

### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

#### **SUBJECT**

Appoint Dr. Judy Miner to the NOVA Workforce Board

#### **BACKGROUND**

The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 stipulates the composition, roles and responsibilities of the local workforce board. The chief local elected official appoints the local workforce board; the Sunnyvale City Council serves as the Chief Local Elected Official for the NOVA consortium. The local workforce board (NOVA Board) determines how many seats are on the board, and is required to have a majority of representatives from business and representation from at least the following stakeholders:

- Business Executives (majority and chair)
- Education providers from adult education and higher education
- Labor and community-based organizations representing the workforce
- Economic and community development agencies
- State agencies representing employment development and vocational rehabilitation programs

The roles and responsibilities of NOVA Board members include (but are not limited to):

- Take a leadership role in forging a strong and vital partnership between business and the workforce development community, resulting in an entrepreneurial, market-driven, accountable and exceptional workforce development system;
- Contribute specific expertise from key industries and articulate evolving industries' needs, critical to aligning the workforce with the jobs of the 21st Century;
- Develop and approve policy for workforce initiatives in the NOVA service-delivery area;
- Help create and provide oversight of a strategic plan and participate in the development of a regional plan;
- Evaluate and monitor program performance according to specified outcomes and measures; and,
- Promote the NOVA Board and workforce through collaboration and relationship building with other businesses, local workforce boards, organizations and groups.

#### **EXISTING POLICY**

Council Policy 5.1.1: Socio-Economic - Goals and Policies: Education and Training Goal 5.1F: Provide job training and employment services, within constraints of operative Federal regulations and available Federal funding, to address the locally-determined employment and training needs of economically disadvantaged residents and others with special needs.

#### **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 NOVA Board Nominating Committee is comprised of Sunnyvale City Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius, NOVA Board Co-chairperson Steve Van Dorn and NOVA Board member Carl Cimino. The committee is charged with the responsibility of recommending candidates for appointment to the NOVA Board, for consideration by the Sunnyvale City Council. The Nominating Committee is recommending appointment of one candidate because of the individual strengths and assets she can bring to the NOVA Board. In addition, this nomination will fill a WIOA-mandated seat representing higher education.

### **Dr. Judy Miner**

*Chancellor, Foothill-De Anza Community College District*

For more than 50 years, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District has been meeting the educational needs of the local community through innovation and excellence and, today, is one of the largest community college districts in the country, providing credit classes to 64,000 students a year. As Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, Dr. Miner is the chief executive officer of the two-college district, comprised of 2,000 employees, ensuring that youth have the skills necessary to succeed in advanced education and that adults are retrained for the growing industries in Silicon Valley. Dr. Miner brings to the NOVA Board over 35 years of experience as a community college administrator, a passion for improving the success of underrepresented populations, and a regional perspective serving on the governing boards of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute and the Bay Area Community College Consortium Career Technical Education Leadership Group.

This appointment complies with the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact.

## **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**

Appoint Dr. Judy Miner to the NOVA Workforce Board.

Prepared by: Eileen Stanly, Analyst

Reviewed by: Kris Stadelman, Director, NOVA Workforce Services

Reviewed by: Walter C. Rossmann, Assistant City Manager

Approved by: Deanna J. Santana, City Manager