

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### **SUBJECT**

Election of the League of California Cities Peninsula Division 2014-15 Executive Committee Vice President

#### **BACKGROUND**

Each year the League of California Cities' Peninsula Division (Division) holds an election of Division officers at the League of California Cities' annual conference. This election is to fill a current vacancy; Sunnyvale Councilmember Jim Davis is a candidate for Council consideration. Any incorporated city in the counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara is eligible for membership in the Division. A Division member city is represented by its municipal officers. Each member city is entitled to one vote for each position.

#### **EXISTING POLICY**

**Council Policy 7.3.1 Legislative Management - Goals and Policies Goal 7.3.C:** Participate in intergovernmental activities, including national, state, and regional groups, as a means to represent the City's interests, influence policy and legislation, and enhance awareness.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

N/A

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Division has several functions, including:

- To conduct periodic meetings of city officials to discuss municipal problems, opportunities and legislative / governmental issues;
- To share knowledge relating to municipal government by all appropriate means and to increase interest and involvement among city officials;
- To assist the officials of the League of California Cities in formulating policies and rendering service by expressing to said League by duly adopted resolutions the recommendations of this Division; and
- To assist the representatives of the League of California Cities in formulating policies with respect to legislative matters, promoting sound legislation and opposing measures not viewed to be in the best interests of the cities.

To assist Council in casting its vote, staff is presenting this report with the proposed slate of candidates for the Division Vice President position for Council consideration and action. For reference, Council may review the Peninsula Division 2014-2015 Executive Committee Vice President Ballot (Attachment 1).

The City may vote for ONE candidate in this officer position, as stated in the *By-laws of the Peninsula Division, League of California Cities, Article III, Section 3*, as follows:

*“The membership of the Division shall be represented therein by the municipal officers of member cities. Active participation in the deliberations of the Division and voting on any question shall be confined to member municipalities. The representatives of each member city shall collectively cast one vote. Votes cast on questions affecting municipal policy reflect the opinion of the Division, and do not commit individual cities to the decision.”*

The proposed candidates are as follows, and their biographies are included for Council reference in Attachment 2:

Vice President (Vote for One):

Jim Davis, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale  
Liz Kniss, Council Member, City of Palo Alto  
Emily Lo, Council Member, City of Saratoga

#### **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.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Take action to vote for one candidate.
2. Other action as recommended by Council.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff makes no recommendation.

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. LCC Peninsula Division 2014-2015 Executive Committee Vice President Ballot
2. Candidate Biographies for the 2014-2015 LCC Peninsula Division Executive Committee Vice President Position