

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 Rico E. Medina, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a **Special** meeting of the Committee at **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2023**. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom:

To join the Zoom meeting, please click the following link: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/96849214837>. The meeting ID is 968 4921 4837.

AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Selection of two (2) Councilmembers to serve as *Regular* members on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)** for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.
 - i. *East Palo Alto Councilmember Carlos Romero, is seeking reappointment*
 - ii. *South San Francisco Vice Mayor Mark Nagales, is seeking reappointment*
- 3) Selection of two (2) Councilmembers to serve as *Alternate* members on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)** for a term of two (2) years beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.
 - i. *Foster City Councilmember Sam Hindi, is seeking reappointment*
 - ii. *San Mateo Councilmember Richard (Rich) Hedges, is seeking reappointment*
- 4) Selection of one (1) Councilmember to serve as an *Alternate* member on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)**, for a term of four (4) years beginning May 2023 through 1st Monday in May 2027.
 - i. *Millbrae Mayor Ann Schneider, is seeking reappointment*
- 5) 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 agendaized for a later meeting date.*



CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

Mayor Lisa Gauthier
Vice Mayor Antonio López

Council Members

Ruben Ábrica
Marta Barragán
Carlos Romero

May 2, 2023

Re: ABAG Executive Board Re-Appointment

Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I respectfully seek your support for re-appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. I have served on the Executive Board since December 2020. Before my present appointment, I was the ABAG Board Alternate Member for four years.

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

Over the next two years, ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will be working with the Bay Area Housing Finance Agency (BAHFA), a vital regional entity our cities need to fund moderate and low-income housing, with the goal of placing a regional housing funding measure on the 2024 ballot. As Chair of ABAG's Housing Committee, a body that works in tandem with BAHFA, I am strategically situated to make sure that our cities receive the lion's share of this possible \$10-\$20 billion-dollar effort. Given the depth and breadth of my understanding of housing finance and development as an affordable housing developer and consultant, I am well positioned to help move BAHFA's efforts forward. It is also critical that the San Mateo County cities have someone at the table who can participate fully in the final stage of the MTC/ABAG merger during the next two years. ABAG's far more democratic and deliberative governance structure must not be lost during the merger process, and I will work to make sure that does not happen.

My current nine years as a member and vice chair of ABAG's Regional Planning Committee, my service on ABAG's Housing Methodology Committee where we grappled during an 18-month process to determine our region's RHNA housing allocation methodology, and my three years as an advisory board member to MTC give me the deep experience to engage effectively as your ABAG Executive Board member.

Our twenty diverse cities have numerous varied 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 these critical local and regional needs.

I humbly ask that you support my re-appointment to ABAG. Should you have any questions concerning my candidacy, please contact me at (650) 283-2852 or cromero_ezln@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Carlos Romero



BUENAFLOR NICOLAS, MAYOR
 MARK NAGALES, VICE MAYOR
 MARK ADDIEGO, COUNCILMEMBER
 JAMES COLEMAN, COUNCILMEMBER
 EDDIE FLORES, COUNCILMEMBER

SHARON RANALS, CITY MANAGER

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 9, 2023

City Selection Committee

C/o Sukhmani Purewal

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

RE: Appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I seek your support for reappointment as an Executive Board Member of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing San Mateo County.

As one of the first Filipino Americans elected to the South San Francisco City Council, I understand how important it is to have a seat at the table. As a former aide to Assemblymember Gene Mullin and Congresswoman Jackie Speier, I have over 10 years of legislative experience addressing various regional issues. I currently serve on the Boards of HEART of San Mateo County and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA). I am also President of the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities and serve on the League's Housing, Community, and Economic Development Policy Committee. Professionally, I work as the San Mateo County Outreach Coordinator for Project Sentinel, a non-profit housing counseling agency. Every day, I speak with both tenants and landlords from all over the County seeking advice on their rights and responsibilities regarding housing issues. The volume of calls I receive at Project Sentinel has increased dramatically because of COVID, which has created unprecedented challenges in housing and the economy.

As a member of ABAG, I have brought to the Board my firsthand experience in tackling regional housing issues. Together with the South San Francisco City Council, we helped our residents by implementing a renter's assistance program weeks before the COVID pandemic began, became the first city in San Mateo County to launch a Guaranteed Basic Income pilot program, and provided grants to support small businesses during the pandemic. South San Francisco is building more housing around transportation hubs such as our new and improved Downtown Caltrain station and the El Camino corridor. These housing developments support our goals of encouraging residents to take alternate modes of transportation, reducing car emissions and traffic, and promoting connectivity and walkability in our neighborhoods.

I will continue to be a representative for all cities in San Mateo County to voice your concerns, questions, and priorities to the entire ABAG Board. I have spoken with many of you about wildfire protection, affordable housing, transportation, the economy, and the environment. Having representation from both

the northern and southern portions of our county will bring a balanced regional perspective to ABAG. I would be honored to serve again as your advocate on ABAG.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Nagales".

Mark Nagales
Vice Mayor
City of South San Francisco



OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Foster City

Dear Honorable Mayors, Councilmembers, and Colleagues,

I'm writing to express my interest in applying for re-appointment as a City Alternate representing the City of Foster City on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. I'm proud of the progress my colleagues and I on the ABAG leadership team have made in shaping critical policy across the region and would respectfully request the opportunity to continue this important work over another term.

As a City Alternate, I have worked collaboratively to help make the Bay Area a more vibrant, inclusive, and dynamic environment through thoughtful and courageous leadership on complex policy matters related to housing, job growth, sustainability, and a variety of other pressing social issues. Yet despite these notable feats, I believe there is much more work to be done to assure the resiliency and dynamism of the Bay Area for years to come and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue being a part of that mission.

Beyond my contribution to ABAG, I have held a variety of local volunteer and community leadership positions, such as Vice Chair for Foster City's Parks and Recreation Committee, Chair of the board for the Foster City Chamber of Commerce, team leader for the Community Emergency Response Team CERT, and Boy Scout Troop 175. I was also elected to the City Council twice, served as Mayor in consecutive years, and have been on City Council subcommittees addressing economic development, long-term planning, and sustainability, and a Council representative to the Citizens Sustainability Advisory Committee. Regionally I have served on the Board of Directors for the Bay Area Water Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART), the San Mateo County Transportation Demand Management Agency (Commute.org), Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), and Chair of the San Francisco International Airport Community Roundtable.

I am excited by the opportunity to continue leveraging my experience and familiarity with ABAG's goals and objectives in the effort toward helping build a brighter, more promising future across the region. I appreciate your consideration of my appointment to the as a City Alternate representing the City of Foster City on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not to hesitate to contact me at (510) 206-9550 or shindi@fostercity.org.

Respectfully,

Sam Hindi, City of Foster City



CITY OF SAN MATEO
CITY COUNCIL

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May 10, 2023

Re: Appointment to the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) –
Representing Cities

Dear Honorable Colleagues,

I am writing to ask for your support as I seek reappointment as an Alternate member of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) representing Cities.

I was appointed as an alternate to the Executive Board in January and would like to be reappointed. I now serve on the San Mateo City Council.

I have been on the Board of the San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council since 2001 and I serve on the San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Committee. I have been an advisor to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in different roles since 2003 until January of 2023. I resigned from MTC February 1, 2023 to avoid any conflict of interest. While on MTC, I was one of a nine-member sub-committee that advised MTC on the development of Transit Oriented Development guidelines (now called Transit Oriented Communities).

I was trained as a teacher but worked in the retail industry until I became employed by the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union where I worked until retirement. After retirement I worked for Congressman Tom Lantos until his death in 2008. I have served on many Boards, Commissions and Committees within the City of San Mateo, The County of San Mateo, the Bay Area as well as the State of California.

I have been working on land use, public works and governance issues in the City of San Mateo since 2000, when I was appointed by the City Council to the Bay Meadows and Transit Corridor Citizen's Advisory Committee. Following that three-year assignment, I was appointed to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as an Advisor in 2003, where I have served until now. I serve on the Board of San Mateo County Housing Leadership Council and the San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Committee to fund housing in San Mateo County.

I have been a member of the San Mateo City Council for short time but have been appointed to several Boards and Committees in the City of San Mateo. I have been active in San Mateo County by serving on Boards and Committees as well as one year on the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury.

I have been a leader in transportation while serving on MTC Policy Advisory Council, the MTC Transit Oriented Development sub-committee, San Mateo County Transportation Authority CAC and the Measure W Oversight Committee.

As a resident of San Mateo County since 1970, I feel a very strong sense of purpose in working to make the Peninsula and Bay Area the best housed, most efficiently transited and most environmentally sound region that it can be. Before now, we have had an extremely efficient and productive economy. I intend to work hard to return our economy to its former prominence while also bringing equity to all the people in our jurisdictions. I promise to represent the interests of our San Mateo County residents proudly and assertively to the best of my abilities.

I appreciate the huge volume of hard work that ABAG has done over these many years and would be deeply honored by your appointment to serve representing the Cities of San Mateo County. Please feel free to call me at (650) 619-2771 or email me at rhedges@cityofsanmateo.org if you would like to discuss my candidacy.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Hedges
Council Member
City of San Mateo



City of Millbrae

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ANN SCHNEIDER
Mayor

Mr. Sukhmani Purewal,
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May 12, 2023

Dear Chair Medina, Vice Chair and Members of the Council of Cities Selection Committee:

I am interested in continuing to be an alternate to Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). Since being appointed to fill a vacancy a few months ago, I have attended one meeting. I believe LAFCo serves a vital function ensuring good governance for all our residents. I am truly interested in how San Mateo County is structured.

I have the time and typically have flexibility in my schedule to fill in as the voting member should the regular member not be able to attend. I will continue to read the lengthy packets and be prepared to step in when needed.

I hope the Council of Cities Selection Committee will support my request to be reappointed as an alternate member and respectfully ask for your vote. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns both on this appointment and on issues before LAFCo. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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