



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL:
COMMISSIONER INTERVIEWS AGENDA
FEBRUARY 03, 2026
110 EAST MAIN STREET AND TELECONFERENCE
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:15 PM**

*Rob Moore, Mayor
Maria Ristow, Vice Mayor
Mary Badame, Council Member
Matthew Hudes, Council Member
Rob Rennie, Council Member*

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS *(Members of the public may address the Council only on the agenda items. Each speaker is limited to no more than three (3) minutes or such time as authorized by the Mayor.)*

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Interview Applicants and Make an Appointment to the Community Health and Senior Services Commission.

RECOMMENDATION: Interview applicants for the Community Health and Senior Services Commission and make an appointment to fill the current vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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 - If you are participating by calling in, press *9 on your telephone keypad to raise your hand.
- **In-Person:** Please complete a "speaker's card" located on the back of the chamber benches and return it to the Town Clerk before the meeting or when the Mayor announces the item for which you wish to speak.

NOTES: Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes or less at the Mayor's discretion.

If you are unable to participate in real-time, you may email Clerk@losgatosca.gov with the subject line "Public Comment Item #__" (insert the item number relevant to your comment).

Deadlines to submit written comments are:

- 11:00 a.m. the business day before the Council meeting for inclusion in an addendum.
- 11:00 a.m. on the day of the Council meeting for inclusion in a desk item.



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 02/03/2026

ITEM NO. 1.

ITEM NO: 1

DATE: January 26, 2026
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Interview Applicants and Make an Appointment to the Community Health and Senior Services Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Interview applicants for the Community Health and Senior Services Commission and make an appointment to fill the current vacancy.

BACKGROUND:

The Town's Boards, Committees, and Commissions (hereafter "Commissions") advise Los Gatos elected officials on policy and community interest matters. The Town of Los Gatos conducted an open recruitment for all Boards, Commissions, and Committees with existing vacancies. Commission members are appointed by a majority vote of the Town Council, with the exception of the Finance Commission.

The recruitment opened on November 25, 2025, and closed on January 12, 2026. Individuals interested in serving on the Personnel Board or the Community Health and Senior Services Commission were asked to complete the appropriate application and submit it through the Boards, Commissions, and Committees application portal during the designated recruitment period.

Notices for the recruitment were shared on the Town's social media platforms, included in the Town's newsletter, and posted at Town Hall, the Library, and the Town Notice board. A notice was also advertised on KCAT Channel 15 and displayed on the Town's official website. Email and text notifications were sent on November 25, 2025, and January 9, 2026, to approximately 60 subscribers who had requested updates on Boards, Commissions, and Committee recruitments.

PREPARED BY: Wendy Wood
Town Clerk

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, and Town Attorney

SUBJECT: Boards and Commissions Interviews and Appointments

DATE: February 3, 2026

DISCUSSION:

On February 3, 2026, the Town Council will interview applicants for the vacant Community Health and Senior Services Commission position. Following the interviews, each Council Member will complete a written ballot with their respective selections, and the Town Clerk will tally the votes. Applicants are appointed by a majority vote. Upon completion of the appointment process, the Town Clerk will announce the votes. All applicants will receive a notification regarding their appointment status.

There was one vacancy for the Community Health and Senior Services Commission, and two applications were received. There was one vacancy for the Personnel Board, and no applications were received. Council will interview the applicants listed below.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION (CHSSC)

One (1) seat for a short-term expiring on December 31, 2028.

Applicants (2):

Stewart Brewster

Lura Halbert

Vacant Term (1):

Vacant

CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS:

At the conclusion of the interviews, the Council will make appointments based on a majority vote by ballot.

After the ballots have been tallied, the Town Clerk will announce the appointments. The Council may provide direction on the timing of the next recruitment to fill the vacancy on the Personnel Board.

COORDINATION:

The preparation of this report was coordinated with the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the appointments.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Applications



Personal Information

First Name

STEWART

Street Address

REDACTED

City

Los Gatos

State

CA

Zip Code

95032

Phone

REDACTED

Phone Type

REDACTED

Email

REDACTED

Employer

Aon Risk Management and Insurance
Services

Job Title

Retired

How long have you lived in Los Gatos?

34 years

Community Health and Senior Services Commission Information

Please list what experience, education, or volunteer positions that you have held.

42 years in Casualty insurance, served in U.S. Peace Corps (Armenia 2011-2013),
Volunteered with SALA, JFS, Rotary, UMCOR, LG Thrives and others

Why are you interested in serving on the Community Health and Senior Services Commission?

Working with LG Thrives has encouraged me to help enhance the wonderful services
our town already offers, as LG's citizens age.

**Have you ever attended a Community Health and Senior Services Commission meeting? If yes, please
provide a summary of your observation. If not, do you follow any other senior oriented programming in the
area (e.g. LGS Rec 55+, Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council, Sourcewise, etc.)?**

I have not yet attended one of these meetings. I have attended several events at LG
55+ and regularly play ping pong there.

How do your personal interests align with the broader role of the Commission?

As a Rotarian, a 33-year member of the LG United Methodist Church, and as an active
volunteer I believe that all our citizens sometimes need a leg up and encouragement.

What do you see as the role of this Commission?

To help enhance the quality of life of the marginalized community members.

**What, from your perspective, are emerging needs/trends in our older adult community that you would like
the Commission to address?**

Isolation, loneliness, wellness, fun activities, stimulation, and social connections are
important to healthy aging.

What has been your experience or involvement with grant programs?

I have applied for grants while in the Peace Corps and with Rotary, but I have limited
experienced.



Please let us know how you heard about the recruitment:

- ☒ Town Website
- ☒ Town Newsletter
- ☐ Los Gatos Weekly Ad
- ☐ Los Gatan Ad
- ☐ Social Media
- ☒ Friend/Neighbor
- ☐ Town Meeting
- ☐ Service Group
- ☐ Chamber Of Commerce
- ☐ Kcat Ad
- ☐ Other

Explain if "Other"

Verification

I affirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I also acknowledge that I have reviewed the application deadline and interview date as specified on the Public Boards & Commissions website.

Yes, I so affirm.

Signature

Stewart C, Brewster

Signature Date

12/02/2025



Personal Information

First Name

Lura

Street Address

REDACTED

City

LOS GATOS

Phone

REDACTED

Employer

Retired

How long have you lived in Los Gatos?

50+ years

Last Name

Halbert

Apt, Suite. Etc.

REDACTED

Zip Code

95032

Email

REDACTED

Job Title

Community Health and Senior Services Commission Information

Please list what experience, education, or volunteer positions that you have held.

Law degree, Director Co. Cold Weather Shelter, Director Dual Diagnosis (alcohol/drugs and Mental Health) Residential Program, Co. Batterer Treatment Program, Co. Office of Human Relations, FEMA Grant Manager for Co., parent volunteer in local schools

Why are you interested in serving on the Community Health and Senior Services Commission?

To assist the town in developing collaborative resources to serve the needs of the community members in a financially reasonable manner.

Have you ever attended a Community Health and Senior Services Commission meeting? If yes, please provide a summary of your observation. If not, do you follow any other senior oriented programming in the area (e.g. LGS Rec 55+, Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council, Sourcewise, etc.)?

No, however I have a wealth of experience serving the needs of this target population on the county level. Developing partnerships to accomplish program goals

How do your personal interests align with the broader role of the Commission?

My personal interest(s) is problem solving to provide the solutions for unmet needs; listening; building bridges - inclusive

What do you see as the role of this Commission?

To identify and develop resources for the Board

What, from your perspective, are emerging needs/trends in our older adult community that you would like the Commission to address?

Most Elders want to maintain their independence and are challenged by these fiscally chaotic times that strain their physical and financial abilities.

What has been your experience or involvement with grant programs?

Managed the FEMA allocation (around 1 million annually) to the county for emergency food and shelter.



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Yes, I so affirm.

Signature

Lura A. Halbert

Signature Date

12/01/2025