



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

<b>Agenda Item</b>
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3. Appointment of 2025 Emergency Standby Council



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## City Council Staff Report

**Report Type: CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Lead Department: City Clerk**

**Meeting Date: February 3, 2025**

Report #:2501-3962

### **TITLE**

Appointment of 2025 Emergency Standby Council

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council approve the selection of the following former Council Members to serve as members of the 2024 Emergency Standby Council:

- Alison Cormack
- Peter Drekmeier
- Eric Filseth
- Karen Holman
- Liz Kniss
- Lydia Kou
- Greg Schmid

### **BACKGROUND**

The Charter of the City of Palo Alto provides that, "the Council may, by Ordinance or Resolution, provide for the preservation and continuation of government in the event of disaster which renders unavailable a majority of the Council."

On August 7, 2006, the City Council adopted amendments to Section 2.12.090 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code regarding the selection procedure for the City's Emergency Standby Council. The adopted policy states that the Council shall consider the following criteria for appointments to the Emergency Standby Council: residency in the City of Palo Alto, availability, interest in serving and a lack of conflicts of interest.

Seven members serve on the Emergency Standby Council. Members of the Standby Council have the authority delegated to them under Chapter 2.12 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code. The members of the Emergency Standby Council continue to serve until the Council appoints or reappoints the members at the beginning of each year.

**FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This is not a project.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

**APPROVED BY:**

Mahealani Ah Yun, City Clerk