

Alameda County Mayors' Conference

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

March 13, 2024

6:15 p.m.

City of Albany Community Center

[1249 Marin Ave, Albany](#)

1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Amendments
3. Public Comments
4. Review of Applications for Regional Board Appointments

Board Name/ Appointment	District	Incumbent	Applicant(s)	Start	End
A. Regional Board Appointments by the Alameda County City Selection Committee:					
Bay Area Air Quality Management District	N/A	John Bauters	Mark Salinas	4/13/2024	4/12/2026
Bay Area Air Quality Management District	N/A	John Bauters	John Bauters	4/13/2024	4/12/2026

*Applications and related regional board information are attached

5. Regional Board Vacancies: Please See Attached Listing
6. Other Business Matters
7. Adjournment

Nominating/ City Selection Committee Executive Director's Report

Item 4(a) - Consideration of appointment to regional boards

Attached are the applications for consideration to regional boards posted on this agenda. The Mayors' Conference Bylaws indicate that the Nominating Committee will review applications received and make a recommendation to the full Conference membership for its consideration and, if appropriate, appointment.

The Mayors' Conference Bylaws provide that nominations may also be made from the floor and shall be closed after the president calls for additional nominations. Only voting members shall make nominations and seconds.

The Bylaws also provide that it is the intent of the Mayors' Conference that mayors hold all appointments to county and regional bodies requiring elected officials unless precluded from serving.

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The Bylaws also establish a priority for appointment as follows:

- Priority 1 – Mayors and/or city councilmembers of a city where the mayor is elected by their city council, provided the councilmember was appointed to the body while serving as Mayor;
- Priority 2 – Councilmembers; (City Councilmembers must be nominated by the city's current mayor to be considered for appointment to a regional body requiring its members to be elected officials)
- Priority 3 – Members of the public.

Alameda County Mayors' Conference bylaws also state that a member appointed to a regional body shall serve no more than eight consecutive years on a single board. Further, if a member is appointed to fill a partial term, that term shall not be counted toward the eight-year limit. No applicants under consideration at this meeting conflict with the eight-year limit.

The attached application from Councilmember Bauters includes his email stating his request to be considered for appointment to this position until the end of the current calendar year, after which he will vacate the position, and a March 1, 2024, letter from Emeryville Mayor, Courtney Welch, nominating Councilmember Bauters for the position.

RECOMMENDATION - Consider the applications for regional boards and make a recommendation to the full membership for its consideration and action.

Nominating/ City Selection Committee Members

- Jesse Arreguin, Chair
- Melissa Hernandez, Vice Chair
- Karla Brown, Member
- John Marchand, Member
- Jennifer Cavanaugh (Member from a city with a rotating mayor or council-elected mayor)
- Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Alternate Member

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE
Application for Consideration of Appointment to a Regional Board

Position Applying For: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Applicant's Name: Mark Salinas

Applicant's Address: Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA

Applicant's Zip Code: 94541 Applicant's Phone: 510 736 9704

Applicant's Email: mark.salinas@hayward-ca.gov

Are you able to attend daytime and/or evening meetings?

Yes

Please describe your participation with civic or community organizations and activities:

Mayor of the City of Hayward
Chair, City of Hayward Infrastructure and Airport Committee
Commissioner, Alameda County Transportation Commission

Please explain your interest in becoming a member of this Regional Board:

Hayward has a diverse cultural and economic population of over 160,000, including large areas of disadvantage population. Voices from communities that include disadvantaged neighborhoods are critical to moving forward environmental justice policies and actions. Hayward has the highest rate of asthma-related emergency room visits per 100,000 population compared to any other community in Alameda county. According to the California Health Interview Survey, 17.5 percent of children and teens in Hayward were diagnosed with asthma between 2017 and 2018. This local statistic is 2 percent higher than the same metric for Alameda County. Hayward sits at the crossroads of the 880, 238 and 92 freeways and suffers from poor air quality caused by the vehicle traffic that pass through Hayward. On January 30, 2024, the Hayward Council adopted an updated Climate Action Plan, which includes ambitious goals and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. On January 30, 2024, the Hayward Council adopted an a new Environmental Justice Element, which includes policies to reduce diesel particulate matter and

Date Submitted: February 29, 2024

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ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE
Application for Consideration of Appointment to a Regional Board

Position Applying For: Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Applicant's Name: John J. Bauters

Applicant's Address: 4260 Halleck St., Emeryville

Applicant's Zip Code: 94608 Applicant's Phone: 415-999-7932

Applicant's Email: jbauters@emeryville.org

Are you able to attend daytime and/or evening meetings?

Yes.

Please describe your participation with civic or community organizations and activities:

I participate in Sierra Club and Audubon Society events, and participate in the Emeryville Community Organic Gardens Club. I volunteer my time on wetlands cleanup and shoreline habilitation projects in my city, am an advocate for active transportation and clean fuel alternatives for mobility, and have advanced numerous local rules and ordinances aimed at protecting urban wildlife and supporting sustainable, resilient development in my community. I volunteer with homelessness and food services organizations. I am engaged in other social and political clubs that support women and the LGBTQ community. Additional work is available on request.

Please explain your interest in becoming a member of this Regional Board:

I have had the privilege of representing the Mayor's Conference for the past six years at BAAQMD. In that time, I have served on the Stationary Source, Budget & Finance, and Legislative Committees. I served as the Board Secretary in 2021 and served as Board Chair in 2022 and 2023. I currently serve in the position of Past Chair. I have worked with community groups, business and industry stakeholders to help Alameda County and West Oakland deliver the first AB 617 Community Action Plan. I was named Chair of the Stationary Source Committee this year, in recognition of my leadership around regulated sources. I championed the work to adopt amendments to Rules 9-4 and 9-6 which will make the Bay Area national leaders in NOx emissions reductions. I am eligible for one final two-year term on this Board under Mayor's Conference Rules but intend to serve only through the end of this year so that a new representative from the Conference can onboard with the District before the spring retreat next year.

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March 1, 2024

Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Chair, Alameda County Mayor's Conference
835 E. 14th Street
San Leandro, California 94577

Subject: Nomination of Councilmember John Bauters to Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board

Dear Mayor Arreguin,

As the current Mayor of Emeryville, I am by way of this letter, nominating Emeryville Councilmember John Bauters to continue serving on the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). Councilmember Bauters was originally appointed to this position when he was serving as the Emeryville Mayor. Section 11 of the Bylaws of the Alameda County Mayor's Conference provides in part:

“...Accordingly, the Nominating Committee and the Conference shall adhere to the following priorities in recommending and making selections for appointment: **Priority 1 - Mayors and/or City Councilmembers of a city where the Mayor is elected by their Council provided the councilmember was appointed to the county or regional body while serving as Mayor**; Priority 2 - Councilmembers; Priority 3 - Members of the public...**The Nominating Committee will consider a recommendation to appoint and/or reappoint a councilmember only when the councilmember has been nominated by the current Mayor of his/her city.**”
(Emphasis added.)

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Bylaws of the Alameda County Mayor's Conference, as the sitting Mayor of Emeryville, I am nominating Councilmember Bauters to continue in his role on the BAAQMD Board of Directors.

Thank you, and the Nominating Committee, for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Courtney Welch
Mayor, Emeryville

cc: Steve Bocian, Executive Director, Alameda County Mayor's Conference
John Bauters, Councilmember, City of Emeryville

Hi Steven,

My term on BAAQMD is coming up in April and I wanted to make sure I had the ability to apply for renewal of my position on the Board. Under state law, the terms for city representatives are two years. Under Alameda County Mayor's Conference rules, there is a maximum of 8 years that a member can serve on a regional board/body. April will be my sixth year on the Board.

As a matter of transparency, I intend to seek reappointment but only through the end of December 2024. I am doing this for several reasons. I do not know if I will be a councilmember in Emeryville after December either by virtue of not seeking or being reelected in the city, or by being elected county supervisor, a race I am currently a candidate in. Additionally, this seat is one of the few at the Air District that is not aligned with the January 1st term date that most other seats on the Board have. This matters because the Board holds its annual retreat at the end of January, and the new chair makes their committee assignments at that time. When I was appointed to this seat in April, I had missed both the retreat and appointment process and was given whatever was leftover by my predecessor when she departed. I would like to help the Conference by aligning the term to January 1, 2025 for a new, two-year term for a successor.

I understand I need to apply and that our current Mayor, Courtney Welch, needs to submit a letter to the Conference endorsing my candidacy under our rules. Please provide the forms and advise on the timeline for doing this so I can complete my service to the Mayor's Conference this year.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Cheers,
John

John J. Bauters
he/him/his
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