

# Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

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Dave Olson . Chris Johnson . Lisa Ketcham . Dan Haggerty . Erin Deinzer . Laura Stein . vacancy

## Approved Minutes: Special Meeting on October 8, 2015, at GCSD

**Call to Order.** 7:02 PM

Councilmembers present: Dave Olson, Chris Johnson, Lisa Ketcham, Dan Haggerty, Laura Stein. [Absent: Erin Deinzer]

Government: Legislative Aide Nicholas Calderón

12 members of the public

**1. Public Comment** - none

**2. Special Agenda -- Interview Applicants for MCC Vacancy** – Four qualified applications were filed by Sept 4 extended deadline to fill the MCC vacancy for term ending Dec 2018:

Gael Erickson, El Granada

Curt Grisham, Moss Beach

Todd Pelman, Moss Beach

Claire Toutant, Moss Beach

**Interview Format:** In shifting random order, each applicant had up to 4 minutes to make an initial statement. Then councilmembers and Nicholas asked questions of the applicants. Then members of the public could ask questions of the applicants, and/or make comments. Finally, each applicant had up to 3 minutes to make a closing statement.

In the public comment portion, applicants answered questions from Leonard Woren, Kathryn Slater-Carter, and Bill Kehoe. Deborah Penrose, HMB, recommended Claire Toutant.

**Council discussion:** Upon request from members of the public and Nicholas Calderón, Council agreed to postpone the vote on a recommended candidate until the Oct 14 MCC meeting.

Councilmembers all spoke in appreciation of the applicants' interest and qualifications and urged them to stay involved and apply next year for the three council seats open in fall 2016 elections. There was general agreement that for geographic diversity, the council should recommend one of the Moss Beach applicants since there are already four councilmembers from El Granada.

Lisa recommended Claire Toutant for her years of Midcoast residence and background knowledge of our local issues.

Dan commented that he knows Gael and has seen Curt at meetings the past few months.

Chris recommended Curt Grisham because of the level of interest he's shown attending meetings over the past several months.

Laura knew Claire Toutant 20 years ago when they worked together at Sequoia Hospital where Claire was a Psychiatrist. Laura recommended Claire for the desirable traits of listening and communication skills, ability and interest to look at both sides of an argument, and her Masters Degree in Community Development which demonstrates her interest in community service. She would be able to hit the ground running because of her years of Midcoast residence.

Dave said he preferred Todd Pelman for his background, though he could be happy with any of the candidates.

**Adjourn** – 8:52 PM

Meeting video by PCT:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eabAugll6bM&feature=em-uploademail>