



City of Sunnyvale

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Determine the 2021 Seating Arrangements for City Council

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Council Policy 7.3.11 (Attachment 1) provides a process to determine the seating arrangements of Councilmembers at Council meetings. This procedure is conducted as the last item of business at the meeting during which the Vice Mayor is selected. The Mayor will be seated in the center seat, and 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 seats to be occupied by the Mayor and the Vice Mayor, the following order is to be used to select the remaining seats:

Seniority	Date First Elected	Councilmember	No. of Votes Received at Most Recent Election	Most Recent Election
Most Senior	11/05/13	Gustav Larsson	22,316	11/06/18
	11/05/13	Glenn Hendricks	20,639	11/06/18
	11/08/16	Russ Melton	5,670	11/03/20
	11/06/18	Mason Fong	20,230	11/06/18
	11/03/20	Alysa Cisneros	4,242	11/03/20
Least Senior	11/03/20	Omar Din	3,473	11/03/20

Councilmembers will assume their new seats commencing with the next regular in-person Council meeting when allowed for by COVID-19 Pandemic public health related orders.

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.

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, Sunnyvale Public Library and Department of Public Safety. In addition, the agenda and report are available at the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's website.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Determine the seating arrangements for 2021 in accordance with Council Policy 7.3.11.

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Approved by: Kent Steffens, City Manager

ATTACHMENT

1. Council Policy 7.3.11 Seating Arrangements/City Council
2. City Council Seats Diagram