



## CITY OF PALO ALTO OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

February 3, 2020

The Honorable City Council  
Palo Alto, California

### Appointment of 2020 Emergency Standby Council

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the selection of the following former Council Members to serve as the 2020 Emergency Standby Council:

- Bern Beecham
- Pat Burt
- Peter Drekmeier
- Gail Price
- Greg Scharff
- Greg Schmid
- Nancy Shepherd

### BACKGROUND

The Charter of the City of Palo Alto provides that, "the Council may, by Ordinance or Resolution, provide for the preservation and continuation of government in the event of disaster which renders unavailable a majority of the Council."

On August 7, 2006, the City Council adopted amendments to [Section 2.12.090](#) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code regarding the selection procedure for the City's Emergency Standby Council. The adopted policy states that the Council shall consider the following criteria for appointments to the Emergency Standby Council: residency in the City of Palo Alto, availability, interest in serving and a lack of conflicts of interest.

Seven members serve on the Emergency Standby Council. Members of the Standby Council have the authority delegated to them under [Chapter 2.12](#) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code. The members of the Emergency Standby Council continue to serve until the Council appoints or reappoints the members at the beginning of each year.

Department Head: Beth Minor, City Clerk

