



**TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

DATE: March 24, 2015

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY OF CONCORD PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Report in Brief**

This report presents a recommendation to make appointments to the City of Concord Planning Commission.

**Background**

There are two openings on the City of Concord Planning Commission for four-year terms ending February 28, 2019, to fill the expiring terms of John Mercurio and Carlyn Obringer. The terms of members Ernesto Avila, Tim McGallian and Robert Hoag do not expire until February 28, 2017.

The Concord Planning Commission is composed of five members who must be Concord residents and hold no other municipal office in the City of Concord. The Planning Commission develops and maintains a long-range, comprehensive General Plan; develops specific plans as may be necessary or desirable; reviews Planned Unit Development, Planned District Development, Tentative Subdivision Maps, Use Permits, and Rezoning applications; and performs such other functions as the legislative body may provide.

**Discussion**

The announcement to fill two openings on the Planning Commission was made on November 19, 2014 and January 9, 2015 set as the deadline for receipt of applications by the City Clerk.

News releases announcing openings on the Planning Commission were issued to the media. Announcements were posted in the City's agenda display case, on Concord TV Cable Channel 28 (Comcast), Channel 29 (Astound!), and the City's website, and at the Concord Senior Citizen's Center, Concord Police Department, and Concord Library. The recruitment resulted in fifteen applicants, including the two incumbents.

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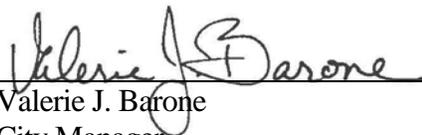
Interviews were held at a regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, in the Garden Conference Room.

**Public Contact**

All applicants were invited to interview on March 3, 2015, and have been notified of the appointment date. The agenda was properly posted.

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends the City Council appoint, through a balloting process, two applicants to the City of Concord Planning Commission for four-year terms ending February 28, 2019.

  
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Attachment: Planning Commission Applicants' Summary

## Planning Commission

### Applicants

Members: 5  
 Openings: 2  
 Term: Four Years  
 Membership Requirements: Residents of Concord who hold no other municipal office in the City of Concord.

Name	Occupation Employer
Dominic Aliano	Campaign Coordinator Susan Bonilla for State Senate 2015
Philip Datte	Staff Electrical Engineer/Group Leader Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
Richard Ebert	President of Int'l Freight Amerasa Rapid Transit USA, Inc.
<del>Ciel Gierke</del> <i>withdrew application</i>	<del>CRM/CDIS/CM Doctor's Medical Center</del>
<del>Daniel Jameyson</del> <i>withdrew application</i>	<del>Eligibility Work Specialist Contra Costa County, EHSD</del>
Terry Kremin	Adjunct Faculty Dominican University
Sam Kumar	Engineer City of Vallejo
Jason Laub	VP/Real Estate Development & Construction Nautilus Group, Inc.
Mary Elizabeth Martinez	Writer/Author n/a
*John Mercurio	Program Analyst Harris & Associates
*Carlyn Obringer	Education Policy Analyst California Charter Schools Association
<del>Anthony Re</del> <i>withdrew application</i>	<del>Electrician Trainee Butler Electric</del>
<del>Bradley Stage</del> <i>on vacation</i>	Operations Analyst Wells Fargo Bank
<del>Brent Trublood</del> <i>withdrew application</i>	<del>Teacher Mt. Diablo Unified School District</del>
Darrin Walters	Artist/Owner Blue Star Tattoos Inc.