

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY**

**Mayors (or Proxies) Present**

Belvedere: Mayor James Campbell  
Corte Madera: Mayor Eli Beckman  
Fairfax: Mayor Bruce Ackerman  
Larkspur: Mayor Kevin Haroff  
Mill Valley: Mayor John McCauley  
Novato: Mayor Pat Eklund  
Ross: Mayor Elizabeth Robbins  
San Anselmo: Mayor Brian Colbert  
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin  
Sausalito: Mayor Jill Hoffman  
Tiburon: -

**MCCMC Executive Committee Present:** President Eric Lucan, Novato; Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

**1. Call to Order, Welcome and Purpose of Meeting**

MCCMC President Eric Lucan called the meeting of the Marin County City Selection Committee for May 26, 2021 to order at 7:29pm.

**2. Open Time for Public Comment**

President Lucan called for public comment. There were no attendees wishing to provide public comment and no emailed public comment.

**3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the February 24, 2021 City Selection Committee**

President Lucan introduced the item. There was no public comment and no questions from Councilmembers. There was a motion and a second (Campbell/Colin) to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2021 City Selection Committee meeting. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of the Mayors of the cities/towns present, 8-0-2-1 (Ross and Mill Valley Abstained, Tiburon absent)

**4. Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint an Alternate MCCMC Representative to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board**

**1. Introduction**

Eric Lucan summarized that the main item for consideration and possible action to appoint an alternate MCCMC representative to the ABAG Executive Board. Two letters of interest were received, from Kevin Haroff, Mayor from Larkspur and Eli Hill, council member from San Rafael. Both of those letters were provided and available to the Committee and the public. The applicants have the option to make a statement to the Committee.

He also explained that, this group would normally make their votes via ballot that would then be submitted to Secretary Vaughn, who would share the results of the ballot. This group can also decide if they would prefer to submit their votes via the Zoom chat function to Secretary Vaughn, or discuss voting in another way.

## 2. Statements from candidates (optional)

### Statement from Eli Hill, San Rafael:

Well, thank you. Honorable Mayors of the City Selection Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide brief remarks and consideration of my appointment to serve as the MCCMC alternate representative to the ABAG Executive Board. As indicated by written statement, I bring experience of having worked directly with public sector agencies throughout the state of California and across the bay area in a strategy and technology consulting capacity. More recently, I have had the privilege to serve my community as a member of the San Rafael Fire Commission, Planning Commission, and now the City Council. As we know, the policy is established by ABAG, have far reaching impacts to our communities, RHNA among them. I have conferred with Mayor Eklund on several occasions and believe we would team well to engage regional stakeholders and to drive outcomes for Marin that will serve our communities. I believe that it is essential that we assemble a team that will bring complimentary perspectives, which I believe we do. I appreciate your consideration and ask for your vote to be the MCCMC alternate representative to the ABAG Executive Board. Thank you.

### Statement from Kevin Haroff, Larkspur:

I think most of my reasons for wanting to serve on this position, I'm very grateful for the opportunity to do that, but I've kind of outlined them in brief in my letter of interest. I didn't provide you with a resume, because I think in a variety of other capacities, you've seen that before and I don't want to bore you with it, but I would be very appreciative. I think I would do a good job and serve our community well.

As you all know, I'm the Mayor of the City of Larkspur, been on Larkspur City Council since 2013, and I'm also a former Planning Commissioner for the city. And throughout the time that I've been on the council, I've been ABAG's representative, Larkspur's is representative to ABAG and have worked with Pat and others to represent our interests in Marin in that context. Also, just note that, aside from the work that I've done for the city and within our community, from a political point of view, I'm a lawyer, as you all know, I have many years of experience, both in litigation and counseling clients on a variety of different environmental and land use matters with a particular focus on the California Environmental Quality Act.

And then finally, in terms of experience, I want to just highlight the fact that I do have already some extensive experience working with regional quasi-governmental agencies like ABAG, as I noted in my letter. I'm very pleased recently to have been elected to chair the MCE Clean Energy Board's executive committee, which kind of leads the policy determinations for MCE Clean Energy and requires working closely with elected representatives from cities throughout the north bay. I've listed them in the letter, a lot from Marin, but even more so from Contra Costa. And I'll just chime in with what Eli has said. We are under considerable pressure to accommodate ABAG's efforts to promote regional housing goals and that's a real challenge here in Larkspur because we have been identified essentially as a transportation hub because of the terminal point for the smart train, the Larkspur ferry and the intersection of Highway 101 and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

So we already are kind of have a bullseye on our back. We are not the only community in Marin. I think the prior discussion on RHNA highlights the fact that all of us in Marin are going to be a target of this effort. And I think engagement with ABAG through Pat's efforts. And if you choose to have me be her backup, I'd be happy to be able to do that as well.

Following conclusion of the statements, MCCMC President Lucan stated that he would turn the discussion over to the City Selection Committee to determine how they wished to vote.

Mayor Eklund stated that she wished to move to nominate Eli Hill to serve as the MCCMC Alternate Representative to ABAG and if there was a second, then the group could continue the discussion on how to conduct the vote.

Mayor Colin stated that when she was MCCMC President, there was a similar situation, it was ballots and Rebecca ran around collecting them and there was a confidential nature to it. So I think if there is a way to direct chat to Rebecca, so everyone has to pay attention to that, then that would be in keeping with what the spirit is of the City Selection Committee. She proposed that as an option.

### 3. Comments from MCCMC members and other members of the public

President Lucan asked if there were any questions or comments from MCCMC members. Mayor Eklund stated that Eli Hill was the only candidate that reached out to her to talk to her about the appointment and over the conversations, she believes that they would work really well together. The alternate and herself really need to work well together, and she believes that she and Councilmember Hill would be very good team for all Marin County. And that's why she has nominated Councilmember Hill, and will be voting for him for the alternate position. She further stated that this is not an easy position and it takes a lot of work. And Councilmember Hill has probably more time because he doesn't serve on any other regional bodies or large organizations. And she needs someone who is going to be there to help her to work with the other cities in Marin County to be able to get through this RHNA. ABAG is doing a lot, which needs to be communicated to the cities to help provide some technical assistance. She feels comfortable working with Councilmember Hill. He has the expertise, he was on the Planning Commission and the fact that he knows what other cities are doing because of his management skills, that is going to be tremendous, because we need to know and learn what other cities are doing as far as RHNA.

There no questions or comments from members of the public, and no public comments received via email. MCCMC President Lucan then confirmed that the Committee was comfortable with voting via Zoom chat. Upon seeing a majority response in the affirmative, he directed Committee members to find Secretary Vaughn's name on the list so that members are chatting their vote only to Secretary Vaughn, and asked them to send, via chat, their city and their vote. Secretary Vaughn will then tally the votes and provide a report.

### 4. Mayors/Proxies discussion and vote

There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Colin) to appoint Eli Hill, San Rafael, to the remainder of a two-year term of Alternate MCCMC Representative to the ABAG Executive Board, which commenced July 1, 2020 and will expire June 30, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote through Zoom Chat sent to Secretary Vaughn, and archived for review upon request, of the Mayors of the cities/towns present.

The vote was 8 in favor of appointment of Eli Hill, 2 in favor of appointment of Kevin Haroff. (Tiburon absent).

### 5. **Announcements - None**

## **6. Adjournment**

MCCMC President Lucan adjourned the meeting of the City Selection Committee at 7:40p.m.