



DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

VIA: Stefan Chatwin, City Manager

FROM: Priscilla Schaus, Communications Director/City Clerk

DEPARTMENT: Communications/City Clerk

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEVEE BOND OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council, by Minute Order, appoint two residents and one business member to three-year terms on the Independent Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee (Levee Bond Oversight Committee) to oversee the use of General Obligation bond funds raised pursuant to Measure P for the Levee Improvements Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 5, 2018, Foster City voters passed Measure P, authorizing the City to issue General Obligation (G.O) bonds in the amount of \$90,000,000 to fund improvements to the City's levee system. The bond measure promised voters that the expenditure of bond funds would be subject to citizens' oversight. On December 16, 2019, the City Council adopted bylaws that establish and govern the Levee Bond Oversight Committee charged with monitoring Measure P G.O bond proceed expenditures for the Levee Improvements Project.

The committee consists of three residents and two business member positions. There were 3 terms, two residents and one business, expiring on September 31, 2023 and one additional business position that remained vacant. On July 10, 2023, staff began recruitment to fill the expiring and vacant terms. As of the deadline of August 31, two applications were received from residents, and one application was received from a

business representative. It is recommended that the City Council appoint the two resident applicants and one business applicant to full terms from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 on the Levee Bond Oversight Committee. City staff would leave the other business representative seat as open until filled, which is similar to a past process in 2022.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The purpose of the Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for the Levee Improvements Project is to ensure that bond proceeds are expended for their intended purposes. Each year, the Committee is required to submit to the City Council two written reports, summarizing the Committee's activities and stating whether the expenditures comply with Measure P's requirements.

The Committee is a five-member body comprised of three citizens and representatives from two businesses located in Foster City. On July 10, 2023, staff began recruitment to fill the resident and business positions with expiring terms, with the application deadline of August 31, 2023. There were two resident and one business member applications received by the deadline, and the applicants were Al De Groot (representing Gilead), Ken Ludlum (resident), and Bhavanishankar Subramaniam (resident). The applications have been attached to this report for City Council's review (Attachment 1). All applicants met the general qualification standards to serve as a Levee Bond Oversight Committee member. For enhanced effectiveness, staff recommends that the City Council also consider Committee appointees with skills and experience in the areas of financial management, construction management, civic engagement, and communication.

Based on the applications submitted, staff recommends appointing Al De Groot (representing Gilead), Ken Ludlum (resident), and Bhavanishankar Subramaniam (resident) to serve full terms from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026 on the Levee Bond Oversight Committee. All applicants met the general qualification standards to serve as a Levee Bond Oversight Committee member and Al De Groot was reapplying for a second term and has experience on the committee. Staff further recommends continuing the recruitment for the vacant business representative position on an open-until-filled basis and recommending a business representative following the receipt of application(s).

California Environmental Quality Act

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

CITY COUNCIL VISION, MISSION, AND VALUE/PRIORITY AREA

City Council Operations and Improved Community Engagement

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Committee Applications