



# City of Morgan Hill

## Legislation Text

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## **CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

### **MEETING DATE: JANUARY 18, 2017**

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### **INTERVIEWS TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL**

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. Interview Mariana Solomon;
2. Determine final list of second round interview candidates;
3. Determine second round interview process;
4. Conduct second round interviews;
5. Appoint candidate to fill the City Council vacancy for the remainder of the term, December 2018; and
6. Schedule swearing in of new Council Member for 5pm January 25, 2017.

#### **COUNCIL PRIORITIES SUPPORTED:**

##### **Ongoing Priorities**

Enhancing public safety  
Protecting the environment  
Maintaining fiscal responsibility  
Supporting youth  
Fostering a positive organizational culture  
Preserving and cultivating public trust

##### **2016 Focus Areas**

Planning Our Community  
Developing Our Community  
Enhancing Our Services  
Improving Our Communication  
Participating in Regional Initiatives

#### **NARRATIVE:**

On December 1, 2016, City Council Member Gordon Siebert tendered his resignation from the City Council effective Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> creating a vacancy with a term ending in December 2018. At the December 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the Council voted to fill the vacancy through an interview/appointment process.

The City Council interviewed 24 applicants at its meeting on January 11, 2017 and invited the following four candidates back for a second round of interviews:

- Caitlin Jachimowicz
- Carol Fredrickson
- Danielle Davenport
- John McKay

Additionally, one applicant, Mariana Solomon, was not interviewed at the January 11, 2017 meeting and has been invited to interview with the City Council on January 18, 2017.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Inform**

This staff report serves to inform and engage the community in the process of filling the City Council vacancy.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:**

The City Council vacancy must be filled. If an appointment is not made by January 30, 2017, the City Council must call a special election that would take place not less than 114 days after the election is called. The City of Morgan Hill would contract with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (ROV) for the consolidation of a special election. The ROV has provided an estimated cost of \$351,000 to hold a special election.

**PRIOR CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION ACTIONS:**

The Council accepted Council Member Siebert's resignation on December 7<sup>th</sup>. At the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council voted to fill the vacancy through an interview/appointment process. The City Council interviewed 24 applicants at its meeting on January 11, 2017.

**FISCAL AND RESOURCE IMPACT:**

Significant staffing resources have been invested to fill the vacancy although no budget adjustments are needed. Should the Council not make an appointment and a special election is called, the cost is estimated to be \$351,000.

**CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):**

Not a Project

**LINKS/ATTACHMENTS:**

Candidate applications  
Letters of Support