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Cc: Lillian Tsang
Subject: RE: VTA BPAC bylaws question

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Hi Angela,

I'm confirming that Leia may continue to serve in this case. I spoke w/ Lillian about this a couple of weeks ago as well, and you've captured the points we discussed.

As Leia is currently serving as the 2026 vice chair of the VTA BPAC, in the interest of continuity and as she is a member in good standing, we implore you to consider appointing her at least through the end of the calendar year (which coincides with our committee leadership term). Just as additional info: although we have 2-year appointment terms for BPAC, Member Agencies can change their representation any time as needed (eg. no longer a city resident, can't commit to meetings anymore, etc). We would treat it as a "mid-term appointment."

We recently went through a revision of our Admin Code and will be updating our Rules of Procedures as well. These documents, along with significant changes to the Brown Act via SB 707, impact our BPAC bylaws and hence we are looking to update our committee bylaws this year. I share your sentiment about the misalignment of calendar year vs fiscal year terms, and this is one of the things that will likely change for BPAC in the future.

Hope this helps. Pls let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,

Michelle Oblena

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Hi Lauren and Michelle,

We are working on the Report to Council to appoint our VTA BPAC representative. I believe I discussed with both of you separately (earlier this year when your Chair and Vice Chair were being selected), about our current representative, Leia Mehlman, being interested in staying the VTA BPAC rep for Sunnyvale. She is terming out of her Sunnyvale BPAC position this June. I asked you if she can continue to represent Sunnyvale as a community member and was told yes, and that Sunnyvale has had this situation in the past. Sunnyvale staff confirmed to me that yes, we've had that situation in the past.

As we're routing the report for review internally, one of the reviewers is pointing to a section of the VTA BPAC bylaws that states the rep must either be on the city's BPAC or if the city does not have a BPAC it can be a community member. I told him I confirmed it was ok with VTA staff and that Sunnyvale has done this before. He asked if this is the case, then would VTA be changing these bylaws to reflect this.

Can you please let me know, in writing, if this situation is allowable, for Leia Mehlman, to continue being the Sunnyvale representative on the VTA BPAC after her Sunnyvale BPAC term ends, and also if there are any plans to update the bylaws?

Side note, if VTA is considering updating bylaws, we'd like to also suggest that the representative terms align with the calendar year as opposed to the fiscal year, to match most city's BPAC terms. 😊

Thank you,
Angela O.



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