



Memorandum

TO: Rules and Open Government
Committee

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO PROJECT
DIVERSITY SCREENING
COMMITTEE

DATE: February 7, 2007

APPROVED:

Chuck Reed

DATE:

2/7/07

RECOMMENDATION

Add the approval of the following appointments to the Project Diversity Screening Committee to the February 27, 2007 Council meeting:

1. Charles Jones, District 1

Charles Jones is the owner of Jones Enterprises, an Information Technology consulting company. His company provides both computer hardware and technical services to public agencies and private sector businesses. Charles is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, serving as the Vice Chair of the Infrastructure Committee. He also serves as a team leader and fundraiser for the March of Dimes Walkathon and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walkathon.

2. Alphonse F. Arretz, District 2

Alphonse Arretz holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration with a Master's in Public Administration. Alphonse served as a Congressional Assistant for Zoe Lofgren and has worked for both Santa Cruz County and the California State Department of Justice. Alphonse currently works as an Eligibility Worker for the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency and has also volunteered for numerous organizations including the San José City Public Library and the Mountain View Police Department.

3. Francine Davis, District 4

Francine Davis is a two-term elected official in the Berryessa Union School District. As a native resident of San José, Francine Davis has dedicated her efforts towards providing access to quality education for all students. In addition to serving on the Board, she is also the Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Santa Clara University. She holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master's from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Francine is the mother of two young daughters and the wife of a reserve U.S. Air Force Officer.

4. Mariel Caballero, District 5

Mariel Caballero serves as a Policy Aide for Supervisor Blanca Alvarado and advises her on Legislative and Public Safety and Justice issues. Mariel worked for Congressman Mike Honda from 2002 through 2005. Her past community involvement includes service as the President of the Silicon Valley Young Democrats, board member of the Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley from 2003-2007, which includes terms as President, Secretary and Treasurer and participation in the Hispanas Organized for Political Equality Leadership Institute. She holds a B.S. in Political Science, and a minor in Music and Anthropology from Santa Clara University.

5. Alex Fraser, District 10

Alex Fraser is a long time resident of the Almaden Valley and has been active in the Almaden Hills Estates neighborhood association for many years. He is the neighborhood association's former president and continues to work to improve the quality of life for the community. He has facilitated many meetings between the City, the SCVWD and other groups in order to assist his neighbors on a variety of challenging issues.

6. Elizabeth Bich-Lien Vo, District 7

Elizabeth Bich-Lien Vo has served as Miss Vietnam California and the 2006 Princess Asian USA. As a professor from the International School of Cosmetology, with more than 17 years in the field, she has helped the community enhance their understanding about health and cosmetics and continues to encourage them to celebrate human pride and ethnic beauty. Elizabeth recently established the Bich-Lien Foundation, which provides financial and medical assistance to natural disaster victims, orphanages, underserved and disabled populations.

BACKGROUND

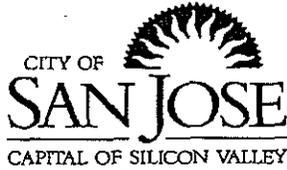
In 1991, Project Diversity was adopted by the Council as a process for recruiting and appointing board and commission members. Twice a year, the Office of the City Clerk advertises for board and commission positions. Subsequently, the 13-member Project Diversity Screening Committee interviews all applicants and then submits the entire list of both recommended and non-recommended commission applicants to the Rules Committee for consideration for appointment.

Of the 13 Screening Committee members, seven are recommended by the Mayor and six are recommended by the Council Members. Each December, approximately one-half of the terms expire. At this time, five positions are expiring and one Commissioner has resigned, leaving six positions open. Commissioners serve for two years.

COUNCIL AGENDA: 2-27-07
ITEM: 2.12

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Memorandum

Chuck Reed

TO: Rules Committee

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: Mayor's travel to Washington DC

DATE: January 23, 2007

Approved

Date

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Mayor's travel schedule for a trip to Washington DC on February 14, 2007 through February 16, 2007.

PURPOSE OF TRAVEL

The Mayor will meet with several state delegations, committee chairs, and federal agencies for the purpose of discussing the legislative priorities for the city of San Jose. Meetings are planned with agencies to discuss Mineta International Airport, BART, Electronic Transportation Center, Difficult Development Areas, Housing Trust Funds, Solar Programs, HB1 Visa reform, Research and Development Tax Credits, Sarbanes-Oxley Reform, Market Tax Credit Program, and 108 loans.

PAYMENT

The trip will be paid out of the Mayor's office budget.