

Emily Lo, Mayor, Saratoga

Statement of Intent to Serve

I have had the honor to serve as Vice President of the Peninsula Division of League of Cities this year, and would like to continue to support the League (and its members) in legislative advocacy through education, outreach, collaboration and civic engagement as President in 2017-18.

I hope to engage Division membership in legislative matters, to promote participation in League events and to advocate for issues that are critical to our communities. Please feel free to contact me with question or concerns. I can be reached at 408-480-2834 (cell) or elo@saratoga.ca.us.



Bio

I am currently the Mayor of Saratoga (for the second time), and have served as Chair of Santa Clara County Library JPA, Board Member of Santa Clara County Cities Association, Santa Clara County Water District Commissioner, as well as member of the League's Community Services Policy Committee. On the local level, I serve on the Board of Trustee of Hakone Foundation, and was President of Saratoga Chamber of Commerce prior to serving on the City Council.

Larry Moody, Vice-Mayor, East Palo Alto

Bio

Larry Moody was appointed by the City of East Palo Alto to the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency in April of 2016. Mr. Moody was elected to the City Council in 2012 and was appointed as Vice-Mayor in 2015. He serves on the Council Ad Hoc Committees for Education, Housing, and Infrastructure, and is actively involved with the League of California Cities where he serves on the Community Services Policy Committee, and was a member of the Housing Community and Economic Development. Mr. Moody is currently serving on the Peninsula League Executive Committee, and the San Mateo County Task Force on Jobs and Housing. Mr. Moody was a member of the Ravenswood City School Board from 2006 - 2010. Mr. Moody is married with four adult sons. He is a Veteran of the United States Air Force.



Shelly Masur, Councilmember, Redwood City

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I have been pleased to serve at the At-Large representative for San Mateo County on the Peninsula Division's Executive Board for 2016-17. During that time, we have worked to build the Peninsula Division's ability to serve its members by presenting regular programs that address current issues that our councils are struggling with, such as marijuana regulations, housing policy and autonomous vehicles. We have also sought to build our region's influence through establishing a Legislative Action Committee and participating in regular visits with our state elected leaders.



I am grateful for the nomination to serve as Treasurer and will work with the other executive officers and members Peninsula Division staff to ensure fiscal responsibility and continued viability of our division. In addition, I look forward to continuing to build the strength and relevance of the Division for its members.

Bio

Redwood City Councilmember Shelly Masur is the CEO of Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation (CDEF). She has close to twenty years of experience leading youth serving non-profits and in education-related leadership roles. She is a former school board member in the Redwood City School District in San Mateo County where she served for 10 years and was elected as city councilmember in Redwood City in 2015. Shelly serves on the council's Communications and Finance & Audit committees and on Redwood City 2020, as well as on the board of the Peninsula Division of California League of Cities, the League's Community Services Policy Committee, and represents the City of Redwood City on several regional committees and advisory boards. Shelly holds a Master's Degree on Public Health and lives in Redwood City with her husband, two high school-aged sons and three dogs. She texts regularly with her college-aged daughter.

Charles Stone, Councilmember, Belmont

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It has been a pleasure to serve as a member of the Peninsula Division's Executive Board for 2016-17. I have enjoyed meeting with the Bay Area legislative delegation in Sacramento and forming the Legislative Action Committee to better represent the values and policy priorities of our region. It would be an honor to serve as Secretary of the Peninsula Division in 2017-18.



Bio

Charles Stone grew up in San Mateo County, California. Charles attended UC San Diego ('97) and Santa Clara University School of Law ('02.) He began his career as a litigator with the well-respected Redwood City, CA firm of Roger, Scott & Helmer. After moving his family from San Mateo to Belmont in 2004, Charles became active as a volunteer in the public school community and youth sports. In 2010, Charles began volunteering with the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District Education Foundation (School-Force!). In 2012, he was appointed to the School-Force! Board of Directors as Endowment Chair and helped lead an effort that resulted in new fundraising records. In 2013, Charles was elected to the Belmont City Council and currently serves as Belmont's Vice-Mayor. He was appointed to the San Mateo County Transit District ("SamTrans") Board of Directors in December, 2013. He currently serves as the Board's Finance Committee Chair. In addition to the Belmont City Council and SamTrans, Charles currently serves as a Governing Member of the San Mateo County Library JPA, a Board Member on the South Bay Waste Management Agency ("ReThink Waste,") a member of the Congestion Management and Environmental Quality sub-committee of C/CAG, and as Belmont's representative for the San Mateo County Jobs/Housing Imbalance Task Force. He currently serves on the Peninsula Clean Energy ("PCE") JPA Board.

Cory Wolbach, Councilmember, Palo Alto

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I would be honored to serve as Co-Chair of the Legislative Action Committee (LAC) for the League of CA Cities (LCC) Peninsula Division and a member of the Executive Committee. Over the past year, along with my duties as At-Large Representative for Santa Clara County, I have served as chair of the LAC in it's formative year. I have testified on behalf of the League and the Peninsula Division in Sacramento on housing legislation and lead District Meetings with legislators from San Francisco, San Mateo to San Jose. I have helped guide the visioning and planning process for the Peninsula Division LAC and hope we can become an increasingly effective mechanism for promoting Peninsula values and protecting Peninsula interests moving forward.

Bio

Cory Wolbach was elected to the Palo Alto City Council in November 2014, focused locally on housing affordability, income inequality, transportation, and climate sustainability and adaptation. From 2012 to 2015, Cory worked in the District Office of State Senator Jerry Hill, liaising with Peninsula communities on education policy, public safety, and other issues of local concern. Cory earned a B.A. in Political Science/International Relations from University of California San Diego, Cum Laude, and an associate's degree from Santa Monica Community College. As a Public Policy Intern with People for the American Way, he worked on the early stages of the ongoing effort reduce the role of money in politics by overturning Citizens United v. FEC (2010). As a member of the Palo Alto City Council, Cory has spearheaded a host of legislative initiatives including: Neighborhood Engagement Town Halls (Lead Author); Secondary Dwelling Units (Lead Author); Surveillance Technology Standards (Lead Author); Minimum Wage (Co-Author); Campaign Finance Reform (Lead Author); Support for Youth Community Services (Co-Author); 7. Inclusive and Protective Community Resolution (Lead Author).



Kirsten Keith, Mayor Pro-Tem, Menlo Park

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It has been a pleasure to work and serve as the President of the Peninsula Division League of Cities for the past several years. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and look forward to formalizing our work together through the Peninsula Division's Legislative Action Committee. It is critical that our Division focus on legislation that affects our cities and impacts our ability to govern locally. I have actively served on the League's Board of Directors 2014 – 2016 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 with any questions or thoughts. Thank you.



Bio

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.

Marico Sayoc, Concilmember, Los Gatos

Statement of Intent to Serve

Thank you for conveying my nomination to serve as At-Large Member, Santa Clara County for the Peninsula Division in 2017-18. I accept the nomination and eagerly look forward to the opportunity to serve the Peninsula Division. I was elected to the Los Gatos Town Council in 2014 and am currently the Mayor of my Town. During this time, I have come to understand that effectiveness in local government requires a stronger understanding and partnership with our regional counterparts and our state government. I would like to work with the Executive Committee and all members of the Peninsula Division to strengthen those partnerships so that all our towns and cities are working effectively to serve our residents. I will bring to the Executive Committee many years of federal government experience, a respect for public policy and a relentless enthusiasm.



Bio

Mayor – Town of Los Gatos 2016-Present

Represent the Town in all regional, state and federal matters; Lead Town Council, advisory and community groups to work cross-functionally to achieve town-wide goals and priorities; Direct legislative policies that represent the diverse views and values of the Town; Partner with neighboring cities for regional impact and benefits.

Council Member – Town of Los Gatos 2014-2016

Formulate and enact public policy that is forward thinking, fiscally responsible, environmentally sustainable and fair and inclusive to all stakeholders and constituents; Manage the Town's financial resources by delivering a balanced budget that reflects the priorities of the Town Ensure all stakeholders and constituents are represented and negotiate solutions to conflicting objectives and priorities.

Planning Commissioner – Town of Los Gatos 2007-2014

Advised Mayor and town council on land use matters; Optimized governmental processes and partnered with town commissions and departments towards land use solutions; Negotiated solutions to conflicting land use objectives and priorities; Reviewed compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Program Manager – Natural Resources Defense Council Washington, DC, 2003-2005

Managed initiatives to eliminate the use of mercury in commerce, including management of joint initiatives with partner organizations in the U.S. and abroad; Managed the partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme to develop an action plan for reducing global mercury pollution; Managed campaigns that pressured targeted industries to move towards mercury-free processes; Secured press coverage and helped galvanize public concern for the hazards of mercury.

U.S.-Mexico Program Manager – U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC, 1999-2003

Represented the EPA at Department Secretary-level negotiations between the U.S. and Mexico.

Emily Beach, Councilmember, Burlingame

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Thank you to the Nominating Committee for recommending me as a candidate for the San Mateo At-Large Member of the Peninsula Division Executive Committee. After participating in the League's Legislative Action Day in Sacramento this past April, City Finances Advance Leadership Workshop in Monterey, and occasional Peninsula Division events, I am sincerely interested in getting more involved with the League of California Cities. I admire and appreciate the League's advocacy and educational work, and I recognize how important it is for Councilmembers to participate in Sacramento's legislative process so we can help influence policy decisions that impact cities. I understand the required commitment includes attending a monthly Officer's meeting/luncheon and quarterly Friday luncheon panels, plus other optional opportunities to support the Division. Although Tuesday and Friday luncheons are more convenient for me, I can accommodate most 3rd Mondays as well.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Beach".

Bio

Emily's professional experience spans nonprofit, public, and private sectors. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame (B.A. Government and Spanish) on a ROTC scholarship, she served as a U.S. Army officer in Saudi Arabia, South Korea, and Texas. During her four years on active duty, she earned the rank of captain and the U.S. Army Parachutist Badge. Emily also worked as a sales executive in Silicon Valley before re-inventing herself as a stay-at-home mom and active community volunteer.

Emily served four years on Burlingame Community for Education Foundation's (BCE) Board of Directors, including two years as president from 2013-15. Under Emily's leadership, BCE experienced the greatest period of fundraising and volunteerism growth in its nearly 40-year history. Emily also served as past chair of First Presbyterian Church Nursery School's Board and Girl Scout volunteer. She is an active parishioner and music volunteer at St. Catherine of Siena Church, and currently teaches music at UMC Nursery School.

Emily serves on several regional committees and boards. The additional duties reflect her passion for infrastructure, transportation, the environment, and emergency services: San Mateo County Transportation, Authority (TA) Board of Directors, representing Cities-at-Large, Caltrain Modernization Local Policymaker Group (Vice Chair, 2015-present), Commute.org Board of Directors, C/CAG Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee, C/CAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, The Grand Boulevard Task Force, San Mateo County Emergency Services Council Board of Directors, Fire/ALS (Advanced Life Support) Services Board of Directors, City Council liaison to Burlingame Chamber of Commerce, Burlingame/Caltrans El Camino Real (California State Highway 82) Task Force, Civic Engagement Subcommittee.

Alicia Carmen Aguirre, Councilmember, Redwood City

Application Statement

I have served on the Redwood City Council since January 2005. Since then I have been involved and participated with the League in various capacities. I have attended Lobby Days with my colleagues from the Peninsula. I attend the League's Annual Conference every year. I am also the current President of the Latino Caucus of the League. The Peninsula Division is a very important and influential organization that brings together Mayors and Council Members together to address the issues and concerns of particular importance to this region. I would be honored to serve as Past-President of the Peninsula Division of the League.



Bio

Alicia is a professor at Cañada College. She has taught there since 1988 in the English Institute and the Spanish Department. She was Coordinator of the English Institute, 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.

Alicia is a former Mayor of the City of Redwood City and 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, 2011, and 2015. She also served as a Trustee and the President of the Redwood City Elementary School Board. 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 21st 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; Inducted into the Redwood City San Mateo County Chamber Hall of Fame; Treasurer of the Latino Political Action Committee of San Mateo County; Chair, CCAG - City County Association of Governments Board; Board Member of the Redwood City Chamber-San Mateo County; Treasurer, Academic Senate, Cañada College Board Member of Dreamer's RoadMap; Board Member of Kid's Vision; Advisory Council, Sequoia Adult Student Scholars Foundation; Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner, representing the Cities of SMC; President of the Board of the Service League of San Mateo County; Former Trustee, Notre Dame De Namur University; Former Latina Mentor Advisory Council of the San Mateo County Office of Education; Former Board Member, Redwood City Library Foundation; Former Board Member Shelter Network; Former Board Member Hispanos Unidos.

Liz Kniss, Councilmember, Palo Alto

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. 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.



Bio

While on the Palo Alto City Council, I participate in activities at the local level with the Peninsula Division and statewide with the League of California Cities. I am particularly interested in the “voice” that the League can have in Sacramento and in Washington and will work to maintain good long term relationships with the delegation of elected officials from the Bay Area.

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