

Date: _____ April 21, 2008

Committee Meeting Date: _____ N/A

Board Meeting Date: _____ May 1, 2008

BOARD MEMORANDUM

ACTION ITEM

TO: Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

FROM: Chairperson Liz Kniss
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

SUBJECT: General Counsel Search Committee

Policy-Related Action: No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the following appointments for a General Counsel Search Committee of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Board of Directors:

General Counsel Search Committee

Liz Kniss, Chair
Dolly Sandoval
Sam Liccardo

DISCUSSION:

With the retirement of VTA General Counsel Suzanne Gifford, the Board authorized the General Manager to retain an Executive Search Firm for the purpose of identifying qualified candidates for the position of General Counsel. The position of General Counsel is hired by and reports directly to the Board of Directors. The General Counsel Search Committee will review the recommendations of the Executive Search Firm and forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors for finalist candidate(s) to be interviewed and hired by the Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

The position of General Counsel is required by the VTA's Enabling Act. The Board may select another method for recruiting and hiring for this position if it so desires.