



CITY OF PALO ALTO
CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
Monday, February 03, 2025
Council Chambers & Hybrid
5:30 PM

Agenda Item

1. ~~Interview Candidates for the Vacancies on the Planning and Transportation Commission~~ *Item Removed Off Agenda*



City Council Staff Report

From: City Clerk

Report Type: SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Lead Department: City Clerk

Meeting Date: February 3, 2025

Report #:2411-3833

TITLE

Interview Candidates for the Vacancies on the Planning and Transportation Commission

DISCUSSION

The City Council provided direction at the January 21, 2025 City Council meeting on candidates to interview for three positions on the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC). The schedule of interviews for February 3, 2025 will be available in a late packet distribution on January 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND

Then-PTC Commissioners George Lu and Keith Reckdahl were sworn in as City Councilmembers on January 6, 2025, thereby vacating their PTC seats. The terms of their PTC seats expire on March 31, 2025 and March 31, 2026, respectively. Additionally, another PTC position will expire on March 31, 2025. To consolidate recruitment efforts and encourage a broad applicant pool, staff recruited for all three (3) vacancies simultaneously:

- One (1) partial term position expiring March 31, 2026
- Two (2) full term positions expiring March 31, 2029

Recruitment was open December 2, 2024, through January 15, 2025, and staff received 19 applications. Applicants could apply for the partial term, full term, or both positions. City Council voted on which candidates to interview at the 1/21/25 City Council meeting and selected to interview all applicants who received at least one vote¹. The results are:

1. William Glazier: Lauing, Stone, Reckdahl, Veenker (**Partial or Full**)
2. Daniel Hekier: Lu, Lythcott-Haims (**Partial or Full**)

¹ City Council, January 21, 2025; Agenda Item #1; Staff Report# 2411-3832
<https://portal.laserfiche.com/Portal/DocView.aspx?id=126922&repo=r-704298fc>

3. Terrance Holzemer: Lauing, Reckdahl, Stone **(Partial Only)**
4. Todd James: Burt, Lauing, Reckdahl **(Partial or Full)**
5. Kevin Ji: Burt, Lauing, Lu, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Reckdahl, Veenker **(Partial or Full)**
6. Arthur Keller: Stone **(Full or Partial)**
7. Thomas Kellerman: Burt, Lauing, Veenker **(Partial or Full)**
8. Declan King: Reckdahl **(Full Only)**
9. Henrik Morkner: Veenker **(Partial Only)**
10. Salim Parak: Burt **(Full or Partial)**
11. Forest Peterson: Lu, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Veenker **(Partial or Full)**
12. Michael Regula: Lu **(Partial or Full)**
13. Rika YeaKyung Yamamoto: Burt, Lu **(Partial or Full)**

City Council is scheduled to interview candidates at the 2/3/25 meeting and appoint new commissioners at the 2/10/25 meeting.

APPROVED BY:

Mahealani Ah Yun, City Clerk