



Date: July 21, 2006

Committee Meeting Date: August 17, 2006

Board Meeting Date: August 31, 2006

**BOARD MEMORANDUM**

ACTION X DISCUSSION        INFO       

**TO:** Administration and Finance Committee  
 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
 Board of Directors

**THROUGH:** Michael T. Burns  
 General Manager

**FROM:** Jim Lawson  
 Government Affairs Manager

**SUBJECT:** Citizens Advisory Committee Reappointment

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratify the reappointment of Laura Stuchinsky to the Citizens Advisory Committee position representing the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is a 17-member committee representing the city/county groupings of the VTA Board of Directors, specified community interests, and business and labor groups with an interest in transportation. The CAC advises the Board on issues of interest to the committee's members and the communities and organizations they represent. It also serves as the oversight body for the 2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program.

The CAC bylaws require that a committee member must be a resident of Santa Clara County while on the committee and cannot hold elected public office. The membership term is continuous, with the member serving until resignation or replacement by their nominating organization or the VTA Board.

The process to fill CAC vacancies, as defined by the bylaws, is that member agencies and specified business and labor groups appoint potential members for designated membership positions. For the six community interests positions, the Administration & Finance Committee appoints one member per position from nominations submitted by advocacy groups or received at-large. In all cases, the VTA Board must ratify the appointment.

**DISCUSSION:**

The VTA Administrative Code establishes the membership of the CAC. Five of the 17 members are appointed by specified business and labor groups, one of which represents the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG).

Ms. Stuchinsky, a Sunnyvale resident, is the Director of Transportation and Land Use for SVLG. She was a longstanding member of CAC, serving from September 2000 until April 2006, when SVLG decided to replace her on CAC to enable her to dedicate her time and effort to the 2006 Measure A campaign.

Now that the election has been held, the Leadership Group has reappointed Ms. Stuchinsky to the seat she formerly held on CAC. Due to her knowledge, experience and valued contribution to the committee, staff recommends that the Board ratify this reappointment.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

There are no practical alternatives to this recommendation.

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