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Mayor Pro Tem
Gabe Quinto



Councilmembers
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MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (4:00 PM)

Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Closed Captions Available Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86185303472?pwd=7cGEbit5byX85mTJhFoRbbDaUWhDZP.1>

Meeting ID: 861 8530 3472 **Password:** 354179 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

Accommodations: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 510-215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable accommodations.

Conduct: This meeting shall be conducted pursuant to the El Cerrito [City Council Rules of Order and Procedure](#), including adjourning by 11:00 PM unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.

Public Comments:

1. *In-person* by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. *By Email* to cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us identified in the subject line as **Public Comments – Agenda Item #.**

Written comments received by **2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting** will be provided to the City Council and posted [online](#) in advance of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and will be posted **after the meeting**.

4:00 PM ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Wysinger called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Present: Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman

Absent: None

1. **CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REQUEST FROM A COUNCILMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING REMOTELY DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO AB 2449**
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person and to items on the special meeting agenda only.
3. **COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Action Proposed: Staff requests that City Council conduct interviews and, at the conclusion of interviews, confer with staff regarding the ongoing recruitments, any remaining vacancies, and the scheduling of further special meetings to conduct interviews (if applicable). Council may decide to make appointments at the conclusion of the meeting.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management
The City Council conducted 13 interviews and made the following appointments. The council recessed from 5:54-6:16 PM.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Saltzman
Action: Re-appointed Gyan Singh and Andrea Lucas to the Design Review Board for a full term of 3/1/2025-3/1/2029 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Wysinger/Mayor Pro Tem Quinto
Action: Appointed Tessa Rudnick to the Civil Service Commission for a full term of 3/1/2025-3/1/2029 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Saltzman/Mayor Pro Tem Quinto
Action: Appointed Ruth Cazden to the Arts and Culture Commission for a full term of 3/1/2025-3/1/2029 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Quinto/Mayor Wysinger
Action: Re- appointed David Carvel to the Financial Advisory Board for a full term of 3/1/2025-3/1/2029 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Saltzman/Councilmember Ktsanes
Action: Appointed Janos Szlatenyi and Tessa Rudnick to the Financial Advisory Board, each for a full term of 3/1/2025-3/1/2029; and appointed Michael McDougall to the Financial Advisory Board for a partial term of 2/12/2025-3/1/2028 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Wysinger/Councilmember Ktsanes **Action:** Appointed Diane Boodrookas and Champagne Brown to the Human Relations Commission, each for a full term of 3/1/2025- 3/1/2029 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Saltzman/Councilmember Motoyama **Action:** Re-appointed Jennifer Kaczor, Hari Lamba, and Troy Tyler to the Park and Recreation Commission, each for a full term of 3/1/2025- 3/1/2029 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Quinto/Mayor Wysinger **Action:** Appointed Stephanie Ferrara to the Park and Recreation Commission for a partial term of 2/12/2025-3/1/2028 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

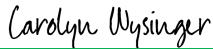
Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Saltzman/Mayor Pro Tem Quinto **Action:** Appointed Renée LeVesque to the Human Relations Commission for a partial term of 2/12/2025-3/1/2028 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Ktsanes/Mayor Pro Tem Quinto **Action:** Appointed Jack Rozier and Lauren Dodge to the Park and Recreation Commission, both for a partial term of 2/12/2025-3/1/2027 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Quinto/Councilmember Motoyama **Action:** Re-appointed Michael Fischer to the Contra Costa County Library Commission for a full term of 7/1/2025-6/30/2029 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

4. **ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The special meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 11, 2025 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk