

Procedure for Selecting Nominees for Appointment to the MCC

We must have a transparent voting process to select from our candidates those whom we will forward to Supervisor Mueller as nominees for our vacant memberships. We will select two nominees, and an additional, Alternate Member, who will step in should any member resign from the Council*. Applicants will have been vetted by the County Elections Office as registered voters prior to the meeting where this process occurs.

County Counsel has recommended the following selection procedure, which I propose to follow:

- a. We will ask all applicants to give a personal statement and answer questions from the Council.
- b. We must invite public comment on the applicants, but the public must direct questions to the Chair, who decides whether a question is worthy of being re-addressed to all the applicants.
- c. Following the personal statements and question and answer the Chair will ask for nominations (which don't require a second) for the first vacancy, and will allow each councilmember to nominate one and only one person. A councilmember can "pass" and not nominate someone if it's their intention to vote for a person already nominated.
- d. The Chair will poll the council by asking each councilmember to cast a vote for one of the nominees for the first vacancy. If there is a majority of three votes for one nominee, that person is appointed for that vacancy.
- e. If there is no individual candidate with three votes after polling, Council will hold a further discussion where councilmembers state their desired outcomes and interests, and vote again to see if any votes shifted from the discussion. This step will repeat until a nominee is selected.
- f. We will repeat this process for the second vacancy.
- g. We will repeat this process for the alternate member recommendation.
- h. The Secretary will record the nominees for each vacancy and forward them on MCC letterhead to the Supervisor, copying County Counsel and the County General Manager, with a request for confirmation by the Board of Supervisors.
- i. Should this process not result in a Council of 7 members, the MCC will ask for community applicants and repeat this procedure at a subsequent meeting.

* For example: should a member decline to attend in person if the Brown Act is not amended to allow remote participation by Council members.