



# City of Sunnyvale

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### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### SUBJECT

Determine the 2018 Seating Arrangements for City Council

#### EXISTING POLICY

Council Policy 7.3.11. Seating Arrangements/City Council

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental, organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

#### DISCUSSION

Council Policy 7.3.11 (Attachment 1) provides a process to determine the seating arrangements of Councilmembers at Council meetings held in the Council Chambers. This procedure is conducted as the last item of business at the first meeting in January. The Vice Mayor may choose to be seated to either side of the Mayor. The remaining seats will be selected in order of Council seniority as defined in Council Policy 7.3.11.

Section 3.B. of Council Policy 7.3.11 states, “Councilmembers shall select where they wish to sit on the basis of length of continuous time of service on the City Council. The selection process shall be in the order of most senior to least senior. When two or more Councilmembers have equivalent time of service, those Councilmembers are given priority in seat selection by the highest number of votes received in their most recent election.” Therefore, after selection of the seat to be occupied by the Vice Mayor, the following order is to be used to select the remaining seats:

Seniority Order	Date First Elected	Councilmember	No. of Votes Received at Most Recent Election	Most Recent Election
1	11/03/09	James R. “Jim” Griffith	11,410	11/05/13
2	11/05/13	Glenn Hendricks	10,181	11/05/13
3	11/05/13	Gustav Larsson	9,205	11/05/13
4	08/16/16	Larry Klein	18,972	11/08/16
5	11/08/16	Nancy Smith	26,565	11/08/16
6	11/08/16	Russ Melton	24,281	11/08/16
7	11/08/16	Michael S. Goldman	19,298	11/08/16

The 2018 seating arrangements will take effect at the next Council meeting to be held in the Council Chambers.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's website.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Determine the seating arrangements for 2018 in accordance with Council Policy 7.3.11.

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**ATTACHMENT**

1. Council Policy 7.3.11 Seating Arrangements/City Council