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Recommend to City Council a Sunnyvale Representative to the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Ralph Garcia, Senior Transportation Engineer, stated there needs to be a motion to recommend to City Council a Sunnyvale Representative to the Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Mr. Garcia pointed out the following key points in the by-laws:

- All members shall work/live in the Santa Clara County during their terms on the committee
- VTA employees are not eligible as well as any staff members from the agency that they represent
- Each member will keep the appropriate staff of their appointing member agency informed of key issues
- 2 year term, expires on June 30 of even numbered years

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Chair Mehlinger opened for Public Comment. Chair Mehlinger closed for Public Comment.

Commissioner Cordes commented on the following:

- Thanked Mr. Simons for his time spent as the VTA BPAC Representative
- VTA BPAC Representatives are usually on their appointing City's BPAC
- Would like to be considered as the Sunnyvale VTA BPAC Representative but cannot due to being a VTA BPAC Ex-officio Member appointed by the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

Chair Mehlinger called for a recess at 6:47 p.m. Chair Mehlinger reconvened the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Commissioner Oey asked about the time commitment being a VTA BPAC Representative. Commissioner Cordes addressed the question.

Chair Mehlinger announced that the Commission will come back to Public Hearings/General Business agenda item #20-0826. The Commission will come back to Public Hearings/General Business agenda item #20-0826 by General Consent.

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Chair Mehlinger opened for Public Comment.

Dave Simons, member of the public, commented on the following:

- Recommendations on the selection of picking a new VTA BPAC Representative
- Would consider doing another term

Chair Mehlinger closed the Public Comment.

Commissioner Oey stated he would be interested in being the VTA BPAC Representative.

MOTION: Commissioner Cordes moved and Vice Chair Mehlman seconded to

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appoint Commissioner Oey as the Sunnyvale Representative to the VTA BPAC.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Chair Mehlinger made a friendly amendment to recommend to City Council to appoint Commissioner Oey as the Sunnyvale Representative to the VTA BPAC. Commissioner Cordes accepts the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Cordes commented on the following:

- Thanked Commissioner Simons for all his hard work as the VTA BPAC Representative.
- It is appropriate to have an existing BPAC Commissioner as the VTA BPAC Representative like other cities.
- Commissioner Oey knows many people at VTA and is a BPAC Commissioner. Commissioner Oey is a hard worker and would do a great job representing the BPAC.

Vice Chair Mehlman commented on the following:

- Agreed with Commissioner Cordes' comments
- Thanked Commissioner Simons for his many years of service
- Commissioner Oey will provide concise and meaningful reports to the BPAC

Commissioner Oey commented on the following:

- Thanked the Commission for their recommendation
- Thanked Commissioner Simons for his years of service

Chair Mehlinger asked Commissioner Oey if he were to get appointed by the City Council as the VTA BPAC Representative, would he carry out this role as a long term position. Commissioner Oey stated that he would be in the position long term.

Chair Mehlinger thanked Commissioner Simons for his many years of service.

The amendment carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 - Chair Mehlinger

Vice Chair Mehlman

**Commissioner Cordes** 

Commissioner Davé

Commissioner Hafeman

Commissioner Oey

Commissioner Swail

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