

SAN MATEO COUNTY

CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

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400 County Center
Redwood City, 94063
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TO: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY
FROM: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY
SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Mayor Rico E. Medina, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a **Special** meeting of the Committee at **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2024**. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom:

To join the Zoom meeting, please click the following link: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/92411522876>. The meeting ID is 924 1152 2876.

AGENDA

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Selection of three (3) Councilmembers to serve on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) representing **Cities (All Cities are eligible)** for a term of three (3) years beginning March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2027.
 - i. *Foster City Councilmember Sam Hindi, is seeking reappointment*
 - i. *Millbrae Mayor Anders Fung, is seeking reappointment*
 - ii. *San Carlos Vice Mayor Sara McDowell, is seeking reappointment*
- 3) Oral Communications and Announcements
 - i. *Public Comment – Opportunity for the public to address the San Mateo County City Selection Committee.*
 - ii. *Any subject not on the agenda may be presented at this time by members of the City Selection Committee. These topics cannot be acted upon or discussed, but may be agendaized for a later meeting date.*



OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Foster City

February 7, 2024

San Mateo County City Selection Committee
San Mateo County Executive's Office/Clerk of the Board
400 County Center, 1st Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Letter of Interest for HEART Committee

Dear Honorable Mayors, Councilmembers, and Colleagues,

I'm writing to express my interest in applying for re-appointment to the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board of Directors. I'm proud of the progress my colleagues and I on the HEART board have made in addressing the regional housing crisis over recent years and would respectfully request the opportunity to continue this important work for another term.

As a board member, I have collaborated to help make the Bay Area a more affordable and inclusive environment through bold leadership on local housing policy. Most notably, this work is reflected by my contribution to the Strategic Working Group Subcommittee in 2022 and 2023, a recommendation of the Strategic plan that was approved by the board, and service to the Nomination Committee. Yet despite these critical efforts, I believe more important work is needed to address the region's housing matters and it would be my honor to keep up these efforts alongside my colleagues on the HEART board.

Beyond my contribution to HEART, I have held a variety of local volunteer and community leadership positions, such as Vice Chair for Foster City's Parks and Recreation Committee, Chair of the board for the Foster City Chamber of Commerce, team leader for the Community Emergency Response Team CERT, and Boy Scout Troop 175. I was also elected to the City Council twice, served as Mayor in consecutive years, and have been on City Council subcommittees addressing economic development, long-term planning, and sustainability, and a Council representative to the Citizens Sustainability Advisory Committee. Regionally I have served on the Board of Directors for the Bay Area Water Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), the San Mateo County Transportation Demand Management Agency (Commute.org), Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), and Chair of the San Francisco International Airport Community Roundtable, and as a City Alternate representing the City of Foster City on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board.

I would be thrilled to continue serving San Mateo County and the broader region by striving to make housing a more affordable and realistic opportunity for everyone. I appreciate your consideration of my re-appointment to the HEART Board of Directors. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate

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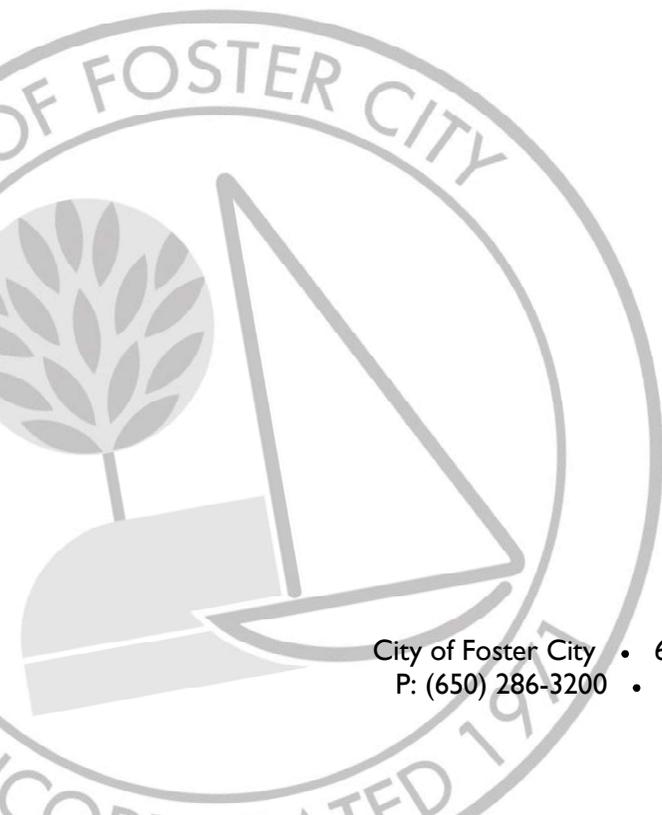
to contact me at (510) 206-9550 or shindi@fostercity.org.

Respectfully,


Sam Hindi (Feb 7, 2024 10:35 PST)

Sam Hindi, City of Foster City

CC: Sukhmani S. Purewal, San Mateo County City Selection Committee Secretary/Assistant Clerk of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors



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City of Millbrae

621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030

ANDERS FUNG
Mayor

January 29, 2024

City Selection Committee of San Mateo County
400 County Center, 1st Floor
Redwood City CA 94063

Re: Appointment to the SMC Housing Endowment and Regional Trust Board of Directors

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

This letter expressed my sincere request for your support for me to continue to serve on the SMC HEART Board in the upcoming term.

SMC HEART has been such an important part of our affordable housing and supportive housing strategy for San Mateo County. The opportunity to work with a team of elected officials who are committed to delivering impactful solutions to bring affordable housing to our communities is vital to our success, especially to those who are affected by housing insecurity, rising inflation, and socioeconomic disparities.

As we look forward to 2024 and beyond, the SMC HEART board must strengthen our course in providing affordable housing developer loan programs, first time home buyer assistance, and most importantly working with various state agencies to bring various affordable housing grant opportunities to expedite our affordable and supportive housing production. Our collective success depends on being able to provide a home to every hardworking families and aspiring homeowners to find a place to call home, right here in San Mateo County.

I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Anders Fung
Mayor
City of Millbrae



February 7, 2024

To: City Selection Committee
Re: Re-Appointment to Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board of Directors

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers:

I am writing to ask for your support for re-appointment to the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART) Board of Directors. It has been an honor to contribute to the great work HEART has achieved in San Mateo County over the last five years, and I would deeply appreciate the opportunity to continue in my role.

Since joining the HEART Board I have taken an active role in Board duties. In addition to attending regular Board meetings, I served on the Strategic Review Subcommittee which was charged with identifying innovative ways HEART could increase funding for the construction and preservation of affordable housing in our communities. I am also the Chair of HEART's newly-formed Legislative Action Committee which will advocate for housing legislation impacting HEART's work to create more affordable housing opportunities in San Mateo County.

Increasing affordable housing for our low and middle-income residents continues to be a top priority of mine and I am proud that affordable housing is a San Carlos City Council strategic priority. In June, our Council approved a \$12.8 million loan to construct a 100% affordable housing project in partnership with Eden Housing and HIP Housing. At the same meeting we agreed to purchase two properties adjacent to El Camino Real for \$12 million that will be used to build another 100% affordable housing project in the range of 90 units. These are major investments and are evidence of our strong commitment to affordable housing in our community.

HEART continues to do great work throughout the County, including: providing funding for Kiku Crossing in San Mateo, offering free ADU plans available for anyone to download from HEART's website, contributing funding for the development of much-needed teacher housing in Pacifica, and offering workshops and loans for first-time homebuyers. HEART is also doing innovative work to establish a Middle-Income Housing Bond Program and to acquire small apartment buildings to stop the displacement of low-income residents.

I strongly believe in HEART's mission. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue my service on HEART's Board of Directors and respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Sara McDowell
Vice Mayor, City of San Carlos

cc: San Carlos City Council