## We the Undersigned Residents of Palo Alto

- ... request that all Planning & Transportation Commissioners take into account the key characteristics below when nominating and voting for this year's Chair and Vice Chair at your meeting on January 29, 2020.
- 1. Selfless interest in serving the public good and carrying out the work of the people.
- 2. Punctual and regular attendance at meetings.
- 3. Thorough preparation for each agenda item, including knowledge of relevant background.
- 4. Utmost respect and courtesy toward the public, its right of participation, and the commission's role to thoroughly vet items adhering to the Commission's role and on the public's behalf.
- 5. Zero tolerance for bullying or disparaging a member of the public from the dais.
- 6. Respectful interactions with colleagues.
- 7. Commitment to transparency, including:
  - a) Compliance with State-required, complete disclosure at the dais of any conflict of interest and resultant recusal from participation, and
  - b) Full compliance with disclosure requirements in quasi-judicial hearings: disclosure of contact(s) with any parties involved, as well as providing the substance of new and pertinent information from those contacts that are not part of the public record.
- 8. Respectful interactions with staff in private (e.g., when setting agendas) as well as during public meetings. Full disclosure of any interactions with staff on personal matters that may overlap with the work of the commission.
- 9. Managing fair, open, and productive meetings by:
  - a) Preserving order and decorum at the dais,
  - b) Curbing behavior that is not in alignment with the highest ethical standards,
  - c) Allowing adequate time for members of the public to speak,
  - d) Permitting each commissioner an opportunity to ask questions before any motions are made,
  - e) Keeping discussions on topic and moving by encapsulating key ideas and being as clear and brief as possible, and
  - f) Seeking areas of common ground when possible.

January 25, 2020

List of endorsers begins on the following page.

#### **Endorsers**

### **Adobe Meadow**

Ceci Kettendorf

Peter Taskovich

### **Barron Park**

Beth Charlesworth

Maury Green

Suzanne Keehn

Art Liberman

Richard Placone

#### **Charleston Gardens**

Jean Wilcox

## **College Terrace**

Fred Balin

Stewart Carl

Margaret Heath

Annette Ross

William Ross

### **Crescent Park**

Norm Beamer

John Guislin

Karen Holman, former Planning and Transportation Commissioner and two-term Chair and former City Council Member and Mayor

Enid Pearson, former City Council Member

Emily Renzel, former Planning Commissioner and Chair and former City Council Member

Beth Rosenthal

Greg Welch

Rita Vhrel

#### **Downtown North**

Neilson Buchanan

### **Duveneck/St. Francis**

**Hamilton Hitchings** 

Steve Mullen

# Embarcadero Oaks/Leland

Jo Ann Mandich

### **Evergreen Park**

Paul Machado

**David Schrom** 

Carol Scott

### Fairmeadow

Len Filppu

### **Green Acres**

Jim Colton

Joe Hirsch, former Planning Commissioner and Chair

# Mayfield

Terry Holzmer

Shannon McEntee

### Midtown

Sheri Furman

Annette Glanckopf

Jennifer Hetterly, former Parks and Recreation Commissioner and Chair

Jeff Hoel

Debbie Mytels

Greer Stone, former Human Relations Commissioner and Chair

## **Old Palo Alto**

Chris Robell

### **Palo Alto Hills**

Mark Nadim

### Palo Verde

Ben Lerner

Greg Schmid, former City Council Member

Vijay Varma

### **Professorville**

Mary Gallagher

Yoriko Kishimoto, former City Council Member and Mayor

### St. Claire Gardens

Barbara and Steve Smith

# **University South**

Roberta Ahlquist

Elaine Meyer

## Ventura

Lissy Bland

Susan Kemp

T. Ranganath

Rebecca Sanders