



COUNCIL AGENDA: 04-07-09
ITEM: 2.18

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Lee Price, MMC
City Clerk

**SUBJECT: PROJECT DIVERSITY
SCREENING COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

DATE: 03-26-09

RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on March 11, 2009 and March 25, 2009 and outlined in the attached memos previously submitted to and approved by the Rules and Open Government Committee:

- (a) Re-appoint Trudy Ellerbeck and Rick Partridge to the Project Diversity Screening Committee.
- (b) Appoint Maria A. Trejo, Buu Thai, Victor Nakamoto, and Al Reinig to the Project Diversity Screening Committee.





Memorandum

TO: Rules and Open Government
Committee

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: Project Diversity Screening
Committee

DATE: February 12, 2009

APPROVED: *Chuck Reed*

DATE:

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Trudy Ellerbeck for a second term to the Project Diversity Screening Committee

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 interview all applicants and then submits the entire list of both recommended and non-recommended commission applicants to the Rules Committee for appointment.

Of the 13 Screening Committee members, seven are recommended by the Mayor and six are recommended by Council Members. Each December approximately one-half of the terms expire. Commissioners serve for two years. Currently there is only one Mayoral appointment vacancy.

Trudy Ellerbeck has demonstrated a strong commitment and work ethic on the Project Diversity Screening Committee. She has attended all meetings, actively seeking leadership opportunities.



Memorandum

TO: Lee Price, City Clerk

FROM: Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen

SUBJECT: Project Diversity
Screening Committee

DATE: February 26, 2009

Madison P. Nguyen

Approved

Date: 2/26/2009

I would like to re-appoint Rick Partridge and submit the following names to be recommended for appointment to the Project Diversity Screening Committee:

Maria A. Trejo

Buu Thai

Marina Nolasco

Victor Nakamoto

Joseph David La Jeunesse

Elizabeth Contreras

cc: Mayor
City Council

MARIA TREJO

María Trejo received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish, with a minor in English Literature, from San José State University. This summer, she will earn her Masters/PPS Credential in Counselor Education also from SJSU.

Ms. Trejo has been with the East Side Union High School District for nine years, primarily focused on increasing parent involvement through advisory groups. For the past 3 years she has dedicated her time to the Yerba Buena High School Parent Center. Her principal passion has been to increase the achievement level of teens living within the Yerba Buena High School community. Parent and student advocacy, as well as support, are also a daily mission.

As co-founder of Project ROAR, a summer transition program for incoming freshmen considered "at-risk" due to gang involvement, Ms. Trejo has made significant strides in student retention. In addition, Ms. Trejo has served on multiple committees focused on increasing student college-going rates via collaboration with AVID, Cal SOAP, Upward Bound and Migrant Education. She is devoted to the YBHS campus and works vigorously to improve the school's public image by motivating students toward the right track of success, and by keeping parents engaged in their child's education. Ms. Trejo is also a role-model for female college students as an active member of the multicultural sorority, Lambda Sigma Gamma, at SJSU.

BUU THAI

Buu serves as a trustee with Franklin McKinley School Board since 2005. Her past professional experience includes being the Public Affairs Director with Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, Division Director of Youth Services with Catholic Charities; Admissions & Records Coordinator at Evergreen Valley College where she served as the liaison between student services and the student body; and the senior field representative with State Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, focusing on a range of issues spanning from business to education.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Buu has served on many other notable commissions and boards including: AIDS Coalition of Silicon Valley, Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women, Yu-Ai-Kai Japanese Senior Center, San Jose Mayor's Gang Task Force; Project Cornerstone Steering Committee; and Girls For a Change.

Buu received her BS Degree in Human Development with a minor in Education from University of California, Davis and a Master's Degree in Social Work from San Jose State University.

VICTOR NAKAMOTO

Retired Analyst from the City of San Jose, Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services Department. Monitored, evaluated, and provided technical assistance to Community Based Organizations and City Departments receiving Federal and General Funds for Community Services Program and Physical Improvement Projects. Worked as a Personnel Administrator for Alum Rock School District, Foothill-DeAnza Community College District and San Jose State University.

Education: Masters Degree in Management from the University of Utah, Bachelors Degree in Personnel Administration from Armstrong University and Associated Arts Degree from Sierra College. Currently, a Board Member of Yu-Ai-Kai and previously served as Board Member to many Community Organizations. Also, served as Board of Trustee for the Alum Rock School District. Married and a long time resident of San Jose.

Memorandum

TO: Rules and Open Government Committee

FROM: Councilmember Nancy Pyle

SUBJECT: Project Diversity Screening Committee

DATE: March 19, 2009

Approved

Nancy Pyle

Date

3/19/09

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend Al Reinig for appointment to the Project Diversity Screening Committee.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Reinig's experience as a business executive and strong reputation in the community make him an excellent candidate for the Project Diversity Screening Committee.