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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Ratify Mayor Klein's Appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)-Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Housing Legislative Working Group

BACKGROUND

In 2017, ABAG and MTC convened a panel of local elected officials, housing experts, and Bay Area leaders, known as CASA: Committee to House the Bay Area, to tackle the regional housing crisis. From this, the CASA Compact, a comprehensive set of policy recommendations to address the crisis, was born and endorsed by both ABAG and MTC in late 2018 and has become the cornerstone for dozens of housing-related bills being considered by the State legislature.

Additionally, both ABAG and MTC directed their staff to form a task force (now known as the ABAG/MTC Working Group) of elected officials from Bay Area cities and counties to engage in the legislative process as part of the CASA Compact implementation. The newly-formed Housing Legislative Working Group (Working Group) will advise both MTC's Legislation Committee and the ABAG's Legislation Committee on housing-related bills pending in the state Legislature. The working group will include representatives from two cities in each of the nine Bay Area counties as well as a Supervisor from each county. Meetings will be held weekly during the legislative session to receive progress reports on housing-related bills in the state Assembly and state Senate, and to provide feedback on those bills to ABAG and MTC staff.

Pursuant to existing Council policy all outside agency appointments must be ratified by the Council as part of a noticed agenda at a regular meeting before the respective appointee is officially approved to serve in the appointed capacity.

EXISTING POLICY

Council Policy 7.4.12, Council Appointments to Intergovernmental Agencies

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

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC) City Selection Committee was invited by ABAG and MTC to appoint two representatives to serve on the Working Group for the 2019 Legislative session. At their April 11, 2019 meeting, CASCC appointed Sunnyvale's Mayor Larry Klein as one of two representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff makes no recommendation. By approval of the consent calendar, Council ratifies Mayor Klein's appointment to the ABAG-MTC Housing Legislative Working Group for the 2019 Legislative session.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from ABAG MTC to Elected Officials
2. CASCC Appointment Letter-Minutes-April 11