



DATE: April 22, 2021

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

FROM: Anne Richman, Executive Director *Anne Richman*
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SUBJECT: Appointments to the Citizens' Oversight Committee (Action), Agenda Item No. 6d

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board accepts the nominations and appoints the following members and alternate to a four-year term on the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC).

- Member: Mr. Peter Pelham, Major Marin Employers
- Member: Mr. Paul Premo, Taxpayer Group
- Alternate: Mr. Kingston Cole, Taxpayer Group

BACKGROUND:

The COC oversees the ½-Cent Measure A/AA Half-cent Transportation Sales Tax and the Measure B \$10 Vehicle Registration Fee revenue and expenditure activities. As an independently functioning group, the COC assures that the voter approved Measure A/AA Sales Tax and Measure B VRF Expenditure Plans are carried out accordingly. The COC is composed of 12 members and 12 alternates who are private citizens residing in Marin County and collectively represent diverse interests of Marin County. All COC members should have no economic interest in TAM's projects. Over the years, due, in part, to the dedication and strong support of the members, the COC has become an indispensable part of TAM.

Each organization and planning area represented on the COC (ss shown in the *TAM Citizens' Oversight Committee Membership Table* below) shall nominate its representative, with final appointment by the TAM Board. The TAM Board shall retain discretion to rescind any Committee appointment(s) as deemed necessary. Members of the COC shall be appointed to their full terms, subject to eligibility provisions. COC members and alternates shall be appointed for a term of four years. To maintain stability of the COC, half of the seats initially started with a 2-year term at the commencement of the committee to provide for staggered terms.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Based on the staggered terms of the seats, 6 out of the 12 positions on the COC are set to expire on May 31, 2021. Staff reached out to all current members/alternates to re-apply or to recommend suitable

candidates to serve on the COC. An application is also posted on the TAM website for all interested parties to apply as part of an ongoing effort to continue to fill out the remaining vacant positions. Staff is happy to report that most of the current members have decided to continue their service on the committee and have either submitted their application or are working on it. As of now, staff has both the applications and the nominations required for the seats highlighted in the *TAM Citizens' Oversight Committee Membership Table* and recommends that the TAM Board re-appoint the following Marin citizens to the COC for their respective positions.

TAM Citizens' Oversight Committee Membership

Representing Area/Organization	Member/Candidate	Term Expiration
<i>Northern Marin Planning Area</i>	<i>Member – Charley Vogt</i>	<i>May 31, 2021</i>
	<i>Alternate – Veda Florez</i>	
<i>Central Marin Planning Area</i>	<i>Member - Joy Dahlgren</i>	<i>May 31, 2021</i>
	<i>Alternate – Jeffrey Olson</i>	
Ross Valley Planning Area	Member – Paul Roye	May 31, 2023
	Alternate – Vacant	
Southern Marin Planning Area	Member - Vacant	May 31, 2023
	Alternate – Vacant	
West Marin Planning Area	Member – Scott Tye	May 31, 2023
	Alternate – Vacant	
Marin County Paratransit Coordinating Council	Member - Allan Bortel	May 31, 2023
	Alternate – Vacant	
Bicyclist and Pedestrian Groups	Member – Vince O'Brien	May 31, 2023
	Alternate – Vacant	
Environmental Organizations	Member – Kate Powers	May 31, 2021
	Alternate – Nancy Okada	
School Districts	Member – Zack Macdonald	May 31, 2021
	Alternate – Vacant	
Major Marin Employers	Member – Peter Pelham	<i>May 31, 2021</i>
	Alternate – Vacant	
Taxpayer Group	Member – Paul Premo	<i>May 31, 2021</i>
	Alternate – Kingston Cole	
League of Women Voters	Member – Kevin Hagerty	May 31, 2023
	Alternate – Kay Noguchi	

Mr. Peter Pelham, Member of Major Marin Employers: Mr. Pelham has been a Marin resident and banker for more than 40 years. A graduate of Manchester University in Manchester, England, Mr. Pelham first moved to the North Bay in 1977 and had a very successful 25-year career with Bank of Marin (BOM), of which 12 years was in executive management. Mr. Pelham retired from BOM in April 2020 but remained active and is engaged with ongoing workforce issues. Mr. Pelham is also serving as the Vice-Chairperson on the Novato Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Pelham first applied and was appointed to the COC in 2013, renewed his term and was reappointed in 2017 as the Member for Major Marin Employers. Mr. Pelham was elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the COC in 2016 and has been the Chairperson since 2018. Staff received a nomination from Mr. Coy Smith, Chief Executive Officer of the Novato Chamber of Commerce for Mr. Pelham. Mr. Smith also shared his strong appreciation from the business community for Mr. Pelham's many years of service on the COC.

Staff appreciates Mr. Pelham's dedication to the COC and willingness to stay and continue leading the group.

Mr. Paul Premo, Member of Taxpayer Group: Mr. Premo and his family first moved to Mill Valley in 1965 after he received his master's degree in Chemical Engineering from MIT and began a very successful 27-year career at Chevron Research. Mr. Premo has extensive knowledge and experience not only in engineering, but also in financial management and strategic planning assignments as the Corporate Secretary and Treasurer of Chevron USA. Mr. Premo served as Foreperson Pro-Tem on the County's Civil Grand Jury for the 2012-13 term. He gained invaluable insight on civic matters and applied the experience he gained from serving on the Grand Jury by participating in several activist groups in Marin, particularly on behalf of taxpayers "who pay the bills for government."

Mr. Premo applied and was first appointed to the COC in 2013 and then re-appointed in 2017 as the Member of Taxpayer Group. Mr. Premo currently serve as Director on the Board of the Coalition of Sensible Taxpayers (CO\$T). The Board of Directors of CO\$T nominated and strongly recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Premo to the COC as the Taxpayer Group representative. Staff appreciates Mr. Premo's dedication to the COC and willingness to stay and continue monitoring the spending of taxpayer funds under both Measures A/AA and Measure B and providing input on TAM's budget and financial planning process.

Mr. Kingston Cole, Alternate of Taxpayer Group: Mr. Cole has lived in Marin for over 40 years and has more than 30 years of valuable knowledge and experience working with many transportation and transit agencies across the country as a telecom consultant with his own firm: Kingston Cole & Associates. He is a graduate of Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and Creighton School of Law and worked in the civil rights movement in the 1970's. Mr. Cole is past trustee of National Maritime Association and current president of his neighborhood association.

Mr. Cole applied and was first appointed to the COC in 2019 as the Alternate of Taxpayer Group. Mr. Cole currently serve as a Director on the Board of CO\$T as well. The Board of Directors of CO\$T nominated and strongly recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Cole to the COC as the Alternate for the Taxpayer Group representative to ensure that the taxpayer representative role would be filled regardless of any scheduling conflicts that may arise for Mr. Premo. Mr. Cole has been a great addition to the COC and staff appreciates his willingness to stay and continue providing valuable input on various transportation issues.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION:

Not Applicable.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff will continue to actively solicit nominations and applications to fill the remaining expiring and vacant positions. More appointments to the COC will be brought to the TAM Board for approval at the May 27, 2021 meeting.

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