



Candidates' Biographies for Vice President for the League of California Cities Peninsula Division Executive Committee

Candidate: Jim Davis, Council Member, City of Sunnyvale

Position: Vice President



Application Statement: I am currently serving my second year as Director at Large for the Peninsula Division of the California League of Cities. I also serve on the League's Public Safety Policy Committee. I have previously served on the Helen Putman Award Committee and the 2012 Conference Committee. Above and beyond that I serve on the National League of Cities Crime Prevention Steering Committee. Last year I served as the Chairman of the National League of Cities Large Cities Council. I have had a long career in the advancement of legislative process. I served on the Board of Director and was a legislative advocate for the Peace Officers Research Association for 25 years. I am very familiar with the legislative process and how to be affective the legislative process on both a state and local level. I am currently retired and have time to dedicate myself to the interest of the League of California Cities and in particular to the Peninsula Division.

Council Member Jim Davis - Biography

Education

Associate of Science Degree, Administration of Justice, West Valley Community College (1970 – 1973)

Bachelor of Science, Political Science, Minor Psychology San Jose State University (1973- 1975)

Professional Experience

City Council Member City of Sunnyvale (January 2012 - Present)

Sunnyvale Public Safety Officer (July 1986 – October 2011)

San Jose Law Enforcement (October 1975 – July 1986)

Professional Organizations

California Narcotic Officers Association (19876 – Present)

Peace Officers Research Association of California (1975 – 2011)

Member, California Gang Investigators Association (Present)

Member, Central Coast Gang Investigators Association (Present)

Member, Sunnyvale Public Safety Officers Association (Present)

Community Service

Regional Advisor, Cali Nev Ha Key Club (2006 – Present)

Instructor, Parent Project (2008 – Present)

Advisor, Homestead High School Key Club (2001 – Present)

Advisor, Sunnyvale Middle School Builders Club (2003 – Present)

Chairman, Sunnyvale Pet Parade (2010)
Member, Mayor's Reading by Third Grade Committee (2008)
Sunnyvale Basketball Shoot-Off Program (2006 – 2011)
Sunnyvale Charter Review Committee (1991)

Memberships

Silicon Valley Kiwanis (1999 – Present)
Cops Care Cancer (2006 – Present)
Sunnyvale Challenge Team (Present)
Mt. View Challenge Team (Present)

Commendation and Awards

Advisor of the Year, Cali Nev Ha Key Club 2011
Recognition of Service, SNAIL Neighborhood Association (2011)
Public Safety Officer of the Year (2009)
Certificate of Excellence, Sunnyvale Middle School (2009)
Distinguished Service Award, Cal Nev Ha Kiwanis (2008)
Distinguished Service, Vargas Elementary School (2006 – 2008)
Ellis Elementary School Recognition of Service (2008 & 2009)
Sunnyvale Volunteer of the Year Award (2005)
California State Senate Recognition of Public Service (2005)
California State Assembly Recognition of Public Service (2005)
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors Recognition of Public Service (2005)
Kiwanis Member of the Year (2003)
Alan J. Garcia Leadership Award (2001)
Who's Who Leadership Recognition (1994)

Inter Governmental Assignments

Representative to Association of Bay Area Governments
Commissioner County Expressway Planning Advisory Board
Member Grand Boulevard Task Force
Member Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board
Commissioner County Emergency Operations Council
Member Valley Transpiration Authority Policy Advisory Board
Member Cal train Modernization Project Advisory Group
Alternate to Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority
Chairman National League of Cities Large Cities Council
Member National League of Cities Public Safety Policy Board
Member California Leagues of Cities Public Safety Policy Board.

Candidate: Liz Kniss, Council Member, City of Palo Alto

Position: Vice President



Application Statement: I have lived and worked in Palo Alto and in Santa Clara County for many years, and have served in public office since 1985. As a school board member, City Council member and Supervisor in Santa Clara County, I have been involved with each governing body's professional organization and have served in leadership on Palo Alto School Board, Palo Alto City Council and Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, as well as many committees. (C V attached) I was Vice Mayor of the Palo Alto City Council in 2014. I have recently been appointed to the Employee Relations committee after being back on the PACC since 2013.

While on the City Council previously I was active in both the Peninsula League and in the League of California Cities. I am particularly interested in the "voice" that the League can have in Sacramento, and in Washington. We must establish good long term relationships with our elected officials on the Peninsula and Bay Area, and with longer terms for office in the California State legislature, we can work toward our League goals over a greatly increased period of time. Our relationships make us stronger and bring greater influence in decision making at that level.

While I was on the Board of Supervisors, I chaired the Legislative Committee for six years, and oversaw both our state and federal advocates, following the budgets, the bills, and the trends in public spending. I interacted with both our state lobbyists and the federal law firm who represented and advocated for us in Washington. We frequently visited Sacramento and DC to visit with our elected officials to work with them and their staff on issues important to our communities.

Also, I have participated in the Bocce Ball tournament.

Thank you!

Liz Kniss

Council Member Liz Kniss – Biography

Education

BS, PHN, Simmons College, Boston, MA

MPA, Public Administration and Health Care Policy, Cal State University

Graduate work in Health Policy and Economics, UC Berkeley

Professional Experience

Manager, Marketing and Communications, Sun Microsystems Laboratories

Director, Stanford Friends of Nursing, Stanford University Hospital

Public Health Nurse, San Mateo County

Public Health Nurse, Grant Writer, Cupertino Union School District

Registered Nurse, various hospitals

Public Service – Elected

2013 – Present: Palo Alto City Council Member, **Vice Mayor 2014** (*see pg 3*)
2001 - 2012: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, **President 2005 and 2009**
1989 - 2000: Palo Alto City Council, Council Member, **Mayor 1994 and 2000**
1985 - 1989: Palo Alto School Board, Member, **President 1988**

Palo Alto City Council- 2013-15

Elected in November 2012 (Returning after 3 terms on Board of Supervisors*)
January - 2014, Elected Vice Mayor,
Policy Committee – 2013 Chair
Finance Committee- 2014
LCC/ Peninsula Division- Employee Relations Committee -current
Bay Area Air Quality Management District, -Reappointed Feb. 2013
Secretary, Jan 2015 (leads to Chair)

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Policy Committees

Health and Hospital Committee; Vice-Chair 2001, Chair 2002 - 2012
Legislative Committee; Vice-Chair 2001-2005, Chair 2006 - 2012
Housing, Land Use, Environment, Transportation Committee; Vice-Chair 2009 – 2012
Finance and Government Operations Committee; Vice-Chair 2006 – 2008
Public Safety and Justice Committee; Chair 2001 Vice-Chair 2002 – 2005

County-Wide

County Library District Joint Powers Authority; 2001 – 2012
Santa Clara County Health Authority Board of Directors; 2001- 2011
Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council 2004 - 2011
First Five Santa Clara County Board of Directors 2009
SCC Cities Association Joint Economic Development Policy Committee; 2005-2008

County Internal

County Fire Department Liaison; 2001- 2012
County Planning Commission Liaison; 2001 - 2009
Disaster Council 2006 – 2011
Energy Task Force 2001
Juvenile Detention Reform Planning Committee 2004
Juvenile Detention Reform Oversight Committee 2005 – 2008

Regional Representation

Bay Area Air Quality Management District; 2001- present
Secretary, 2015, in line to be Chair
Bay Conservation and Development Commission; 2001- 2011

Local Agency Formation Commission; 2009 – 2012
Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District Financing Authority 2001- 2012
Regional Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation; 2001-2006
Valley Transportation Authority; 2005 - 2012, Chair 2008

State and National Representation

California State Association of Counties Board of Directors; 2006 - 2012
California State Association of Counties; Health and Human Services Committee; Member 2003
- present, Vice-Chair 2006, Chair 2007 - 2012
California Urban Counties Caucus; Member 2006 – present, **Chair 2011**
National Association of Counties; 2006 – present, Board of Directors 2010 - 2012
National Association of Counties; Health Steering Committee; Member 2004 - 2012, **Chair 2010
- 2012**
National Association of Counties; Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee 2006 – 2012
National Association of Counties; Sustainability Leadership Team 2003 - 2006

Palo Alto City Council

Library Advisory Commission; 1999
Palo Alto Community Child Care; 1990, 1993, 1995, 1998-1999
Millennium Night/Year 2000 Committee; 1999
National League of Cities – Women in Municipal Government Board; 1998
National League of Cities – Steering Committee; 1995, 1998-99
Santa Clara County Foundation (now Palo Alto Fund); 1990-99
Telecommunications Advisory Board; 1998-99
Senior Coordinating Council; 1991, 1998
Finance Committee; 1997
County Board of Supervisors Liaison; 1997
California Avenue Area Development Association; 1997
Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce; 1997
Neighbors Abroad Liaison; 1993, 1997
Palo Alto Housing Corporation; 1993, 1997
Santa Clara Valley Water District Commission; 1997
Stanford University Liaison; 1994-97
Downtown Merchants' Association; 1995-97
City/School Liaison Committee; 1992, 1994-97
Historic Resources Board; 1995-96
League of California Cities – Committee on Housing, Community and
Association of Bay Area Governments; 1994-96
League of California Cities – Peninsula Division; 1994-95
Economic Development; 1991-95
East Palo Alto Liaison Committee; 1993-95
Santa Clara County Cities Association; 1994
Family Resource Center Task Force; 1994

Santa Clara County Transportation Commission; 1991-94
Palo Alto Centennial Committee; 1990-1994
Council/CAO Ad Hoc Committee; 1993-94
Disability Awareness Task Force; 1993
Public Art Commission; 1992
Santa Clara County Intergovernmental Council; 1992
Senior Coordinating Council; 1992
Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council; 1990-91
Santa Clara County Paratransit Coordinating Council; 1991

**Memberships, Affiliations and Community Service
(partial list)**

AAUW, Palo Alto Chapter
American Leadership Forum; Senior Fellow
Association for Senior Day Health
California Elected Women's Assoc. for Ed. & Research (CEWAR)
Children's Health Awareness Council (CHAC) Advisory Council
Democratic Activists for Women Now (DAWN)
Democratic Forum of Santa Clara County
Joint Venture Silicon Valley; current member and past Co-Chair
League of Women Voters, Palo Alto Chapter
Palo Alto Rotary
Palo Alto Woman's Club
Voices of Reform Advisory Board, Commonwealth Club of California 2004-2005

*Three term limits

Candidate: Emily Lo, Council Member, City of Saratoga

Position: Vice President



Application Statement: I am a Councilmember and Former Mayor of Saratoga and have been an active participant in the Peninsula Division dinner meetings in the past 4 years.

I truly appreciate the effort of the Division to educate, communicate, and engage. I hope to leverage my experience (on the City Council, as well as a business owner and community leader) to contribute to the Division and continue the spirit of participation and collaboration. Attached is my bio.

Council Member Emily Lo – Biography

Public Services and Community Involvement:

- Councilmember and Former Mayor of Saratoga;
- Chair of Joint Power Authority Santa Clara County Library District - present;
- Board of Directors, Hakone Foundation – present;
- Former Board Member, Cities Association of Santa Clara County
- Vice Mayor of Saratoga, Dec. 2012- 2013
- Former President, Saratoga Chamber of Commerce
- Former Board Member, Saratoga- Monte Sereno Community Foundation
- Former Co- president, Saratoga High School PTSA, 2001-03;
- Member of Saratoga Foothill Club, Saratoga Rotary, Saratoga Lions, Saratoga Country Club, Saratoga Historical Foundation, Organization of Chinese American Women, Chi Am Circle Club, Saratoga Sister City.

Business Experience:

- Operates a promotional product business for over 16 years

Educational Background:

- Obtained Bachelor of Social Sciences Degree from University of Hong Kong