



## Candidates' Biographies for the 2015-16 League of California Cities Peninsula Division Executive Committee

### **Position: President**

**Candidate: Liz Kniss, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto**

### **Application Statement:**

I am currently serving as Vice President, and was elected to fill the vacant position after the November election. I have enjoyed serving as Vice President with Kirsten, and would like an opportunity to continue my service to the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities.



I believe I have a good record of leadership, accountability, and taking responsibility regardless of what governing body I am serving on. While serving on the county Board of Supervisors I played a leadership role at the national level (NACO) chairing a major national committee; I also played a role in our local state organization, CSAC, serving on the board for several years and chairing a major statewide committee there as well.

I believe strongly in the role of governance and in the role we play on a governing body. Although Palo Alto has a large budget and we serve 65,000 people, I believe we need to remember that the prime reason cities exist is to provide our citizens with adequate police and fire protection. Following closely on public safety is our infrastructure, planning and zoning, and adequate administrative services. Although we offer far more services than those in our city, I think the four items listed above are the essence of serving in our cities.

I have had a very good record of attending meetings in all of the governing bodies I have served on. I traveled throughout the U.S. while on the NACO board, and in many parts of our state for CSAC. In addition, I really enjoy serving on boards, committees and commissions. I make a strong contribution, and I believe I'm an enthusiastic team member on governing boards. I have often served as "Chair" and believe I do a good job of handling that hard role.

I would welcome your support!

Liz Kniss

### **Councilmember Liz Kniss – Biography**

#### **Occupation**

- Manager, Marketing and Communications, Sun Microsystems Laboratories
- Director, Stanford Friends of Nursing, Stanford University Hospital
- Public Health Nurse, San Mateo County
- Public Health Nurse, Cupertino Union School District
- Registered Nurse

#### **Education**

- BSN Simmons College, Boston, MA
- MPA, Public Administration and Health Care Policy, Cal State University
- Graduate work in Health Policy and Economics, UC Berkeley

#### **Memberships, Affiliations, 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 Women's Club
- Voices of Reform Advisory Board, Commonwealth Club of California 2004-2005

#### **Public Service - Elected**

- 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

#### **Policy Committees and County Representation**

- 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 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 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 - 2006

#### **Regional Representation**

- Bay Area Air Quality Management District; 2001 - 2012
- Bay Conservation and Development Commission; 2001 - 2011
- Local Agency Formation Commission; 2001 - 2011
- 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 - 2012, Vice-Chair 2006, Chair 2008 - 2012
- California Urban Counties Caucus; Member 2006 - 2012, Chair 2011
- National Association of Counties; 2006 - 2012, 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 Steering Committee 2006 - 2012
- National Association of Counties; Sustainability Leadership Team 2003 - 2006

#### **Palo Alto City Council 1989 - 2000, 2013 -**

- Member, City Council Rail Committee; 2013
- Chair, City/School Liaison Committee; 2014

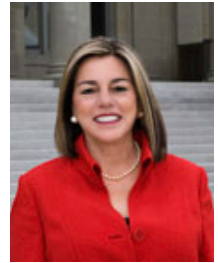
- Member, City/School Liaison Committee; 1992, 1994-97, 2013
- Member, Council/CAO Committee; 1993-94, 2013-15
- Member, Finance Committee, 1997, 2001-15
- Chair, Policy & Services Committee, 2013
- Liaison, Public Art Commission, 2015
- Liaison, Art Center Foundation, 2014-15
- Liaison, Avenidas, 2014-15
- Liaison, Historic Resources Board, 2014
- Liaison, Board of Realtors, 2013-14
- Liaison, Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 2013
- Liaison, Neighbors Abroad; 1993, 1997, 2013-14
- Liaison, Palo Alto Downtown Business & Professional Association, 2013
- Liaison, Palo Alto Housing Corporation, 1993, 1997, 2013
- Liaison, Valley Transportation Authority, Policy Advisory Committee, 2014-15
- Liaison, Valley Transportation Authority, El Camino Real Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board, 2013
- Liaison, Caltrain Policy Maker Committee, 2014
- 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 Coordinator Council; 1991, 1998
- County Board of Supervisors Liaison; 1997
- California Avenue Area Development Association; 1997
- Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce; 1997
- Santa Clara Valley Water District Commission; 1997
- Stanford University Liaison; 1994-97
- Downtown Merchants' Association; 1995-97
- Historic Resources Board; 1995-96
- League of California Cities - Committee on Housing, Community and Association of Bay Area Governments; 1994-95
- League of California Cities - Peninsula Division; 1994-95, 2015
- 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
- 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

## **Position: Vice President**

**Candidate: Alicia Aguirre, Councilmember, City of Redwood City**

### **Application Statement:**

I have served on the Peninsula Division of the League of CA Cities for the last year as Secretary/Treasurer. I am a member of the Leagues' Policy Committee for Transportation, Communication, and Public Works. I am also the President of the Latino Caucus of the League. I have worked with the League since I was elected for the past 10 years and have also been on other Policy Committees. I believe that it is important to continue to work with my colleagues at the local, regional and state level on issues that are important to our cities. I would be honored to serve as the Vice President of the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities.



### **Councilmember Alicia Aguirre – Biography**

Alicia C. Aguirre is the former Mayor of the City Redwood City and is a serving member of the City Council. She is the first Latina/o Mayor in the history of Redwood City. She was appointed in January, 2005 and was elected in November, 2005, 2007, and 2011. She also served as a Trustee and the President of the Redwood City Elementary School Board.

As an elected official, she serves on many of the City's committees and several regional boards in the County of San Mateo and statewide.

As an active community member, she has served on numerous community boards in San Mateo County and the State of California and has received many awards. Some of these include:

- Woman of the Year 2012 State of California 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly District's by Assemblyman Rich Gordon
- Recipient of the OHTLI Award and Medal by the Mexican Government
- President of the Statewide Latino Caucus Executive Board of the League of California Cities
- Trustee, Notre Dame De Namur University
- Inducted into the Redwood City San Mateo County Chamber Hall of Fame
- Treasurer of the Latino Political Action Committee of San Mateo County
- Vice Chair, CCAG - City County Association of Governments Board
- Secretary/Treasurer of the Peninsula Division of the League of CA Cities
- Chair of the Redwood City Chamber Leadership Committee and member of the Government Relations Committee
- Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner, representing the Cities of SMC
- Latina Mentor Advisory Council of the San Mateo County Office of Education
- Redwood City Library Foundation
- President of the Board of the Service League of San Mateo County
- Shelter Network Board
- Hispanos Unidos
- Mt. Carmel School Board and the Garfield Charter School Board

Alicia is a professor at Cañada College. She has taught there since 1988 in the English Institute and the Spanish Department. She was Chair of the District Curriculum Committee and on the District Academic Senate. She holds an M.A. from Eastern Michigan University and has done Doctoral studies in Social Anthropology at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. She was a Fulbright Exchange Professor in Argentina.

For more information please visit her website at [www.aliciaaguirre.com](http://www.aliciaaguirre.com)

## **Position: Secretary/Treasurer**

**Candidate: Marilyn Librers, Councilmember, City of Morgan Hill**

### **Application Statement:**

I am requesting appointment to the Secretary/Treasurer position for the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities. The past two years I have served on the League of CA Cities as a Board Director and also on the 2015 Community Services policy committee. With these two appointments, I have learned how the League runs and how it benefits the City members. I will be a good appointee for the Secretary/Treasurer position with this League experience. I am now midterm in my second four year term as a City Councilmember for Morgan Hill. South County has little to no representation in the Peninsula Division at this time.



I have also attended the League's Mayors and Councilmember conference held this past June in Monterey. I attend all of the League's Annual Conferences and also Legislative Days in Sacramento. I participate and attend as many Peninsula dinners as I can with a good attendance record.

Professionally, I am the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization. I am a retire YMCA executive and have a solid background as a team player. Attached please find my resume.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Librers

## **Councilmember Marilyn Librers – Biography**

### **Experience**

Pauchon Research Foundation

July 1, 2008 – Present

Executive Director

Executive Director of nonprofit private Foundation. The Mission is to support and fund research in the fields of science, medicine and business for the betterment of mankind. This funding can be for individuals who have achieved proven accomplishments or are working towards a project with a goal of completion. Responsibilities include daily operation of the organization, fiscal management of a two million dollar diversified portfolio, board of director interaction and public relations. Identifying grant recipients, award of grants and visitation of science labs and institutions.

Accomplishments include:

- Opening of first business office in 2008 and facilitating move to larger space in 2012.
- Recruiting founding Board of Directors.
- Advising Board of Directors in October 2008 to move investment out of stock market at a saving of \$85,000 per month at the beginning of the economic depression.
- Awarding over \$61,000 in grants and materials to awardees globally.
- Purchase of five rental properties which included refurbishing each property for rental or re-sale.
- Establishing local science fair for students to encourage science at a young age. These science fairs are funded by fund raising efforts at no cost to the Foundation. A total of \$1500 has been awarded to local students in the last three years.
- Created website, brochure and logo for Foundation.
- Established worldwide relations with other scientific organizations including attending the annual conference of scientists in Panama City, Panama hosted by the Smithsonian of the Caribbean and the IEEE conference in Seattle.
- Joining the planning team for IEEE 2013 to be held in San Jose.
- Establishing media relations which included a full page story in the inaugural edition of Morgan Hill Life newspaper.

- Creating partnership with American Institute of Mathematics for speaker series to be held in 2014 in Morgan Hill.

#### City of Morgan Hill

November 2008 – Present

Elected City Council Member – Vice Mayor

Responsible for all facets of running and operation of the City of Morgan Hill, population 40,000 people. Elected to second four year term in November 2012. Departments include parks, roads, building, recreation, library and arts, police and fire services, legal, records, finance department, utilities, administration, tourism, youth development, public works, flood control, emergency services and economic development. City Manager, City Attorney and Police Chief report directly to the City Council. Outside committee assignments for me include Board of Directors, Morgan Hill Economic Development Corporation, Sister City International, Health Foundation of Morgan Hill, Economic Development Committee liaison for Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Association, City Corporation Yard Commission, Waste Water and Flood Control Board, and Habitat Conservation Committee.

Attend budget workshops, strategic planning sessions and annual two day goal setting retreat.

#### Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce

January 2007 – June 2008

Director of Membership

Responsibilities included the sales of memberships to community businesses along with retaining memberships. Duties included orientation of member services to new members, coordinating ribbon cuttings and introduction of members at Chamber events. Direct responsibility for the Women in Business luncheon which included managing a volunteer committee. Attendance of approximately 50 members monthly. Direct responsibility for the Chamber Ambassador Committee which included the coordination of a volunteer committee. Monthly meetings of a committee of 15 members. Responsible for fiscal reporting on membership sales. Initiating Mini Trade Show two times per year which is still being used as a membership incentive.

#### Webco Sweeping

April 1995 – January 2007

Sales Manager

Reported directly to the owner of a large service company which included the supervision of two customer service representatives. Responsible for company sales in Northern California and Nevada. Developed and implemented the first marketing plan that increased sales four times over previous year. Sales continued to increase annually at rate of at least 100% over previous year. Responsible for generating accounting reports and monthly billings. Took on the responsibility of a first ever business budget for the company which included income and expenses. Negotiated all corporate and government sales contracts. Implemented customer services procedures and conducted ongoing training.

#### Mt. Madonna YMCA

February 1986 to October 1993

Director of Administrative Services

Reported to the Executive Director and was directly responsible for all facets of the operation's administrative function which encompassed volunteer, community service, public relation programs and supervisory duties.

- Developed, implemented and monitored budgets for all administrative, fund raising accounts and building occupancy and maintenance.
- Implemented and supervised all billing and collections for YMCA branch accounts.
- Participated in creative promotions for membership growth and membership retention along with program sales. This resulted in a significant membership growth.
- Successfully worked with local media and developed brochures and flyers for volunteer recruitment, program information and special events.
- Worked directly for the Board of Directors which included recruitment of Board Members.

- Direct responsibility for the Public Relations Volunteer Committee, annual Fund Raising Committee. Coordinated meetings and victory dinner for annual campaign.
- Directly managed five full time employees. Conducted ongoing training of customer services procedures for over 25 additional employees.
- Event Manager for annual golf tournament. Recruited and managed volunteer committee. Secured corporate sponsorships and community sponsorships. Event included a full day of programming during the play of the tournament and ending with dinner and entertainment. This was a significant contribution to the annual budget.

#### **Present Affiliations**

- China Silicon Valley Foundation – Executive Board Member
- League of California Cities – Board Director and Community Services Policy Committee member
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group – Women Executives
- Santa Clara County Cities Association - member
- Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce – member
- Silicon Valley Capital Club - member
- Rotary Club of Morgan Hill since 2002 – past board of directors
- Tourism Committee of the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce
- Numerous fund raising committees for nonprofit organizations

#### **Past Affiliations**

- United Way of South County Board Member 1989-1993
- Community Solutions Board Member 1994-1999
- City of Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Commissioner 2002-2008
- Morgan Hill Community Foundation Board Member 2002-2008
- City of Morgan Hill Centennial Celebration Committee Treasurer 2006
- YAC (Youth Action Committee) Advisor and City Liaison 2003-2008
- Saint Louise Regional Hospital Foundation fund raising committee 2008 & 2009

#### **Recent Additional Accomplishments**

- 2014 Selected to represent the City of Morgan Hill in the inaugural trip of Mayors and Vice Mayors of Silicon Valley to Mainland China to promote economic trade agreements
- 2013 Representing the City of Morgan Hill traveled to Turkey and Ireland for promotion of friendship with foreign countries
- Ethics training mandatory yearly – 4 years

## **Position: Board Director (Two Year Term)**

**Candidate: Kirsten Keith, Councilmember, City of Menlo Park**

### **Application Statement:**

It has been a pleasure to work with all of you and serve as the President of the Peninsula Division League of Cities this year. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and look forward to continuing our work together to support and enhance legislation that affects our cities and our ability to govern locally. Prior to being the President of our wonderful division, I was the Vice-President, Treasurer and a League Representative. I have actively served on the League Employee Relations subcommittee from 2010 to 2014 and currently serve on the Revenue and Taxation subcommittee. Please feel free to call me at [650-796-1009](tel:650-796-1009) or email me at [kirsten.keith@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.keith@gmail.com) with any questions or thoughts. Thank you for your consideration.



### **Councilmember Kirsten Keith – Biography**

Attorney, Councilmember and Former Mayor, Community Volunteer

Kirsten Keith was appointed by the City of Menlo Park to the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) in 2013. The city provides water to about 10,000 residents in two enclaves of the city, while other water purveyors serve the rest of the city's residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Ms. Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Menlo Park City Council in November 2010 and served as Mayor in 2012. She was re-elected to Council in November 2014. Prior to her election on the City Council, Ms. Keith's volunteer work with community organizations throughout San Mateo County spanned over two decades. She served on the Board of Directors of Sor Juana Inez, a battered women's service agency, and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA). She served as President for two consecutive years on the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women, an organization she was actively involved in for eight years. Ms. Keith is a member of the San Mateo County Legal Aid Society's fundraising committee for over fourteen years, which raises money to help people in the County obtain legal services they could not have otherwise afford. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Service League of San Mateo County. In Menlo Park, Ms. Keith served on the Community Mediation Services Committee and Housing Commission. She was also appointed to the Planning Commission in 2004 where she served as Chair in 2007.

Ms. Keith is the President of the League of California Cities Peninsula Division. Ms. Keith serves on a number of committees, including the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), County of Santa Clara Community Resources Group for Stanford University, the Dumbarton Rail Policy Committee, Grand Boulevard Task Force, and is the Chair of the San Francisquito Joint Powers Authority. She represents the City of Menlo Park on the Caltrain Modernization Local Policy Group. She also serves as Council Liaison to the Menlo Park Bicycle Commission, Stanford Parcel Negotiation and Community Grant Funding Committees.

Ms. Keith has had her law practice in San Mateo County for 19 years. She is a long time resident of Menlo Park, and is a proud parent of children attending Menlo Park public schools.



## **Position: At-Large Representative, Santa Clara County**

**Candidate: Jim Davis, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale**

### **Application Statement:**

I have been very active on league committees. I served on the committee to plan training for the 2013 conference, the Helen Putman Awards Committee, and the League Public Safety Policy Committee. Besides regular attendance at policy committee meetings, I served on the 201 medical transportation committee as well as the sub committee on gun violence. I also serve nationally on the National League of Cities Public Safety Steering Committee. Additionally I am the Chairman of the National League of Cities Large Cities Council. Locally I serve on the Grand Blvd, Committee. I serve on the VTA Policy Advisory Committee. I am also a member of the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Committee. Finally I serve on the Executive Committee for ABAG. I believe the breadth of my service speaks to my understanding of the major issues that the Bay Area faces. My service on the California League and the National League of Cities provides me a strong background regarding League operations. I am retired and have the time to participate in a range of activities that others might not be able to do. I hope that this resume assures members of my willingness and ability to serve the Peninsula Division of the California League of Cities.



### **Councilmember Jim Davis – Biography**

Jim Davis is a 36 year law enforcement professional. Facing retirement from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Jim knew that he needed to find a retirement job. So putting his Political Science Degree from San Jose State to use he headed out and started walking the streets of Sunnyvale meeting the residents. On November 8, 2011 the citizens elected him to the Sunnyvale City Council. Jim is a native of Santa Clara County. During his law enforcement career Jim developed an expertise in narcotics and gang enforcement. The last 6 years of his career he was a Neighborhood Resource Officer which allowed him to participate in his passion of helping school age students. He received recognition for his excellent service from the nine schools that he served.

Outside of his professional career Jim has been an advisor for the Homestead High School Key Club. In 2011 he was named Advisor of the year for the entire Key Club District. Jim's fellow officers named him officer of the year in 2009 and he was selected as Volunteer of the Year by the City of Sunnyvale in 2005. Today Jim's talents are dedicated to doing the best that he can for the citizens of Sunnyvale.

### **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 Caltrain 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.

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## **Position: At-Large Representative, San Mateo County**

**Candidate: Larry Moody, Councilmember, City of East Palo Alto**

### **Application Statement:**

I would be honored to serve the Peninsula League of cities as a At Large Representative. Since my election in 2012, I have prioritized engaging in the affairs of the League, as strategy to better equip myself for public service. I have attended 80% of the Peninsula dinners to date. I have learned the stories of other communities thru the lens of elected leaders. I have gained valuable knowledge from the various speakers and topic discussion, as well as sharing the good news of East Palo Alto and hosting leaders on local tours of our city. This past year I was offered a Presidential Appointment to serve on the Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee of the California League of Cities, where we are charged with making legislative recommendations to the Governor and State Legislator on a wide range of topic impacting California citizens today. I received a certificate for completion of the Leadership Training from the League last year. I have attended two conferences for New Mayors and Council Members. The resource guide for members developed by the League is a daily resource guide for my activities as a Council Member. Locally I continue to serve as the Chair of the County Housing and Community Development Commission.



### **Councilmember Larry Moody – Biography**

In November of 2012 the citizens of East Palo Alto elected Larry Moody to serve on the Council. We were elected on the promise to provide leadership for Today's East Palo Alto not the image of the 90's and to engage the community in the affairs of the county. To participate in the practices and relationship that makes San Mateo County great.

In San Mateo County, I have represented EPA's collective interests while serving on the League of California Cities; Housing Community, Economic Development, Policy Committee, San Trans Citizens Advisory Board, San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Commission, Achieve 180-Peer Mentoring Coordinator (a re-entry strategy to address recidivism) in the local jails, Community Advisor for the Fatherhood Collaborative, Community Advocate for Foster Care & Kinship support programs, and Member of the Bond Measure L Committee: Sequoia Union High School District.

In East Palo Alto, I have been elected to serve as a Trustee for the Ravenswood City School District, elected board member of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District, and appointed Commissioner to the Measure C Task Force. I am the Founding Chairperson of Making it Happen for Our Children EPA (community development initiative), Founder of the Al Julian Track Meet, Founder of the Fellowship of Faith Consortium Group, Compassion Weekend Leadership Team member 2001-2009, and I hosted the first National Night Out event in 2004. I also assisted the City Council, in reestablishing a California Police Activities League chapter in EPA.

As a public servant, my professional life has been devoted to representing East Palo Alto on many of the important topics impacting the quality of life in our community.

My wife Lisa and my four sons have benefited greatly from the vibrant diversity of our community, and we proudly represent EPA where ever we go. As residents, we have committed ourselves to being the best neighbors and advocates for the right values of our community.

### **Civic Engagement-Elected Offices held:**

- San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Commission
- Sequoia Union School District Bond Measure Commission
- East Palo Alto Measure C Task Force Commissioner
- Former Trustee for the Ravenswood City School District,
- Board member of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District
- San Mateo County, Re-Entry Peer Mentoring Coordinator (Achieve 180 demonstration project)
- 2007- Peninsula Interfaith Action Unsung Hero Award

- 2006- San Francisco Library- Unsung Bay Area Hero Award
- 2002- Kellogg Foundation- Wildflower Fellow Member

### **Accomplishments:**

#### *Ravenswood Board Member*

- As Board President we supported policies that were successful in raising the API Test scores 68 pts.
- Provided a Balanced Budget every year 2006-10
- Lead a community effort to address LATE BUS SERVICE for former Ravenswood Students of EPA attending, Carlmont High School.
- Founding Chairperson of Making it Happen for Our Children EPA (community development Education-initiative)
- Instituted the Two by Two quarterly meetings which allowed The City District- and the Sequoia District to address Education and Facilities Issues related to EPA.
- Provided Leadership towards the Passing of Two Bonds in six yrs. to assist with Teacher retention in Ravenswood District.
- Founding Board member of the Ravenswood Education Foundation

#### *Sanitary District*

- Held rate increase down for three yrs. Extended the work/service days for all employee's from 32hrs to 40
- Approved the purchasing of new Technology to assist with the evaluating of the pipes and services offered the community
- Approved the purchase of New Trucks and mandatory upgrade of all Safety measures in the District.
- Approved Board Norms that allowed for a more proficient meetings and Board member interactions.

### **Community Involvement:**

2010-Assisted EPA City Council, in reestablishing a California Police Activities League chapter in EPA.

2009-Formed the Making It Happen for Our Children EPA- Coalition Non-Profit Organization

2007-Formed the Save our Saviors benefit Barbeque Cook Off at Jack Ferrell Park to raise support for victims of the Katrina Floods who were relocated to East Palo Alto

2004-Founded the Fellowship of Faith –Non Profit Organization

2004 Sponsored the 1st National Night Out, event, which continues today in 7 neighborhoods in EPA.

2004-While serving Menlo Park Presbyterian Church as the Director of Local Ministry, the East Palo Alto Charter School, was chosen, as the site for the 1st service learning project in EPA. 1400 Volunteers participated in transforming 17 class rooms, building a playground and soccer field. As a result of this successful endeavor, Compassion Weekends began. Today EPA Schools and Non Profits continue to partner with the Service learning Mission of MPPC.

2004-Lead a Service Project at the East Palo Alto Senior Center, with 20 community volunteers. Cleaned out the storage areas and pulled wire for the instillation of computer for the Tap Center.

2002-Lead a Community effort to bring the San Francisco Giants Foundation to EPA, to build at Jack Ferrell Park the Tee Ball Pitching Machine Baseball Field.

2002-Launched the 1st Annual AL Julian Track Meet in partnership with the Ravenswood School District. The meet is now in its 11th year.

2000-Held the 1st Coaches and Volunteers appreciation breakfast. Positive Coaching Alliance

2000-Open the Moldoff- Zafferoni, East Palo Alto Boys and Girls Club as the Social Education Director

1996-2000-Former Program Coordinator Park Recreation/Community Services East Palo Alto

1994-97-Former Director of the East Palo Alto Midnight Basketball League