TO:        HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM:      CITY MANAGER      DEPARTMENT:  CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE
DATE:      MARCH 10, 2008      CMR: 154:08

SUBJECT:  APPOINTMENT OF 2008 EMERGENCY STANDBY COUNCIL MEMBERS

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council approve the selection of the 2008 Emergency Standby Council as follows:

- Bern Beecham
- Judy Kleinberg
- Dena Mosser
- Gary Fazzino
- Victor Ojakian
- Emily Renzel
- Lanie Wheeler

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.

DISCUSSION
On April 10, 2007, the Council approved the selection of the 2007 Emergency Standby Council. Due to the recent departure of four members from the Council, staff first solicited interest from these members in serving. Three of these members expressed an interest. The other four recommended appointees served on the 2007 Standby Council and continue to have availability and an interest in serving. These recommendations ensure that the Standby Council membership remain at seven members.
**RESOURCE IMPACT**
There are no resource impacts associated with this recommendation. Funding for training of the Emergency Standby Council is incorporated in the Office of Emergency Services’ budget.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**
The selection of the Emergency Standby Council is consistent with existing City policies.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**
This is not a project requiring environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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