BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 12, 2026, 7PM

North Bay Conference Room (Room 145), Sunnyvale City Hall
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WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER – (WALIA)

ROLL CALL (WU)

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1. Consent Agenda (Action)

Recommendation: Review the October 8, 2026 Board of Directors meeting minutes

Attachment: Draft minutes from October 8, 2026 Board of Directors meeting

2. President Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from President Tina Walia

3. Determine January 2027 meeting dates for the Legislative Action Committee, Board of Directors and City Selection Committee meetings (Action)

Recommendation: Receive recommendation from the Board President Walia on 2027 January meeting dates

4. Biennial Review Update of Conflict of Interest Code (Action)

Recommendation: Receive updates from Legal Counsel on proposed conflict of interest code amendments

Attachment: Draft Conflict of Interest Code amendments

5. Election for 2027 Board Officers (Action)

Recommendation: Elect 2027 Board Officers

6. Legislative Action Committee Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Legislative Action Committee Chair Moore

7. Santa Clara County Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Santa Clara County

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10. Santa Clara County City Managers Association Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Saratoga City Manager

11. Executive Director Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Interim Executive Director

12. Joys and Challenges (Information)

Recommendation: Share joys and challenges with the group

ADJOURN (WALIA)

Informational Items:
October 22 Executive Committee Cancellation Notice
November 26 Executive Committee Cancellation Notice

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES (minutes in red)

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER – (WALIA)

President Walia called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

ROLL CALL (WU)

Board Members Present (12):
Tina Walia (President/Saratoga), Anne Bybee (Campbell), Liang Chao (Cupertino), Kelly Ramirez (Gilroy), Sally Meadows (Los Altos), Rajiv Bhateja (Los Altos Hills), Rob Moore (Los Gatos), Ken Toren (Monte Sereno), Emily Ramos (Mountain View, arrived at 7:34pm), Rosemary Kamei (San Jose, arrived at 7:03pm), Larry Klein (Sunnyvale), Vicki Veenker (Palo Alto)

Board Members Absent (3):
Carmen Montano (Milpitas), Mark Turner (Morgan Hill), Kelly Cox (Santa Clara)

Also Present:
Leslie Arroyo (Saratoga City Manager)

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None

1. Consent Agenda (Action)

Recommendation: Review and consider approval of minutes from September 10, 2026 Board of Directors meeting

Attachments: Draft minutes from September 10, 2026 Board of Directors meeting

Bhateja / R. Kamei moved to approve
Ayes: Walia, Bhateja, Bybee, Chao, Cox, Ramirez, Meadows, Moore, Ramos, Toren, Klein, Veenker
Noes: None, Abstentions: None, Absent: Montano, E. Kamei, Turner
Motion Passed: 12:0:0:3

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2. President Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from President Tina Walia

3. Cybersecurity (Information and Discussion)

Guest Speaker: Auston Davis, City of San Jose Chief Information Security Officer

Attachment: Auston Davis's Bio

4. Announcement of Nominations for 2027 Board Officers from the Nominating Committee (Information)

Recommendation: Receive nominations from the Nominating Committee

5. Legislative Action Committee Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Legislative Action Committee Chair Rob Moore

6. Santa Clara County Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Santa Clara County

7. Santa Clara County City Managers Association Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Saratoga City Manager

8. Executive Director Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Interim Executive Director

9. Joys and Challenges (Information)

Recommendation: Share joys and challenges with the group

ADJOURN (WALIA)

President Walia adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Pamela Wu, CASCC Interim Executive Director

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Agenda Item No: 4

Meeting Date: November 12, 2026

Cities Association of Santa Clara County Joint Powers Agency Agenda Report

To: Board of Directors

Prepared by: Andrew Shen, Co-General Counsel

TOPIC: **Conflict of Interest Code**
SUBJECT: **Consideration of Amendment to Conflict of Interest Code**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt a Resolution Amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the Santa Clara County Cities Association Joint Powers Agency ("Cities Association")

BACKGROUND:

Under the Political Reform Act ("PRA"), Gov't. Code §§ 87100, et seq., public officers and employees who have decision-making authority should file Statements of Economic Interests (also known as "Form 700s") that disclose their financial interests and potential conflicts. The PRA requires public agencies to adopt Conflict of Interest Codes that designate the public officials required to file a Form 700 and the scope of those disclosures. (*See* Gov't. Code §§ 87300, et seq.) The Cities Association first adopted its Conflict of Interest Code on May 9, 2024, and subsequently amended the Conflict of Interest Code on September 11, 2025.

Currently, the Conflict of Interest Code requires Board members (including alternates), the Executive Committee members (if they are not Board members), the Executive Director (including Interims), the Co-General Counsel to file a Form 700.

In October 2025, California enacted Senate Bill 852 which, among other changes, requires "public officials who manage public investments" to file their Form 700s directly with the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC"). (Gov't. Code § 87500(a)(2)(O).) As defined in FPPC regulations, "public officials who manage public investments" include members of boards and commissions "who exercise responsibility for the management of public investments" and high-level employees of public agencies "who exercise primary responsibility for the management of public investments." (2 C.C.R. § 18700.3(b)(1).) "Management of public investments" includes discretionary decisions regarding the investment of public monies and formulating or approving investment policies. (2 C.C.R. § 18700.3(e).)

Applying the definitions above, Board members, Executive Committee members, and the Executive Director would qualify as "public officials who manage public investments." For example, in January 2026, the Board considered and adopted a budget reserve and investment policy for the Cities Association in January 2026. Going forward, officials holding these positions will likewise make budget decisions for the Cities Association that may touch on available surplus funds and their potential investment.

To implement Senate Bill 852, we have drafted an amended Conflict of Interest Code and accompanying resolution. The proposed amendments would remove Board members, Executive Committee members, and the Executive Director from our Conflict of Interest Code and as the resolution provides, these positions would instead file their Form 700s directly with the FPPC.

The draft amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code has been reviewed and approved by the Santa Clara County Counsel's Office. Upon adoption of the Resolution Approving the Amendment of the Conflict of Interest Code, the Cities Association will submit its Conflict of Interest to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval.

CONCLUSION:
The proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code are submitted for consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:
None.

OPTIONS:

The Board of Directors has the following options:

1. Review and approve the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code; or
2. Direct General Counsel to make additional edits to the Conflict of Interest Code and verify those changes with the Santa Clara County Counsel's Office, and present the amendments at the next Board of Directors meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Reso 2026-08: Proposed Resolution Amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the Santa Clara County Cities Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITIES ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY JOINT POWERS AGENCY TO AMEND ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 87303, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Joint Powers Agency ("Cities Association") adopted a conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, the conflict of interest code also incorporates the provisions of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations Section 18730, as may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Cities Association desires to amend the conflict of interest code to remove designated positions, since they must file under Government Code section 87200, due to their responsibilities for managing public investments; and

WHEREAS, the following amendment of the conflict of interest code must also be approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors as the Cities Association's code reviewing body pursuant to Government Code Section 82011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITIES ASSOCIATION THAT:

1. The terms of the standard conflict of interest code provisions set forth in Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations Section 18730, as may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted, incorporated by reference and shall serve, together with this Resolution and the Appendices attached hereto, as the Conflict of Interest Code for the Cities Association.

2. Positions that are specifically listed in Government Code section 87200 or that manage public investments as defined by 2 California Code of Regulations section 18700.3(b) must file a Statement of Economic Interests pursuant to the disclosure requirements of Government Code section 87200. Persons required to disclose pursuant to Government Code section 87200 must disclose: interests in real property located entirely or partly within the Cities Association's jurisdiction, or within two miles of the boundaries of the Cities Association's jurisdiction, or of any real property owned or used by the Cities Association; and all investments, business positions, and sources of income (including gifts, loans, and travel payments) in or from any source that is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or has done business during the previous two years in, the Cities Association's jurisdiction.

The following positions are not covered by this conflict of interest code because they must file under Government Code section 87200 and, therefore, are listed for informational purposes only:

- Member of the Board of Directors
- Alternate Member of the Board of Directors
- Executive Committee Member

- Consultant (Executive Director)

Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700s) for these positions must be e-filed directly with the FPPC in the FPPC's Form 700 e-filing system. The Cities Association shall retain responsibility for identifying affected positions, notifying affected individuals of their filing obligations, and coordinating with the County and the FPPC.

3. The list of designated positions is attached hereto as Appendix A.

4. The list of disclosure categories is attached hereto as Appendix B.

5. Persons holding a designated position listed in Appendix A must file their Statement of Economic Interests ("Form 700") with the Cities Association's filing official. If a statement is received in signed paper format, the filing official shall make and retain a copy and forward the original of this statement to the filing officer, the County of Santa Clara Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. If a statement is electronically filed using the County of Santa Clara's Form 700 e-filing system, both the filing official and the County of Santa Clara Clerk of the Board of Supervisors will receive access to the e-filed statement simultaneously. The Cities Association shall make the statements available for public inspection and retain them for at least seven years, pursuant to Government Code sections 81008-09.

6. The amended Conflict of Interest Code of the Cities Association shall become effective upon the date of its approval by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the Cities Association's code reviewing body.

ADOPTED this 12th day of November 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

ATTEST:

_____
Pamela Wu, Interim Executive Director

APPROVED:

_____
Tina Walia, President of the Board of Directors

APPENDIX A

Designated Positions

Designated Position	Disclosure Category
Consultant[1]	2
Newly Created Position	*

[1] This includes, but is not limited to, any individual serving in the role of General Counsel through contract with the Cities Association.

APPENDIX B

Disclosure Categories

Category 1:

Persons in this category shall disclose:

(a) investments, business positions, and income, including gifts, loans, and travel payments, in or from sources which are located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or has done business during the previous two years in Santa Clara County; and
(b) interests in real property located entirely or partly within Santa Clara County or within two miles of the borders of Santa Clara County, or within two miles of any land owned or used by the Cities Association.

Category 2:

Consultants, as defined under the Political Reform Act, shall disclose pursuant to disclosure category 1 subject to the following limitation: The Executive Director in consultation with the General Counsel may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to file according to the broadest disclosure category, but should instead comply with more tailored disclosure requirements specific to that consultant's duties. Such a determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the appropriate extent of disclosure requirements. All such determinations shall be made using the Fair Political Practices Commission Form 805, are public records, and shall be retained for public inspection along with this conflict of interest code.[2]

* Newly Created Positions

If the Cities Association has a newly created position that must file statements of economic interests, the newly created position shall disclose pursuant to disclosure category 1 subject to the following limitation: The Executive Director in consultation with the General Counsel may determine in writing that a particular newly created position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that are limited in scope and thus is not required to file according to the broadest disclosure category, but should instead comply with more tailored disclosure requirements specific to that newly created position's duties. Such a determination shall include a description of the newly created position's duties and, based upon that description, a

[2] Notwithstanding this process, the individuals serving in the role of General Counsel shall disclose their financial interests under disclosure category 1.

statement of the appropriate extent of disclosure requirements. All such determinations shall be made using the Fair Political Practices Commission Form 804, are public records, and shall be retained for public inspection along with this conflict of interest code.

When the Cities Association has a newly created position that must file statements of economic interests, the Cities Association filing official shall contact the County of Santa Clara Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Form 700 division to notify it of the new position title to be added in the County's electronic Form 700 record management system, known as eDisclosure. Upon this notification, the Clerk's office shall enter the actual position title of the newly created position into eDisclosure and the Cities Association's filing official shall ensure that the name of any individual(s) holding the newly created position is entered under that position title in eDisclosure.

Additionally, within 90 days of the creation of a newly created position that must file Statements of Economic Interests, the Cities Association shall update this conflict-of-interest code to add the actual position title in its list of designated positions, and submit the amended conflict of interest code to the County of Santa Clara Office of the County Counsel for code-reviewing body approval by the County Board of Supervisors. (Gov. Code Sec. 87306.)

Agenda Item No: 5

Meeting Date: November 12, 2026

Cities Association of Santa Clara County Joint Powers Agency Agenda Report

To: Board of Directors

Prepared by: Pamela Wu, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: Election of 2027 Board Officers

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors elect the 2027 Board Officers (Executive Committee) at the November 12, 2026 meeting to ensure an orderly operational transition and facilitate administrative planning for the 2027 calendar year.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with its bylaws, the Cities Association Board of Directors elects its officers for the following calendar year each November. These officers comprise the Executive Committee: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President (who also serves as the Chair of the Cities Association Legislative Action Committee), Secretary Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President or Member at Large if the Immediate Past President cannot serve on the Executive Committee for any reason.

Nomination Timeline:

- 9/9/2026: Tina Walia, Saratoga Vice Mayor/Board President, Rosemary Kamei, San Jose Councilmember/Secretary Treasurer, and Carmen Montano, Milpitas Mayor/Board Member were named to the Nominating Committee.
- 9/11/2026: Interim Executive Director Wu emailed a Call for Nominations to all sitting city councilmembers in Santa Clara County. All council members were blind copied to avoid Brown Act violations with all city managers copied as well. The election process was described in that email along with guidelines for such application.
- 9/23/2026: A reminder email was sent and the application deadline extended to September 27, 2026, 7pm.
- 9/28/2026: All applications received were sent to the Nomination Committee for review.
- 9/29/2026: Nominating Committee met and recommended a slate of candidates.

- 10/8/2026: Board President Walia announced the recommended slate of candidates at the October Board of Directors meeting. The recommended slate of officers for the 2027 Executive Committee includes the following:
    - President- Rosemary Kamei (Councilmember, San Jose)
    - First Vice President- JR Fruen (Councilmember, Cupertino)
    - Second Vice President/LAC Chair- Maria Ristow (Vice Mayor, Los Gatos)
    - Secretary Treasurer – Mark Turner (Mayor, Morgan Hill)
    - Immediate Past President- Tina Walia (Vice Mayor, Saratoga)

In addition to applications received as per the Call for Nominations, the Board of Directors can accept nominations from the floor at the November 12 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:
None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 9/11/2026 Call for Nomination email
2. 9/23/2026 Call for Nomination reminder and application extension email
3. Candidate Applications received:
    - Rosemary Kamei – Board President
    - J.R. Fruen – Board President or 1st Vice President
    - Maria Ristow – 2nd Vice President / LAC Chair
    - Mark Turner – Secretary Treasurer
    - Terry Hines – Secretary Treasurer
    - Tina Walia – Past President

Outlook

Call for Nominations - Cities Association 2027 Officer Elections

From Executive Director <executivedirector@citiesassociation.org>

Date Fri 9/11/2026 9:43 AM

To Executive Director <executivedirector@citiesassociation.org>

Cc twalia <twalia@saratoga.ca.us>; Rosemary Kamei <rosemary.kamei@sanjoseca.gov>; Carmen Montano <cmontano@milpitas.gov>

Bcc terryh@campbellca.gov <terryh@campbellca.gov>; greg.bozzo@cityofgilroy.org <greg.bozzo@cityofgilroy.org>; smeadows@losaltosca.gov < smeadows@losaltosca.gov>; jweinberg@losaltosca.gov < jweinberg@losaltosca.gov>; lindaswan@losaltoshills.ca.gov <lindaswan@losaltoshills.ca.gov>; ktankha@losaltoshills.ca.gov <ktankha@losaltoshills.ca.gov>; mbadame@losgatosca.gov <mbadame@losgatosca.gov>; rrennie@losgatosca.gov <rrennie@losgatosca.gov>; cmontano@milpitas.gov < cmontano@milpitas.gov>; echua@milpitas.gov <echua@milpitas.gov>; wlam@milpitas.gov <wlam@milpitas.gov>; hlien@milpitas.gov <hlien@milpitas.gov>; bmekechuk@cityofmontesereno.org <bmekechuk@cityofmontesereno.org>; ktoren@cityofmontesereno.org <ktoren@cityofmontesereno.org>; mark.turner@morganhill.ca.gov <mark.turner@morganhill.ca.gov>; yvonne.martinezbeltran@morganhill.ca.gov <yvonne.martinezbeltran@morganhill.ca.gov>; soraida.iwanaga@morganhill.ca.gov <soraida.iwanaga@morganhill.ca.gov>; chris.clark@mountainview.gov <chris.clark@mountainview.gov>; alison.hicks@mountainview.gov <alison.hicks@mountainview.gov>; pat.burt@cityofpaloalto.org <pat.burt@cityofpaloalto.org>

(All Santa Clara County Mayors and Councilmembers are included on BCC.)

Dear Santa Clara County Mayors and Councilmembers,

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County JPA (CASCC) will conduct its **2027 Officer Elections** at the November 12 Board of Directors Meeting, with the proposed slate being presented at the October 8, Board meeting.

In accordance with the CASCC bylaws and as approved by the Board of Directors at its September 10 meeting, the following individuals have been appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee:

- Tina Walia, Vice Mayor, City of Saratoga and Board President
- Rosemary Kamei, Councilmember, City of San José and Secretary/Treasurer
- Carmen Montano, Mayor, City of Milpitas and Board Member

In accordance with the bylaws,

"T*o serve as an Officer, an individual must be a Councilmember/Mayor of a Cities Association member city. Additionally, of the Officers, the President, and at least two other Officers, must also be members of the Board of Directors. The remaining Officers may be the elected or appointed Mayor or Councilmember of any member city, regardless of whether they are on the Board of Directors. Therefore, Councilmembers who are not serving on the Board of Directors may still apply for the positions of First Vice President, Second Vice President/LAC Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer*."

Please see the link for CASCC JPA by-laws.

The following officer positions are open for election:

- **President**
- **First Vice President**
- **Second Vice President / Legislative Action Committee Chair**
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Thank you,

Pamela

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Outlook

Fw: Call for Nominations - Cities Association 2027 Officer Elections

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Dear all Councilmembers and Mayors, this is a friendly reminder that the deadline for Cities Association 2027 Officers application has been extended to **Sunday September 27, 2026, 7 pm.**

Best,
Pamela

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(All Santa Clara County Mayors and Councilmembers are included on BCC.)

Dear Santa Clara County Mayors and Councilmembers,

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County JPA (CASCC) will conduct its **2027 Officer Elections** at the November 12 Board of Directors Meeting, with the proposed slate being presented at the October 8, Board meeting.

In accordance with the CASCC bylaws and as approved by the Board of Directors at its September 10 meeting, the following individuals have been appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee:

- Tina Walia, Vice Mayor, City of Saratoga and Board President
- Rosemary Kamei, Councilmember, City of San José and Secretary/Treasurer
- Carmen Montano, Mayor, City of Milpitas and Board Member

In accordance with the bylaws,

"T*o serve as an Officer, an individual must be a Councilmember/Mayor of a Cities Association member city. Additionally, of the Officers, the President, and at least two other Officers, must also be members of the Board of Directors. The remaining Officers may be the elected or appointed Mayor or Councilmember of any member city, regardless of whether they are on the Board of Directors. Therefore, Councilmembers who are not serving on the Board of Directors may still apply for the positions of First Vice President, Second Vice President/LAC Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer*."

Please see the link for CASCC JPA by-laws.

The following officer positions are open for election:

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Rosemary Kamei

Rosemary Kamei – 2026

1. Name, Position, Brief Bio

Rosemary Kamei – Application for Cities Association of Santa Clara County President

I have extensive professional experience in the community-based nonprofit, business, and government sector that I o□er to the position. I currently serve as a member of the San Jose City Council in District 1 --this is the fourth year of my first term and have been re-elected to serve another four years. In addition to having served as Vice Mayor from 2023 to 2025, I hold the following positions as a councilmember:

- Vice Chair of the Council's Rules and Open Government Committee
- Vice Chair of the Council's Community & Economic Development Committee
- Vice Chair of the Council's Public Safety, Strategic Support & Finance Committee.

I have been appointed to the governing or executive boards of the following regional decision-making bodies:

- The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG—the Council of Governments for the nine-county Bay Area)
- The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
- The Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (Vice Chair)
- Cities Association of Santa Clara County Joint Powers Authority (current Secretary /Treasurer)

I also have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors to the statewide California Local Agency Formation Commission (CALAFCO) for the Coastal Region—an organization consisting of and working for the various local agency formation commissions across the state. Other past relevant roles include service on:

- Board of Trustees of the Santa Clara County O□ice of Education (elected—7 years), including positions on multiple education committees
- County Delegate to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) – county appointed for 6 years
- Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (elected—17 years in a large rural electoral district)

2. Reasons you are running for the position.

I am committed to continuing to strengthen the Cities Association as an organization and in its effectiveness. I have served as the representative to CASCC from the City of San Jose and wish to create better outcomes for our county/region. My extensive experience and current service as CASCC Secretary/ Treasurer on the Executive Board

has uniquely positioned me to help lead the organization, especially during this time of transitions. I respectfully ask the Board to consider my candidacy for President.

J.R. Fruen

Name: J.R. Fruen

Office held: Councilmember, City of Cupertino

Position(s) sought: President (if on the Board time of appointment), 1st Vice President

Bio:

I presently serve as a Councilmember for the City of Cupertino and was elected to the City Council in 2022 as the first openly LGBTQ+ member of the Council. In that role, I've held positions on various internal and external committees, including: City of Cupertino Audit Committee, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, VTA Policy Advisory Committee, Cities Association Legislative Action Committee, Council Advisory Board Member of the Cupertino Historical Society, the Association of Bay Area Governments General Assembly, and the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board of Directors among others. I've also served as 1st Vice President (2026) and as 2nd Vice President and ex-officio Chair of the Legislative Action Committee (2025) for the Cities Association. I am an attorney by training and maintain a small practice.

In my daytime professional capacity, I serve as Chief of Staff for San Jose Council District 1, a seat presently held by Councilmember Rosemary Kamei. In that capacity, I oversee a team of policy analysts covering the full range of policy areas entering into the jurisdiction of the City of San Jose, as well as the various outside committee and commission assignments held by Councilmember Kamei. These include the VTA Board of Directors, the Community and Economic Development Committee, the Rules and Open Government Committee, the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee, the Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (Chair), the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board, the Cities Association JPA Board of Directors, and the VTA Congestion Management Committee, among others. I directly handle a number of policy areas in service of Councilmember Kamei—land use, housing, homelessness, economic development, and intergovernmental affairs. District 1 comprises West San Jose and shares immediate borders with a number of other member cities of the Cities Association, including Cupertino, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Campbell.

I'm a third-generation resident of Cupertino. I attended CUSD and FUHSD (Lynbrook High School, Class of 1998) schools. I graduated from UCLA with two majors and a minor in 2002. I hold a J.D. from Santa Clara Law (Class of 2014). Between undergrad and grad school, I managed a variety of retail establishments culminating in four years at Gucci on Santana Row.

Reasons I'm Running for the Position:

As part of my day job, I track legislation that impacts policy at the municipal level. Moreover, my training as an attorney gives me additional insight into how best to interpret state legislation, on which the Cities Association considers positions. As a general principle, I also sincerely value collaboration and concerted action. I feel that our cities are stronger when we speak with a single, united voice. I would like to help lead the Cities Association in amplifying that voice and sharing experience that makes us all better serve our communities. In particular, having previously served as Chair of LAC and as 1st Vice President for a year—a year during which we went through the process of selecting an interim Executive Director and instituting clear procedural practices—I am well-positioned to carry us forward to continue our process reform and building organizational capacity as either President or in a continuing capacity as 1st Vice President.

Maria Ristow

Name: Maria Ristow

I am seeking consideration for the position of 2nd Vice President/LAC Chair for 2027.

Since my election to the Los Gatos Town Council in 2020, I have regularly participated in the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASSC), including its Legislative Action Committee (LAC). I began this year as Los Gatos' LAC representative, but stepped back when my colleague, Rob Moore, was nominated to fill an unexpected mid-year vacancy as LAC Chair. Knowing Rob was an excellent choice, I was pleased to support his nomination and the needs of CASSC.

I bring a broad regional perspective to my public service, along with strong collaborative relationships with elected officials from local cities, the County, and the State. My approach to complex issues is collaborative, practical, and focused on finding solutions that advance shared regional interests.

As incoming Vice Chair of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), and now as Chair, I have worked to improve the committee's ability to conduct its business effectively. Recognizing that the PAC's 4:00 p.m. meeting time was creating challenges with quorum and limiting members' ability to participate in LAC meetings, I suggested moving the start time to 3:00 p.m. The change has allowed PAC to consistently maintain quorum and conduct its business while also making it possible for members to attend LAC meetings. This experience reflects the kind of practical, collaborative problem-solving I would bring to LAC in 2027.

With the expectation that I will serve as Mayor of Los Gatos for a second time in 2027, I have carefully considered the time commitment required of the LAC Chair and am confident that I can fulfill the responsibilities of the position. I am ready to increase my involvement with CASSC and to lead LAC through a productive, collaborative, and forward-looking year.

I care deeply about committed public service and believe strongly in the value of regional cooperation. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my experience, relationships, and collaborative approach to strengthening CASSC and advancing our shared priorities across Santa Clara County.

My public service bio is included below.

Thank you for considering my qualifications and my reasons for applying. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to a productive and collaborative 2027.

Maria Ristow
Vice Mayor, Town of Los Gatos
mristow@losgatosca.gov

Public Service Bio for Maria Ristow

2020 Elected to Los Gatos Town Council and reappointed in 2024 (unopposed)

Appointed to serve on various internal and regional boards and commissions, including:

- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee, Chair
- West Valley Sanitation District Board of Directors, Vice Chair (2022)
- Silicon Valley Clean Energy Board alternate
- Silicon Valley Clean Energy Finance and Administration Committee
- Los Gatos Finance Commission (2023 and 2026)
- League of California Cities Peninsula Division (2023)
- Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Commission
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) State Route 85 Corridor Policy Advisory Board
- Santa Clara County Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee
- Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Agency (JPA) Board of Directors (Alternate)
- West Valley Clean Water Program Authority (Alternate)
- Santa Clara County Cities Association, Legislative Action Committee
- Los Gatos General Plan Committee
- Housing Element Advisory Board (2014 and 2022)
- Los Gatos Los Gatos Policy Committee
- Los Gatos Conceptual Development Advisory Committee

Prior to election to Los Gatos Town Council

- 2014 appointed to the Housing Element Advisory Board
- 2014 Leadership Los Gatos.
- 2015-2019 Member and Chair of the Transportation & Parking Commission
- 2016-2019 Member and Chair Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission
- 2020 Member of Complete Streets & Transportation Commission.
- 2014 onward: Safe Routes to School volunteer, 5th Grade Bike Skills assistance.

Mark Turner

Good afternoon, Pam,

I would like this email to serve as my notice of interest to serve on the board in the Secretary/Treasurer position. I believe I can be of assistance not only to the Board but to the organization as well.

Below is a list of my experience.

- 4 years as Mayor of Morgan Hill.
- 4 years on Cities Association.
- 4 years on Cities Association Legislative Action Council.
- 4 years on Santa Clara County Library District - 2 years as Chiar.
- 2 years on the VTA Board.
- 2 years as Chair of the Finance, Administration, and Audit Committee for VTA.
- 3 years on Mobility Partnership Committee - 1 year as Chair.
- 3 years on LAFCO Board.
- 4 years on South County Youth Task Force.
- 4 years as City / School Liaison Committee Chair.

Thanks so much,

Mark Turner

Mayor - Morgan Hill

Terry Hines

September 24, 2026

Ms. Pamela Wu
Interim Executive Director
Cities Association of Santa Clara County

re: Cities Association Executive Committee candidate interest - Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Ms. Wu and Cities Association of Santa Clara County – Nominating Committee
I would like to request to be on the Cities Association Executive Committee as the Secretary/Treasurer. I am currently the City of Campbell District 1 city council member and serve on various committees including: Campbell Economic Development Subcommittee, SVCE JPA Board, SVCE Finance Committee, SCV Water District County Water Commission, West Valley solid waste authority JPA, West Valley Stormwater Authority, San Jose Bristol Hotel Transitional Housing Community Advisory Committee and League of CA Cities Peninsula Division HCED committee.

My business experience brings ideas forward from 20 years of starting and running my own
high-tech business and as a prior HP executive sales director to fortune 50 companies.

Just today we are voting, at the League of CA Cities, for more local control by ourselves as
local elected officials. I, as the Campbell voting member, will be voting for the resolution.

I see our priorities as many but have my personal focus on:
1: Planning for a 20-year horizon to have housing for our future generations and continue
having a vibrant growing community.
2: Economic development is the live blood of our communities. We need to foster support
for businesses who bring revenue and jobs to our community.
3: Community trust and engagement is in question and as leaders we need to emphasize
transparency and listening.

Please consider nominating me to the Cities Association Executive Committee as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Thank you to the Cities Association for your great leadership in furthering the needs of Santa Clara County cities, residents, businesses, and property owners.

Best Regards,
Terry Hines, City Council member
City of Campbell | District 1
70 N. First Street | Campbell, CA 95008

www.cityofcampbell.com | 408.606.9407
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Tina Walia

Subject: Application of Interest for **Tina Walia** to serve as **Immediate Past President** for Cities Association of Santa Clara County**,** 2027

Hello Pamela,

Please accept this as my application of interest.

Name/Position: **Tina Walia** applying for **Immediate Past President**, Cities Association of Santa Clara County

Reason for Running:

My service at the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC) spans six years across a range of leadership roles.

As 2026 President, I have led the Board in advancing its key priorities while managing significant organizational transition and keeping CASCC moving forward. With the support of the Executive Committee and Board, we advanced CASCC's efforts on emergency preparedness, ALPR, and e-bike safety, and convened our full membership for a June Summer Event focused on leading through crisis in emergencies. We also launched our new website this summer. Through a year of substantial change and competing demands, we maintained momentum, strengthened the organization, and positioned CASCC for its next chapter.

My work reflects a strong focus on regional collaboration and forward-looking solutions to benefit all our communities. I remain committed to CASCC's mission and would be honored to serve as **Immediate Past President in 2027**, providing continuity and carrying forward the momentum we have built.

Bio/Relevant experience: Here's a brief snapshot of my **relevant experience**:

City of Saratoga

Elected City Council Member, 2020 to 2024

Mayor 2021-2022

Vice Mayor 2020-2021

Elected City Council Member, 2024 to present (uncontested, second four year term)

Vice Mayor 2025-2026

Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC)

President, 2026

First Vice President, 2025

Second Vice President/Legislative Action Committee Chair, 2024

Board of Directors, January 2022 to present (Alternate 2021)

City Selection Committee, 2022, 2024, 2025

Executive committee, 2023 to present

Secretary/Treasurer and then Member at Large, 2023

Legislative Action Committee, 2022, 2024, 2025

Website Update ad hoc Committee 2025

Interim Executive Director search ad hoc Committee 2026

Silicon Valley Clean Energy Agency

Board of Directors, 2021 to 2025

Chair, Board of Directors, 2024

Vice Chair, Board of Directors, 2023

Executive Committee, 2023, 2024, 2025

Chair, Executive Committee, 2023

Finance and Administrative Committee, 2023

CEO search ad hoc Committee, 2023 to 2024
Legislative ad hoc Committee, 2025, 2026

Santa Clara County Emergency Operational Area Council, Seat 5, January 2025 to present

West Valley Mayors and Managers, Chair, 2022

Santa Clara County Library District Board of Directors, 2022, 2026

Education:

MBA, MS in Architecture, MS in Strategic Management – all three from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

BS in Architecture, Punjab University, India

Thank you for this opportunity.

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Rosemary Kamei
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City of San Jose

Larry Klein
Past President
City of Sunnyvale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular meeting of the **Cities Association of Santa Clara County Executive Committee** originally scheduled for **October 22, 2026**, at **4:30pm has been CANCELLED**.

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