

1 MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

2 **DRAFT**

3 MINUTES

4 **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYORS SELECT COMMITTEE**

5 Wednesday, January 25, 2017

6 Hosted by the Town of Fairfax

7 The Special Meeting took place at the Fairfax Community Center

8 16 Park Road, Fairfax, CA

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11 **Mayors Present**

12 (Quorum of 8 Mayors Required for Mayors Select Committee to take place)

13 Belvedere: James Campbell

14 Corte Madera: Diane Furst

15 Fairfax: John Reed

16 Larkspur: Kevin Haroff

17 Mill Valley: *Not present*

18 Novato: Denise Athas

19 Ross: *Not present*

20 San Anselmo: Kay Coleman

21 San Rafael: Gary Phillips

22 Sausalito: Ray Withy

23 Tiburon: Jim Fraser

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25 **MCCMC Executive Committee Present:**

26 President Sloan Bailey

27 Vice President Kate Colin

28 Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

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30 **Call to Order and Introduction**

31 MCCMC President Sloan Bailey called the Special Meeting of the Marin County Council of  
32 Mayors and Councilmembers to order at 5:40pm.

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34 President Bailey explained the purpose for the special meeting. The Senate Rules Committee  
35 sent a letter requesting nominees for consideration of appointment to the California Coastal  
36 Commission with insufficient time to agendize a selection of nominees in the normal fashion.  
37 The Senate Rules Committee sent five identical letters of request to the following agencies: the  
38 San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers,  
39 the Marin County Board of Supervisors, the Council of Mayors and Councilmembers for  
40 Sonoma County, and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

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42 There is a strict timeline for submittal of nominees, the interview process and the final selection.  
43 The position is currently because Steve Kinsey, the former North Central Coast Representative  
44 to the California Coastal Commission representing the three counties, retired from the Marin  
45 County Board of Supervisors.

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47 When we don't have time to handle a nomination or appointment in the normal fashion, the  
48 MCCMC rules provide two or three areas of guidance. We have bylaws, polices and the  
49 California Government code to use as guidance. Our bylaws are like our Constitution, laying  
50 out the basic structure of our government. Our policies provide a process that we have adopted  
51 over the years as to how we do certain things, including the Mayors Select Committee. The  
52 California Government Code lays out the City Selection Committee. It is made up only of the  
53 Mayors of the members of Marin for our County. And that is referenced in an attachment to our  
54 policies as a description of who makes a recommendation of appointment to the Senate Rules  
55 Committee.

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1 This committee is supposed to meet once per year in April, which is what our attachment says,  
2 but it's not a policy and it's not part of our bylaws. The last time the committee met was in 2013,  
3 where Gary Philips was elected president of the Mayors Select Committee. Our bylaws provide  
4 the Mayors Select Committee, consisting of all of the Mayors plus the President, Vice President  
5 and the Secretary. The Mayors Select Committee is authorized to meet only when there is a  
6 pressing matter that is not otherwise addressed in the bylaws in order to take advocacy action.  
7 The reason that President Bailey convened the Mayors Select Committee because he felt it was  
8 the only way to take action on this urgent matter. He would like the Mayors Select Committee to  
9 recommend that we take an urgent matter to the membership at this evening's meeting, a vote  
10 to authorize the City Selection Committee to make a nomination this evening. He hopes to  
11 convene the City Selection Committee in the middle of the general membership meeting in  
12 order to have a vote on the nomination, but there are other options to consider.

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14 Our policies only provide direction about what the Mayors Select Committee can do, and  
15 requires we have a 2/3 quorum.

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17 The California Coast Commission representative is an critically important position that affects  
18 our communities greatly. Whoever we nominate does not receive the appointment. He or she  
19 must still persuade the Senate Rules Committee to select him or her for appointment in an  
20 interview alongside the nominees from the other Counties. None of the members of the Marin  
21 County Board of Supervisors are interested in the appointment. There is no flexibility in this  
22 timeline. If we do not nominate anyone, we forfeit and disenfranchise ourselves.

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24 The letter from the Senate Rules Committee only asks that we provide nominees. We may  
25 nominate more than one person. One option could be that we nominate Kevin Haroff, Barbara  
26 Coler, and anyone else nominated from the floor. The general membership can discuss the  
27 nominations, but the votes will be cast by the Mayors.

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29 A motion was made by Diane Furst, seconded by Denise Athas, and approved unanimously by  
30 those in attendance to authorize President Bailey to solicit a vote to authorize the City Selection  
31 Committee to make a decision this evening.

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33 Discussion on how to carry out the vote: President Bailey explained that the vote was not  
34 allowed to be a secret ballot. The last time this appointment was made, San Francisco  
35 Supervisor Ross Mirkirimi (who served as the North Central Coast Representative from 2009-  
36 2011) was replaced by Marin County Supervisor Steve Kinsey. The Senate Rules Committee  
37 picked Supervisor Kinsey over the incumbent. It is not clear if they intend to alternate among  
38 the other counties.

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40 In 2011, Steve Kinsey was the only person from Marin County who put their name in. But at  
41 the MCCMC meeting, Larry Bragman nominated both Ross Mirkirimi and the woman from  
42 Sebastopol. Then a voice vote was taken of all of the Mayors in the room asking them how they  
43 chose to vote.

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45 The second option available is to hand out written ballots for each Mayor to select their  
46 preferences.

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48 The third option is to call a special meeting before the selection deadline.

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50 It may be more efficient to do a verbal vote. But President Bailey feels that his preference is to  
51 do a written ballot, unless the group fees differently.

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53 It was asked if the general membership might object to a written ballot over a voice vote.  
54 President Bailey explained that the vote would not be secret, that the ballots could be reviewed

1 by anyone who wished to view them. He will announce the results and make the ballots  
2 available to whoever wished to inspect them.

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4 A question was asked as to what should happen if there are several candidates nominated from  
5 the floor. It was decided that Marin is in the strongest position if we uniformly submit the same  
6 candidates as submitted by the Board of Supervisors. It is President Bailey's recommendation  
7 that both candidates, if they each receive a majority of the votes of the membership, be  
8 forwarded to the Senate Rules Committee.

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10 President Bailey stated that both candidates will be given the opportunity to address the  
11 membership in support of their candidacy. If anyone is nominated from the floor, their name can  
12 be considered for inclusion on the ballot.

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14 President Bailey reiterated that the Mayors Select Committee has already voted to authorize  
15 him to convene the City Selection Committee during this evening's meeting in order to vote on  
16 the nominations.

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18 He then requested input on how the vote will take place. It was decided that written ballot was  
19 preferable to voice vote. And it was preferred by the group that the City Selection Committee be  
20 convened in the middle of the business meeting rather than after the general meeting has  
21 adjourned.

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23 President Bailey adjourned the Special Meeting of the Mayors Select Committee at 6:05pm to  
24 the Regular meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers scheduled for  
25 7:00pm that same evening.

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