

Date: November 15, 2007

Committee Meeting Date: November 15, 2007

Board Meeting Date: December 13, 2007

BOARD MEMORANDUM

ACTION ITEM

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 Appointment

Policy-Related Action: No
No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies:

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the appointment of Norman Kline to the Citizens Advisory Committee position representing pedestrians.

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 ballot-specified Citizens Watchdog Committee 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 appointing 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 VTA's 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. One of the six positions in the Community Interests section represents Pedestrians. This position recently became vacant due to the resignation of its previous member, Luis Pavel Mendez, who held the position for several years and recently resigned due to scheduling conflicts. VTA has received an application from Norman Kline indicating interest in the Pedestrians position.

Mr. Kline, a resident of San Jose, is chief executive officer of LibraryWorld, a web-based online library service. He has been very active in public service in the county, previously serving as a councilmember and mayor of the city of Saratoga, as a VTA Policy Advisory Committee member and vice chairperson, as an alternate member of the VTA Board of Directors, as chairperson of the VTA Caltrain Capital Improvement Committee, and as a member and chairperson of the City of Santa Clara Planning Commission. He currently serves as a board member on several philanthropic and civic organizations including the Valley Medical Center Foundation, the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens, the San Jose Rotary, and the Downtown Association. He comes highly recommended by several individuals, including past VTA Board Chairperson Joe Pirzynski.

Due to his extensive and varied background, knowledge of and experience with VTA, and his strong recommendations, staff recommended that the Administration & Finance (A&F Committee appoint Mr. Kline to this position and submit this appointment to the Board of Directors for ratification. At their November 15, 2007 meeting, A&F approved Mr. Kline's appointment. This appointment is now presented for Board ratification..

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to not ratify this appointment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

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