



# CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

5:00 PM - Tuesday, September 19, 2023

*via Videoconference and In Person*

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Public testimony will be taken at the direction of the Mayor, and members of the public may only comment during times allotted for public comments.

## AGENDA

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**CONFIRM QUORUM**

**DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

1. Conduct Interviews with Applicants to Various City Commissions
2. Written Public Comment - Commission Interviews

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**AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** September 19, 2023  
**Subject** Commissioner Interview Session

**Prepared by:** Melissa Thurman, City Clerk  
**Approved by:** Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

**Attachment(s):**  
 None

**Background:**

From early July to September 1, 2023, the City of Los Altos held a recruitment for vacancies on various city commissions and committees.

The recruitment was very successful, with the City Clerk’s Office receiving 63 qualified applications for consideration. Many of the applicants listed other commissions they had interest in serving on and their choices are indicated in order they appeared on the application(s).

The applicant list for each commission/committee is as follows:

**Complete Streets Commission – 2 vacancies (one 1-year term; one 2-year term)**

**7 Member Commission – Currently has 5 Members and 2 vacancies**

Alon Golan	Michael Holmen – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Wesley Helmholz	Sutis Robert – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Tony Li	Freddie Wheeler – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Joseph Luk	Lou Wolner – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Scott J. Piepka	

**Financial Commission – 4 vacancies**

**7 Member Commission – Currently has 7 Members**

Stephen Chu	Sujoy Sagar
Lloyd Davies	Ibrahim Bashir – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Patrick Dupuis	Daniel Morris – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Francis Grillo	Michelle Morris – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Kristen Guggeis	Scott Ottoes – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Deepak Jain	Jesse Zhang – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Pierre Joubert	



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**Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards Committee – 3 vacancies**

**9 Member Commission (4 Los Altos Hills Members) – Currently has 8 Members and 1 vacancy**

Laurel Iverson – Incumbent	David Recht – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice
Sumita Chandra – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	

**Library Commission – 2 vacancies**

**5 Member Commission – Currently has 6 Members**

Freddie Wheeler – Incumbent	Brian Treco
Sumita Chandra	Monica Waldman
Maya Bronicki	Jesse Zhang
Edward Hoa	Scott Ottoes – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice
Jennifer Martin	Denise Welsh – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice
Michelle Morris	Lou Wolner – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice

**Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission – 1 vacancy**

**7 Member Commission – Currently 10 Members due to recent merger of commissions**

Dana Tasic – Incumbent	David Recht
Yong Yeh – Incumbent	Freddie Wheeler
Jim Allen	Lou Wolner
Shradha Balakrishnan	Victoria Wong
Ibrahim Bashir	Lloyd Davies – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Michael Homen	Kristen Guggeis – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Daniel Morris	Michelle Morris – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice
Kris Olson	Scott Ottoes – 4 <sup>th</sup> Choice
Cyndel Podich	Sutis Robert – 4 <sup>th</sup> Choice
Andrea Ramirez	

**Senior Commission – 1 vacancy (2-year term)**

**7 Member Commission – Currently has 6 Members with one Los Altos Hills Member vacancy**

Tony Li – Incumbent (2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice)	Kris Olson – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Artie Green	Pierre Joubert – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice
Sutis Robert	Lou Wolner – 4 <sup>th</sup> Choice
Denise Welsh	

During their regular meeting of September 12, 2023, the City Council provided the following direction regarding the Commission Interviews for this recruitment period:

- Commission interviews will be held on September 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- Applicants will be given three questions prior to the meeting
- Applicants will be given three self-managed minutes to answer the three questions
- Council may ask additional questions, if necessary



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**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Environmental Review:**

Not applicable

**Staff Recommendation:**

- Conduct Interviews with the applicants during a Special Meeting on September 19, 2023
- Each Councilmember shall submit a written ballot at the conclusion of the interviews to the City Clerk
- Authorize the addition of an agenda item on the Regular Meeting agenda of September 26, 2023 “Confirmation of Appointments to City Commissions and Committees”

**Melissa Thurman**

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**From:** Cindy Hill <cindyvhill@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 10:31 AM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Appointment to the Library Commission - Freddie Wheeler

Dear Mayor Meadows and Council members,

I write in support of re-appointing Freddie Wheeler to the Library Commission for a second term. Commissioner Wheeler has brought her deep understanding of how a city conducts its business to the Commission which has allowed the Commission to work smarter and faster.

During Commissioner Wheeler's first term she identified a critical issue at the Woodland Library based on her conversation with the Senior Commission and in partnership with our Community Librarian, Freddie and the subcommittee explored solutions to reduce noise levels. I attend most of the Commission's meetings and have observed Freddie's strong and inclusive style of leadership, inviting all Commissioners and others to contribute to the discussions resulting in well-informed decisions and providing advice to the City Council.

Thank you.

Regards,

Cindy Hill, former Library Commissioner and active Library user and supporter