



Office of the Mayor

ACTION CALENDAR
May 16, 2017

To: Members of the City Council
 From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín
 Subject: Appointment of John Selawsky to Board of Library Trustees

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution appointing John Selawsky to the Board of Library Trustees for a term ending May 15, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND

Currently there is one vacant seat on the Board of Library Trustees (BOLT). The BOLT is charged under the City Charter to oversee the administration of the public library system. According to the Charter, the City Council has the sole authority to appoint or remove BOLT members.

In preparation for the upcoming vacancy of Winston Burton, the BOLT held an open application process and received 10 applications. The City Council has already appointed two of the applicants, former Rent Board Commissioner Judy Hunt and Diane Davenport, to fill two vacant seats on the BOLT. In recognition of the very talented pool, the Council should select someone from the remaining applicants to fill the vacant seat.

John Selawsky, a long-time Berkeley resident, former President of the Berkeley School Board and current Chairperson of the elected Rent Stabilization Board, is exceptionally qualified to serve on the Board of Library Trustees. He is familiar with the day to day operations of a city agency, including budgeting and personnel matters, as well as being accessible to the public. As a library user and supporter of library campaigns, Mr. Selawsky also brings the perspective of a library user and has extensive experience analyzing budgets and crafting public policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No significant effects on the environment

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution
- 2: Application of John Selawsky for appointment to Board of Library Trustees

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

APPOINTING JOHN SELAWSKY TO BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, membership of the Board of Library Trustees is composed of five appointments by the City Council, including one appointment of a current member; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the upcoming vacancy of Winston Burton, the BOLT held an open application process and received 10 applications; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has already appointed two of the applicants, former Rent Board Commissioner Judy Hunt and Diane Davenport, to fill two vacant seats on the BOLT; and

WHEREAS, there remains currently one vacant seat on the Board of Library Trustees and the City Charter gives the City Council the sole authority to appoint or remove BOLT members; and

WHEREAS, out of respect to the open process and in recognition of the very talented pool, the Council desires to select someone from the remaining applicants to fill the vacant seat; and

WHEREAS, John Selawsky is brings unique experience and perspective to the Board and is exceptionally qualified to serve on the Board of Library Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby appoints John Selawsky to the Board of Library Trustees for a term ending May 15, 2019.



Attachment
Not Received

Attachment 2 to this report have not been received from the submitting office.

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