



COUNCIL AGENDA: 06-05-07  
ITEM: 3.13

## *Memorandum*

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Lee Price, MMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** AMENDMENT TO THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF THE NEWS MEDIA MEMBER OF THE SRTF AND APPOINTMENT OF BERT ROBINSON TO THE SRTF      **DATE:** May 31, 2007

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on May 30, 2007, amend the membership criteria of the Sunshine Reform Task Force to exempt the News Media representative from the residency requirement and appoint Bert Robinson to the SRTF as outlined in the attached memo previously submitted to and approved by the Rules & Open Government Committee.



# Memorandum

*Chuck Reed*

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: **AMENDMENT TO THE RESIDENCY  
REQUIREMENT OF THE NEWS  
MEDIA MEMBER OF THE SRTF AND  
APPOINTMENT OF BERT  
ROBINSON TO THE SRTF**

DATE: May 23, 2007

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APPROVED:

DATE:

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## RECOMMENDATION

Amend the Membership criteria of the Sunshine Reform Task Force to exempt the News Media representative from the residency requirement and appoint Bert Robinson to the SRFT.

## BACKGROUND

Susan Goldberg was selected as the News Media representative on the Sunshine Reform Task Force. With her resignation from the Mercury News, Ms. Goldberg has requested that Bert Robinson be her replacement (See attached letter). Bert Robinson is a fine selection but does not reside within the City of San José. The membership criteria clearly state all members must be a resident of the City of San José, except for the Academic member. I ask that the Council make the same exemption for the News Media member so Mr. Robinson may serve on the Task Force.

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May 18, 2007

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City Clerk  
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Dear Lee,

As you may know, I have accepted the position as Editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, which, regretfully, will necessitate my resignation from the Sunshine Task Force.

While I'm excited about my new job, I very much regret leaving the task force in mid-stream. I'm proud of the work that's been done so far, and know that, when this hard effort is over, San Jose residents will have a far more transparent, accessible government.

In my stead, I'd like to ask that Bert Robinson be named as my replacement. Bert is the Assistant Managing Editor/News at the Mercury News. Bert has been at the paper for more than 20 years, and has covered every aspect of local government. He has been actively following the work of the task force, is expert in all aspects of public records law and practice, and will immediately be a tremendous resource for the panel.

Thank you for the honor of serving with the group. I've enjoyed working on this issue, and anticipate an outcome of which everyone can be proud.



Susan Goldberg

Cc: Ed Rast  
Dan Pulcrano  
Dan McFadden  
Ed Davis