of Bay Area Governments Board.

Although I am newly elected, I come with extensive experience serving on local, national and international boards. I represent Stanford University on the CA Aging and Disability Research Partnership (CADRP) committee which seeks to leverage the expertise of California Universities to provide the state with actionable information on which to base policy decisions and to advance the health and welfare of California residents. I am also a board member on CHORAL, a large-scale health research project in Bradford and Leeds United Kingdom which seeks to disentangle the relative contributions of policy and structural and environmental contributions to health and longevity. I am also the Associate Director of the Data Core at Stanford Center for Population Health Sciences.

Below are some of my accomplishments in advancing health and regionally, nationally and internationally.

I am the Associate Director of the Data Core at Stanford Center for Population Health Sciences (PHS). The PHS Data Core specializes in hosting large, rich, high-risk, high-value data which are used by thousands of researchers to answer questions in precision and population health. My primary responsibilities include overseeing governance and regulatory matters, data security, privacy and ethics and collaboration with the team of research scientists and engineers who have built the PHS Data Core platform. This platform and model have been replicated in several research universities throughout the United States.

Prior to joining PHS I initiated the Stanford Research Registry (SRR) which grew to over 4,000 members within two years and greatly facilitated research participation for both individuals with chronic disease as well as healthy controls in clinical trials and qualitative research. The SRR served as the foundation for the Patient Engagement Portal initiative which allows for bi-directional communication with the entire Stanford patient population and the general public for the purposes of recruitment for research, reporting research findings and allowing research participants to better understand the impacts of their service on the advancement of science.

Both of these positions inform my volunteer efforts. I have been the Chair of the Friendly Acres Neighborhood Association from 2018 until 2024 when I was elected to City Council and am the Founder of Redwood City Forward, a community organization which advocates for equitable housing and transportation policy which supports the material prosperity of Bay Area residents and helps businesses flourish. My research interest is in the intersection between land use policy, particularly housing and transportation, and health.

I believe my professional and volunteer positions would make me a well informed candidate for this position.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at 650-206-8261 or at ichu@redwoodcity.org.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isabella Chu', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Isabella Chu
City Councilmember
Redwood City

Cc: Members, City Council, City of Redwood City

From: [Rob Newsom](#)
To: [Sukhmani Purewal](#)
Cc: [Martin McTaggart](#)
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Hi Suhmani,

I am interesting in fulfilling the vacancy left by our outgoing Councilmember Rich Hedges, to complete the balance of his term, ending on June 30th.

I recognize the importance of ABAG and in speaking with Rich, I'd like to continue to represent San Mateo, and the Cities of San Mateo County.

Please take this email as my letter of interest. Thank you.

Kind Regards,



Rob Newsom Jr.

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Mayor & Council Member- District 3

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From: Sukhmani Purewal <spurewal@smcgov.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 5:55 PM

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Honorable City Selection Committee Members:

I seek your support for appointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). I believe its work is some of the most important in our region, and I would be honored to bring my background in local sustainability and infrastructure work to further it.

Maintaining and protecting “a healthy breathing environment for every Bay Area resident” is an honorable and immense challenge, one that all local communities must tackle together. The impacts of climate change ignore city boundaries, and they grow more dangerous and harmful each year. In this first week of this year, news headlines provide daily reminders: drought conditions are exacerbating California wildfires into some of the largest blazes on record, billowing poisonous smoke into the air we breathe on more days than ever before.

We’re also collecting more data finding we suffer negative health impacts from emissions all around us, from transportation infrastructure to industry byproducts and even our home appliances—and some communities unfairly suffer more than others. I value BAAQMD’s leadership on data-driven policy that improves air quality to protect public health, reduce environmental inequities and mitigate climate change.

My work with the City of San Mateo and Peninsula Clean Energy has made strides on these same goals. As a member of PCE’s Board of Directors last year, I had the privilege of working with award-winning staff to develop innovative new programs, such as a countywide concierge-style program designed to help all customers electrify their homes with trusted providers and economic incentives all in a one-stop shop. As a member of San Mateo City Council since December 2022 (and as a Sustainability & Infrastructure Commissioner for years before then), I worked with even more award-winning staff on some of the state’s first “reach codes” to electrify appliances in existing buildings and incentivize pathways to all-electric new construction. This experience will let me hit the ground running with BAAQMD to ensure the Bay Area remains a leader in sustainability and equity at a time when this will be needed more than ever.

If I can provide any additional information that would help you in making your decision, please contact me at aloraine@cityofsanmateo.org or (650) 520-1114. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Loraine
Deputy Mayor, City of San Mateo



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January 10, 2025

Dear Colleagues:

With this letter, I ask that the Council of Cities consider me for re-appointment to the HEART Board of Directors, whose board I presently chair.

I don't need to remind my elected colleagues about the damaging effects of our shortage of housing and especially affordable housing in our County. Collectively, we are seeing school enrollments fall across the County; that's not because couples are having fewer kids, it's because the high price of housing is driving young families out of San Mateo County. Collectively, we are finding it harder to recruit and retain great talent for our cities and schools because housing has become unattainable absent a multi-hour commute. Collectively, while home owners are doing well with rising property prices, renters are paying more and more and getting less and less – which is not sustainable for many people.

What colleagues may not realize is how far behind HEART has fallen behind its sister agencies – the Housing Trust of Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund – in terms of putting real money to work to advance our mission in San Mateo County. In sum, over the least 20 years, each of those agencies has mobilized between 5X and 10X the amount of funds that HEART has mobilized to advance their counties' affordable housing objectives, and consequently have built or preserved that much more housing in their counties. We felt that HEART had to and could do much better over the next 20 years.

I am pleased to report that the agency has taken on that challenge in full over the last three years. After galvanizing a strategic review, which Dave Hopkins and I led with the help of the Executive Director -- and which benefited from substantial contributions from many fellow HEART board members and also outside experts (too many to name here but they know who they are) -- we brought forth a series of recommendations for bold and innovative programs to advance our core mission and to attract more capital, especially from the private sector. I am pleased to say that these initiatives have already resulted in a novel housing preservation program that notched its first success last quarter, the acquisition and preservation of an affordable 8-unit building in Redwood City, with great praise to the staff and electeds in RWC for their support. And we have more plans ahead.

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After Don Horsley stepped down as chair, my HEART colleagues voted for me to become the Chair and Diane Howard to take on the duties of Vice Chair. Together, we continue to drive our agency forward to take on new projects and to seek novel ways to put capital to work to help preserve and enhance the affordability of San Mateo Housing.

But our work is not done. I humbly request your support to keep doing it.

Thank you,

/s/

Michael Brownrigg
Chair, The Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) of San Mateo County
Vice Chair, City of Burlingame

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January 7, 2025

Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary to City Selection Committee
County Executive's Office/Clerk of the Board
500 County Center, 5th Floor | Redwood City, CA 94063

Greetings Honorable Mayor(s), and/or Voting Proxies,

It has been indeed a great pleasure to serve as your appointed Board Member of HEART by the Council of Cities since 2018. Thanks so much for your confidence. During my term(s), I have been appointed Treasurer 3 years ago and remain as such today.

As you may know, for a time, Daly City had left the HEART program prior to 2016. As a newly elected council member, I realized the value of HEART and brought forth a resolution to rejoin. This only made sense given the populous and opportunity as another resource.

I am a current Board Member of a local Credit Union for over 14 years and maintained a Real Estate License for over 25 years. Both positions require me to maintain relevancy in banking regulations, marketing trends and finance. My specialty lies in Home Loans and finance. I remain committed to coming up with more products and creative ways to enable potential home buyers to purchase their first home.

Housing is indeed a high priority for me. This extends to lower income, seniors, veterans, and middle-class individuals/families. I have supported all proposals before the board over the years.

It has not been easy given the dynamic and fluid current home prices in San Mateo County; however, the rental market is also an option for potential developers. I support new housing whether purchase or rental as well.

I humbly request your support and vote in continuing housing advocacy for all of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

Glenn R. Sylvester
Vice Mayor, City of Daly City



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January 10, 2025

Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary of City Selection Committee/ /Assistant Clerk of
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Sent via Email c/o: spurewal@smcgov.org

Dear Honorable Mayors and City Councilmembers of San Mateo County,

It is a privilege to request your consideration for my reappointment to the Board of Directors of the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART). I am eager to serve another full term, building on the rewarding experience I've had since joining the HEART Board in 2023.

During my time with HEART, I have actively supported initiatives that assist San Mateo County communities in achieving their housing goals. I am particularly proud of my support for HEARTS programs that provide loans to nonprofit developers and educational institutions working to develop, preserve, acquire, and rehabilitate affordable housing. Additionally, I have helped connect community members to free educational workshops designed to support first-time homebuyers with loans that can cover up to 15% of their down payment.

As a City of Pacifica Councilmember since 2018, I have cultivated strong relationships with local and regional agencies. Through my service on the HOPE (Housing Our People Effectively) Interagency Council over the past five years, I have collaborated with organizations across the county working to prevent and end homelessness. These partnerships have deepened my understanding of the critical role affordable housing plays in our community's well-being.

Reflecting on my time on the HEART Board, I recognize that I bring a unique perspective to the table. As a renter, a former single parent, and someone who personally benefited from the support of the Pacifica Resource Center while raising my daughter, I understand the challenges that families face when seeking affordable housing. I also have family members who have navigated the San Mateo County shelter system and eventually secured stable housing with the help of county programs. My experiences have made me deeply committed to ensuring that affordable, accessible housing remains a priority for our communities.

Serving on the HEART Board is an opportunity for me to give back to the community that has helped my family thrive. I am deeply honored to have contributed thus far, and it would be a privilege to continue serving in this important role. I respectfully request your consideration and support for my reappointment.

Sincerely,

Mary Bier



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January 10, 2025

Mr. Sukhmani Purewal

Secretary of City Selection Committee and Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Via Email

Dear Mr. Purewal and the City Selection Committee:

Please consider me for a full-term position on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County (HEART) Board. If all full-term positions are filled, please consider me for the part-term position.

As the most recent Mayor of San Mateo, a 2-year Council Member, and a member of the San Mateo General Plan 2040 Sub-Committee, I have worked closely with my fellow Council Members, City staff, regional and State housing entities, housing nonprofits and advocacy groups, developers and constituent associations to maximize the opportunity for affordable housing at all levels in our city.

While I was Mayor in 2024, San Mateo City Council passed our General Plan 2040 and received certification of our Housing Element from the CA State Housing and Community Development Department. This certification depended on the successful passage of the Measure T land use ballot measure to increase the heights and densities of residential buildings in San Mateo along our transit-oriented corridors and our downtown. I was a leading advocate of Measure T and knocked on over 2,000 doors for it leading up to our November 2024 election. I heard from hundreds of residents about the extreme need for housing at all affordability levels, especially at the lower end, and the strain our housing shortage places on families, young people, seniors and small businesses.

Innovative approaches and partnerships, consumer education and collaboration at all levels are needed to open more housing opportunities of all types in our region. My work on City Council, as well as my prior work on the HIP Housing Board and continuing work on the San Mateo Rotary Haciendas Board (managing 2 low-income senior housing buildings) gives me the perspective and experience to be a valuable contributor to advancing the critical work of HEART and the lives of people in San Mateo County.

I would be grateful to be selected to join the HEART Board. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Lisa Diaz Nash

District 1 Council Member and Former Mayor, City of San Mateo



CITY COUNCIL 2025

EDDIE FLORES, MAYOR (DIST. 5)
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SHARON RANALS, CITY MANAGER

January 10, 2025

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City Selection Committee

c/o Sukhmani Purewal

Secretary of City Selection Committee / Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors spurewal@smcgov.org

Re: Re-appointment to the HEART Executive Board

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I seek your support for my reappointment to the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board. As the youngest and first openly LGBTQ+ member of the South San Francisco city council, the issue of affordable housing is near and dear to me. 2 in 5 households pay 30% or more of their income for housing, and 1 in 5 pay over 50% in California. As housing prices skyrocket, the opportunities of affordable homeownership for young families growing up in San Mateo County are dwindling. In addition to this, 40% of youth experiencing housing insecurity identify as LGBTQ+.

On the South San Francisco city council, affordable housing has been a number one priority for me. In the next 10 years, our city is projected to receive over \$80 million in commercial linkage fees to be used for affordable housing. In 2022, South San Francisco passed Measure AA, authorizing our city to build or acquire city-owned and operated affordable housing. And two years ago, our city was awarded a pro-housing designation from Governor Gavin Newsom for our commitment to passing policies that preserve and build affordable housing for our residents. I have also had the opportunity to study alternative successful models of affordable and social housing in Hong Kong and Singapore. On the HEART Board, I hope to contribute my experiences in addressing the affordable housing crisis throughout San Mateo County.

Over the past two years on the HEART Board, we have worked to finance and preserve much needed affordable housing including the Mobile Home Loan Program. Together, I hope to continue to work to find creative ways to deliver affordable housing faster to communities throughout San Mateo County. HEART can draft model policies for county cities to adopt, create a revolving loan fund to finance mixed-income and 100% affordable housing developments, and expand partnerships with regional leaders to finance affordable housing construction.

I pledge to be a collaborative leader that represents the entirety of San Mateo County's diverse population and leaves no community behind. I humbly ask for your support.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Coleman".

James Coleman
Councilmember (District 4)
City of South San Francisco



CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

501 Main Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

January 10, 2025

Sukhmani Purewal
Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Secretary of the City Selection Committee
Via email to spurewal@smcgov.org

Re: Letter of Interest for Appointment to LAFCo

Dear Mr. Purewal:

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Local Agency Formation Commission, and respectfully request appointment to fill the remaining LAFCo term for the seat held by Half Moon Bay's former Council Member Harvey Rarback. My appointment would make for a seamless transition for that seat, which I understand expires in May of this year. If appointed to fill the remaining term of this seat, it would be my intent to submit an application for the full term.

My commitment and dedication to serving the public continues to be illustrated in the work I do every day, and by my many years of experience and strong leadership in local, regional and state government. I was first elected to the Half Moon Bay City Council in 1991 and served until 2003. I was re-elected in 2014, 2018, and 2022, and have served multiple terms as Mayor and Vice Mayor. As a councilmember, I am one of two City representatives on the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside, a Joint Powers Authority, where I have served as director, Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer over nine years. I currently serve as Vice-Chair of OneShoreline, aka the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District, a special district, as well as representing the city on C/CAG.

Retired since 2022, I worked for the State Coastal Conservancy, a state agency, for more than 20 years, serving as my agency's liaison with the Legislature and as a senior project manager in charge of complex grants for public access, natural resource restoration, and land acquisition. I also served for several years as a Coastal Commission alternate for the Central Coast.

In these many roles I've been deeply involved in numerous inter-agency collaborative and public outreach efforts, gathering and evaluating data including financial feasibility analyses, working within a variety of permitting regimes, building relationships, and finding consensus. My experience will be very useful in addressing the types of matters that LAFCo must address on a regular basis.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please contact me at druddock@hmbcity.com or 650-533-7497 if you have any questions or need additional information. In the meantime, I offer my best wishes for a productive 2025.

Sincerely,

Debbie Ruddock
Debbie Ruddock
Vice Mayor, Half Moon Bay

cc: The Honorable Eddie Flores, LAFCo Chair
Rob Bartoli, LAFCo Executive Officer
Members, Half Moon Bay City Council
Mathew Chidester, Half Moon Bay City Manager



City of Millbrae

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STEPHEN RAINALDI
Councilmember

January 9, 2025

City Selection Committee
c/o Sukhmani Purewal, City Selection Committee Secretary
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Appointment to Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

Dear Chair Flores, Vice Chair, and Members of the Council of Cities/City Selection Committee,

I would like to submit my letter of interest in being appointed to either open seat on San Mateo County LAFCo. I believe LAFCo serves a vital function in ensuring good governance for all our residents.

I am truly interested in how San Mateo County is structured and believe this would serve as a good opportunity for a newly elected council members, such as myself, to further my learning of how the County can effectively manage orderly growth and development of local government agencies.

As a semi-retired person, I have the time necessary to be an active and collaborative participant of LAFCo. This gives me the ability to research issues, spend the necessary time to learn processes & procedures which effect the boundaries and organization of the 20 cities, 22 independent special districts, and 33 active County-governed special districts, plus incorporations of cities and formations of special districts.

I hope the Council of Cities/City Selection Committee will support my request to be appointed as a member of LAFCo and respectfully ask for your vote. Please feel free to contact me at (650) 710-0062 or srainaldi@ci.millbrae.ca.us with any questions or requests regarding this appointment.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Rainaldi".

Stephen Rainaldi
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Sukhmani Purewal
Secretary of City Selection Committee/ /Assistant Clerk of
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Sent via Email
spurewal@smcgov.org

Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

I am seeking appointment to the San Mateo County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). It would be my honor to fulfill the remainder of the term of my colleague and former Pacifica Mayor Tygarjas Bigstycck, expiring in May 2026.

As an independent commission, LAFCo oversees requests to alter jurisdictional boundaries from 20 cities and multiple independent special districts across San Mateo County. Appointees serving on LAFCo must be well-grounded in the processes and operational responsibilities of independent jurisdictions while also understanding the implications they may have for other jurisdictions countywide.

Before my election to Pacifica City Council, I served as a Planning Commissioner for three years. Our jurisdiction shares boundaries with three other cities, unincorporated County, and a significant amount of federally designated permanent open space. I am therefore acutely aware of the importance of maintaining jurisdictional order and responsibilities as well as the opportunities for interjurisdictional collaboration. Many of the Planning Commission decisions during my tenure required the ability to understand the cost and capacity implications of land use on the provision of city services, immediately and long into the future.

The expertise I developed as a Planning Commissioner provided an excellent training opportunity for service on LAFCo. Over a three-year period, I assisted in approving a General Plan and Local Coastal Land Use Plan, which had not been accomplished in Pacifica since 1980. We also approved a Specific Plan for the Sharp Park section of Pacifica and worked intensively to update the Housing Element. These accomplishments required the ability to analyze data from multiple sources, communicate clearly and respectfully with staff, and make decisions collaboratively with fellow commissioners.

My relevant professional experience in construction and housing production, as well as service as a board member for a private elementary and high school have provided additional opportunities to develop the knowledge and skill to serve effectively on LAFCo.

I humbly ask for the opportunity to expand my service in San Mateo County as a Commissioner on LAFCo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Greg Wright
Pacifica City Councilmember, District 4