SAN DIEGO COUNTY
REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

SPECIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE
and
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING *

AGENDA
Thursday, January 16, 2020
9:00 A.M.

San Diego International Airport
SDCRAA Administration Building -- Third Floor
Board Room
3225 N. Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

This Agenda contains a brief general description of each item to be considered. If comments are made to the Board without prior notice, or are not listed on the Agenda, no specific answers or responses should be expected at this meeting pursuant to State law.

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PLEASE COMPLETE A "REQUEST TO SPEAK" FORM PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING AND SUBMIT IT TO THE AUTHORITY CLERK. PLEASE REVIEW THE POLICY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS (PUBLIC COMMENT) LOCATED AT THE END OF THE AGENDA.

*NOTE: This Committee Meeting also is noticed as a Special Meeting of the Board (1) to foster communication among Board members in compliance with the Brown Act; and (2) to preserve the advisory function of the Committee.

Board members who are not members of this Committee may attend and participate in Committee discussions. Since sometimes more than a quorum of the Board may be in attendance, to comply with the Brown Act, this Committee meeting also is noticed as a Special Meeting of the Board.

To preserve the proper function of the Committee, only members officially assigned to this Committee are entitled to vote on any item before the Committee. This Committee only has the power to review items and make recommendations to the Board. Accordingly, this Committee cannot, and will not, take any final action that is binding on the Board or the Authority, even if a quorum of the Board is present.
CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Committee Members: Lloyd, Robinson (Chair), Schiavoni, Tartre (Vice Chair), Van Sambeek, West

NEW BUSINESS:

1. INTERVIEW OF PUBLIC MEMBERS TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:
   RECOMMENDATION: Interview applicants and select a primary and alternates to recommend to the Board for appointment to fill a current vacancy on the Audit Committee and select another public member to be appointed to the Audit Committee to commence July 2020. Presented by: Tony R. Russell, Director, Board Services/Authority Clerk

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:
Policy for Public Participation in Board, Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), and Committee Meetings (Public Comment)

1) Persons wishing to address the Board, ALUC, and Committees shall complete a “Request to Speak” form prior to the initiation of the portion of the agenda containing the item to be addressed (e.g., Public Comment and General Items). Failure to complete a form shall not preclude testimony, if permission to address the Board is granted by the Chair.

2) The Public Comment Section at the beginning of the agenda is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board, ALUC, and Committees on any matter for which another opportunity to speak is not provided on the Agenda, and on matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Board.

3) Persons wishing to speak on specific items listed on the agenda will be afforded an opportunity to speak during the presentation of individual items. Persons wishing to speak on specific items should reserve their comments until the specific item is taken up by the Board, ALUC and Committees.

4) If many persons have indicated a desire to address the Board, ALUC and Committees on the same issue, then the Chair may suggest that these persons consolidate their respective testimonies. Testimony by members of the public on any item shall be limited to three (3) minutes per individual speaker and five (5) minutes for applicants, groups and referring jurisdictions.

5) Pursuant to Authority Policy 1.33 (8), recognized groups must register with the Authority Clerk prior to the meeting.

6) After a public hearing or the public comment portion of the meeting has been closed, no person shall address the Board, ALUC, and Committees without first obtaining permission to do so.

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Subject:

Interview of Public Members to fill a Vacancy on the Audit Committee

Recommendation:

Interview applicants and select a primary and alternates to recommend to the Board for appointment to fill a current vacancy on the Audit Committee and select another public member to be appointed to the Audit Committee to commence July 2020.

Background/Justification:

Section 170018 of the Public Utilities Code and Authority Policy 1.50 (5)(c)(ii) describe the Audit Committee, its composition, function, oversight responsibilities, membership and qualifications for public members.

Due to the resignation of Andrew Hollingworth, a Notice of Vacancy on the Audit Committee was posted on October 18, 2019 to fill the vacancy. The recruitment flyer was posted on www.san.org and the official posting board at the Administration Building; published in the Daily Transcript, San Diego Business Journal; emailed to all City Clerks within the County for posting; and emailed to numerous civic, professional and other groups. The deadline to submit applications for the Public Audit Committee Member vacancy was November 8, 2019 and later extended to December 6, 2019.

We received thirteen (13) applications. Two applicants did not meet any of the qualifications. Lee Parravano, Chief Auditor, and I met with Paul Robinson, Chair of the Audit Committee, to assist him with his review of the applications. As a result of his review, the Chair selected seven of the candidates to be interviewed. The next step in the process is for the Audit Committee to interview the applicants. Each applicant is allotted 15 minutes for his/her interview.

During our review of the applications, it was determined that eleven applicants met one or more of the following criteria:

- An architect or civil engineer licensed to practice in the State of California
- A professional with experience in the field of real estate or land economics
- A person with experience in managing construction of large-scale public works projects
- A person who resides within the airport influence area of the San Diego International Airport
- A person with experience in environmental justice as it pertains to land use
The qualifications of the current public Audit Committee members are 1) A professional with experience in the field of public finance and budgeting (Committee Member Don Tartre); and 2) A person with public or private sector executive level decision making experience (Committee Member Jack Van Sambeek). Committee Member Don Tartre’s term is due to expire in June 2020 and he is not eligible to be appointed to another term, per Authority Policy 1.50.

The Audit Committee is requested to interview applicants and select a primary and alternates to recommend for appointment to fill the current vacancy on the Audit committee left by Andrew Hollingworth and select another public member to be appointed to the Audit Committee for a three year term, to commence July 2020, to replace Don Tartre once his term expires. The applications are attached as Attachment A.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Authority Strategies/Focus Areas:

This item supports one or more of the following (select at least one under each area):

**Strategies**

- Community Strategy
- Customer Strategy
- Employee Strategy
- Financial Strategy
- Operations Strategy

**Focus Areas**

- Advance the Airport Development Plan
- Transform the Customer Journey
- Optimize Ongoing Business

Environmental Review:

A. CEQA: This Board action is not a project that would have a significant effect on the environment as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), as amended. 14 Cal. Code Regs. §15378. This Board action is not a “project” subject to CEQA. Cal. Pub. Res. Code §21065.


Application of Inclusionary Policies:

Not applicable

Prepared by:

TONY R. RUSSELL
DIRECTOR, BOARD SERVICES/AUTHORITY CLERK
 SAN DIEGO COUNTY
 REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE: AUDIT COMMITTEE
EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: DECEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

Name: Nicole DeBerg                           Home Phone: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]                          City: San Diego                      Zip: 92130
Occupation: Chief Financial Officer
Employer: Ronald McDonald House Charities     Work Phone: [Redacted]

Educational Background/Qualifications: CFO of San Diego Housing Commission constructing large scale public work projects (low-income housing), Audit Committee Member of Community Housing Works financing and constructing large scale public works, CFO of McKinney Capital constructing and managing construction, brokerage and investment, member of several other non-profit audit committees or boards

Licenses or Special Certificates held: CPA License

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community, service): Rotary (applicant), CPA, USPA

Briefly state why you wish to serve on a committee or commission and why you believe you are qualified for the position. (Please be specific and limit your response to 1000 words. Use additional paper if necessary). (Use additional paper if necessary).

I believe that my construction financing and management and audit committee background would be a great fit for this committee. Further, as a Chief Financial Officer for multiple organizations, I am in charge of audits and I am a financial statement expert.

References:
1) Rick Gentry [Redacted]
   Name and Telephone Number
2) Chuck Day [Redacted]
   Name and Telephone Number
3) Edna Koo [Redacted]
   Name and Telephone Number

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE: AUDIT COMMITTEE

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: DECEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

Name: Ginger Hitzke
Home Phone: (cell) [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted] City: Temecula Zip: 92592
Occupation: President
Employer: Hitzke Development Corporation Work Phone: [Redacted]

Educational Background/Qualifications: 20+ years experience in multifamily real estate development including securing land use approvals, obtaining institutional financing / equity, and public / private partnerships. 10+ years volunteering for various non-profit organizations on finance, audit and fundraising committees as well as boards of directors. 10+ years company ownership / employer in San Diego region.

Licenses or Special Certificates held: no licenses. Certificate from CSUSM / Leadership North County (2013)

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community, service): incoming Chair of Circulate San Diego. Board member, San Diego Housing Federation.

Briefly state why you wish to serve on a committee or commission and why you believe you are qualified for the position. (Please be specific and limit your response to 1000 words. Use additional paper if necessary). (Use additional paper if necessary).

Please see attachment.

References:
1) Colin Parent, Circulate SD, [Redacted] Name and Telephone Number
2) Mayor Rebecca Jones [Redacted] Name and Telephone Number
3) Nora Verga [Redacted] Name and Telephone Number

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Interest / Qualifications

Interest: As a transit advocate and the incoming Chair of the Circulate San Diego Board, I have become aware of the importance of the Airport Authority’s role in supporting mobility options in San Diego. The opportunity to serve on the Audit Committee would help me further understand the importance of the Airport Authority while also providing me with an opportunity to serve San Diego in a new volunteer capacity.

Professional Qualifications: I am the President, founder and sole shareholder of Hitzke Development Corporation (HDC), based in Lemon Grove. HDC is a real estate development company specializing in the construction and management of affordable, transit-oriented apartments in San Diego and Riverside Counties. I am a first-generation real estate developer with more than two decades of experience developing housing. I have participated in the development of more than 1,500 apartments totaling more than $430,000,000 in real estate activity throughout California – $125,000,000 of which is my personal portfolio. I have extensive experience with public/private partnerships and a variety of funding programs including institutional lending and investing, issuance of tax-exempt bonds, and local, state, and federal funding programs.

All of the residential properties that I own are subject to ongoing regulatory reporting obligations. Eight of the entities (limited partnership and LLCs) that I own have regulatory and partnership obligations to provide annual audited financial statements. I am thoroughly familiar with the audit process.

Volunteer Qualifications: While I reside in Temecula, I am civically active throughout San Diego County. Recent volunteer roles include, but are not limited to:

- **San Diego Housing Federation**: current board member, past President, liaison to Residents United Network (contact: Stephen Russell, Executive Director, [Redacted])
- **Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos**: past board member and past Executive Committee member (includes Audit and Tax committee), member of the Capital Improvements Committee, member of the Auction Committee (contact: Tish Murry, CEO, [Redacted])
- **San Marcos Chamber of Commerce**: current Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee (contact: Rick Rungaltis, CEO, [Redacted])
- **Circulate San Diego**: President-elect, member of the Executive Committee and member of the Development Committee (contact: Colin Parent, Executive Director, [Redacted])
- **Inclusive Action for the City (IAC) (Los Angeles)**: past Treasurer and past-President, member of Audit, Finance and Real Estate Committees (contact Rudy Espinoza, Executive Director, [Redacted])
C. VANN
SAN DIEGO COUNTY
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE: AUDIT COMMITTEE
EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: DECEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

Name: Carmen D. Vann
Address: [Redacted] City: San Diego
Occupation: Construction Executive
Employer: BNBuilders

Home Phone: [Redacted] Zip: 92104
Work Phone: [Redacted]

Educational Background/Qualifications: See attached

Licenses or Special Certificates held: LEED AP BD+C

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community, service): See attached

Briefly state why you wish to serve on a committee or commission and why you believe you are qualified for the position. (Please be specific and limit your response to 1000 words. Use additional paper if necessary). (Use additional paper if necessary).

See attached

References:
1) Mike Archibald [Redacted]
   Name and Telephone Number
2) Jamie Awford [Redacted]
   Name and Telephone Number
3) [Redacted]
   Name and Telephone Number

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11/20/19

Applicant: **Carmen D. Vann**

San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Application for appointment to the **Audit Committee**

**Educational Background/Qualifications:**

B.S. Construction Management, North Carolina A&T State University, 1997

I've led construction efforts on large complex projects including the $185M San Diego New Main Library and led preconstruction efforts on the $13.5M New San Ysidro Branch Library. I've also led teams in management of $125M of K-12 construction within the San Diego Unified School District, $100M of K-12 construction within the Grossmont Unified School District and $80M of K-12 construction within the Sweetwater Union High School District. I've additionally led construction efforts on the new downtown Sempra Headquarters and the $240M Park 12 mixed use project (previously known as Ballpark Village) among others here in San Diego. I am versed in phase planning, value engineering, constructability analysis, construction planning and construction budgeting and management as well as field construction management.

**Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community, service):**

Girls Scouts of San Diego, Board of Directors
San Diego Architectural Foundation, Board of Directors
SAN Arts Advisory Committee

**Briefly state why you wish to serve on a committee or commission and why you believe you are qualified to the position:**

Community service is something that I find of personal importance. Prior to my involvement in the above listed organizations, I also served on the North Park Community Association and the Balboa Park Conservancy. Both organizations focused on the improvement of both local communities and the experiences within those communities. I believe that the airport touches all our communities but is a community in and of itself. The airport is obviously a community of travelers and tourism, but I don't believe that its community is at all limited to those areas. The airport touches on connected character, programming and culture as it relates to San Diego and it requires good governance in order to be the strong community connector that we need. I wish to serve on this committee primarily because I believe that my involvement will help to support and oversee the airports continued good governance and will allow me to continue to serve my San Diego community.

I feel that my qualifications begin with the fact that I am a person of the utmost integrity. Because of that I will take this on this roll with a great sense of responsibility and humility. Additionally, I value the trust placed in me to perform any and all responsibilities. Over my career, I've personally managed construction budgets in the hundreds of millions of dollars for both public and private clients and have done so ethically with transparency. For me, there is never a decision worth compromising my personal integrity. I lead and manage others to do the same and will provide oversight from that perspective. My experience in the public sector has also provided a heightened awareness of compliance with regulatory requirements and simplistic openness, always being mindful of the public, their purview and their interests. Gleaming from these experiences, my efforts on the audit committee will be executed with the same level of ethical ethos.
C. LEE
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE: AUDIT COMMITTEE

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: DECEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

Name: Carol Lee
Address: [Redacted] City: San Diego Zip: 92103-5334
Occupation: Chief Financial Officer
Employer: Stage 4 Enterprises, Inc.


In each position following my service with Deloitte I oversaw and participated in the completion of successful audits of my companies by top tier accounting firms (Deloitte & Touche, Grant Thornton & Arthur Anderson)

Licenses or Special Certificates held: Certified Public Account license CPA [Redacted] (active status)

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community, service): AICPA

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I am a native of San Diego (born at Balboa naval hospital) and love this city. I welcome an opportunity to use my unique skill set to the benefit of the city and the area in which I live. My current position is not full-time so I have the time to lend my expertise on the Audit Committee.

References:
1) Serge Decina, [Redacted]
Name and Telephone Number
2) Brett Beightol, [Redacted]
Name and Telephone Number
3) Dave Newman, [Redacted]
Name and Telephone Number

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Signature: Carol Lee
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Date: December 4, 2019
D. MCALLISTER
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE: AUDIT COMMITTEE
EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: DECEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

(Please type or print in ink.)

Name: Dan McAllister Home Phone: n/a
Address: 1600 Pacific Hwy, Rm 112 City: San Diego Zip: 92101
Occupation: San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Employer: San Diego County Work Phone: 619-531-5231

Educational Background/Qualifications: BA, California State University, Fresno
Master's Degree, Business Administration, USIU

Licenses or Special Certificates held: Executive Education Program in Portfolio
Concepts & Management, Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School
Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community, service): See Attached

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References:
1) Cindy Marten, SDUSD Superintendent, Name and Telephone Number
3) David Wessner, Executive Director, SDCERA, Name and Telephone Number

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Affiliations
Habitat for Humanity, Board Member
Jackie Robinson YMCA, Board Member
San Diego Community College PROMISE Committee
National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), volunteer
New Americans Museum, Board Member
Reach Out and Read San Diego, Community Engagement Committee
San Diego Convention Center, Emeritus Board Member
San Diego Unified School District Audit Committee, Chair
California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors, Member
State Association of County Retirement Systems, President
CalTRUST, Board Member
San Diego County Employees Retirement Association (SDCERA), Trustee
San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corp., Board Member

Qualifications and Motivations
After having served for 16 years as chair of the San Diego Unified School District’s Audit Committee and the chair of San Diego County Employees Retirement Association’s audit committee, as well as my current job as Treasurer-Tax Collector serving the greater San Diego area for the past 18 years, I think I’m well positioned to know the needs and responsibilities of an audit committee and the work that needs to be done. Moreover, my office generates its own audit report every year that takes a look at the accounting of the $6.4 billion in tax revenues that are generated by San Diego County and the $11.4 billion in investment pool revenues. This pool includes managing the funds of the Airport Authority.

I also serve as the president of the State Association of County Retirement Systems, an organization designed to provide information and educational conferences for trustees and auditors of public pension funds of California.

For the past 15 years my office has sponsored four day-long symposiums that are designed to better educate public employees for best practices in Cash Handling, Fraud Prevention & Ethics, Municipal Debt, Investment & Finance.

As a second generation San Diegan, I am motivated by service to others. Serving on the Audit Committee of the Airport Authority is a way that I can contribute for the greater good of our region.
A. NICKERSON
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE: AUDIT COMMITTEE

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: DECEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

Name: Agnes Wong Nichols

Address: [Redacted], City: San Diego    Zip: CA 92104

Occupation: Interim Vice President for Business & Financial Affairs and CFO

Employer: San Diego State University

(Please type or print in ink.)

Educational Background/Qualifications:

BA, Chinese University of Hong Kong
MBA, University of San Francisco
Attended Master of Liberal Studies at Duke University

Licenses or Special Certificates held: CPA

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community, service)

Member of AICPA &
California CPA Society
Board member - San Diego Chinese American Assoc.
Board member - San Diego State Research Foundation, Board member - Aztecs

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See attached

References:

1) Nancy Hayes [Redacted] Name and Telephone Number
2) Tom McCarron [Redacted] Name and Telephone Number
3) Ted Koester [Redacted] Name and Telephone Number

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Briefly state why you wish to serve on a committee or commission and why you believe you are qualified for the position.

I have lived in San Diego for more than five years and I have always been happy with the ease and efficiency of travelling in and out of San Diego Airport. Having said that, I have also been to many other airports in the world and have had the opportunities to experience different amenities and service levels as well as to see the economic impacts an airport could have on a city. For example, I am from Hong Kong originally and the relocation of its airport is a good case study.

My professional training is in accounting and finance and have deep audit experience with two of the Big Four accounting firms, in private industries and public sectors. I am a CPA and have a MBA in Finance. Currently I have the honor to serve as the interim Vice President and CFO at San Diego State University (SDSU). Real estate development, management of construction of public work, audits and planning are part of my portfolio. For example, in the last 5 years, I have worked on over $500 million of capital projects at SDSU including P3 projects. I am also involved with the Mission Valley campus expansion project which is transformational and will have significant economic impacts to the region in decades to come.

I am a resident in the south side of North Park which is within the airport influence area. I often see, and occasionally hear planes landing and taking off. I am cognizant of the impacts the airport has on neighbors’ daily lives.

Last but not the least, visitors’ first impression of a city very often comes from their experience at the airport. I would love to be involved with San Diego Airport Authority to explore ways to increase customer service, efficiency and economic impacts of the airport. I love San Diego and am very proud of calling San Diego home. It will be a privilege to serve on this committee and to serve the city and county of San Diego.

Thank you for your consideration.
A. SIDHU
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE: AUDIT COMMITTEE

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL: DECEMBER 6, 2019 AT 5:00 P.M.

Name: Avneet Sidhu
Address: [Redacted] City: Carlsbad
Occupation: Attorney/ Lecturer
Employer: Self/ San Diego State University

Home Phone: [Redacted] Work Phone: [Redacted]
Zip: 92009

Educational Background/Qualifications: Please see attached.

Licenses or Special Certificates held: Please see attached.

Organizations to which you belong (professional, technical, community, service): Please see attached.

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Avneet Sidhu’s Application for Appointment to the Airport Authority Audit Committee

Educational Background/Qualifications: I have a law degree and a Master of Arts in Experimental Legal Psychology. I currently practice law in the areas of real estate, land use and development, environmental compliance, and general corporate counsel. As a Lecturer in the Department of Finance, Fowler College of Business at San Diego State University, I teach the Legal Environment of Business, a required course for undergraduate students applying to major in business.

Licenses or Special Certificates held: I am licensed to practice law in California and am a California licensed real estate broker. I am also a non-practicing member of the Law Society of British Columbia, Canada.

Organizations to which I belong (professional, technical, community, service): I am Chair of the Environmental and Land Use Section of the San Diego County Bar Association, a member of its Real Property, Government and Business Law Sections, and am a member of the Environmental and Public Law Sections of the California Lawyer’s Association.

I am serving my second year as Secretary of the Board of the South Asian Bar Association of San Diego. In addition, I have served on the San Diego Board of the Association of Environmental Professionals Awards Committee for the last two years with the assigned task of engaging jurors, organizing and distributing submissions, and compiling results.

Why I wish to serve on the committee and why I believe I am qualified for the position: I’m interested in serving on the audit committee to contribute my experience to a regional entity. As an attorney, when I’m advising on a land use and development project, I’m typically part of a project team with subject matter experts (e.g., engineers, biologists, financial analysts, etc.), and whether I am acting on behalf of the private applicant or the public approving agency, my role on the team is to review compliance with legal requirements but also to ensure that the project and documents are complete and thorough, readable by the public and the decision-makers.

I believe I am qualified to serve because of my unique experience and familiarity with real property, land use, development and environmental review, and public policy and procedure requirements. I have practiced law for the last 15 years, advising both private and public clients regarding large properties and projects on all aspects of real property transactions, land use entitlement and development and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). My real estate practice includes negotiating and drafting purchase and sale agreements, option agreements and leases, reviewing title exemptions, drafting easements, shared use agreements and covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs). My land use and development practice include reviewing and drafting ordinances, general and specific plans, entitlement applications for permits, variances and subdivision.

As Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Marcos and Lemon Grove, I provide legal counsel for each city’s Planning Commission. I attend and preside over the hearings, advising the Commissions on policy and procedures, conflicts of interest and compliance with the Brown Act.

References:

Johanna Schiavoni
Kenneth H. Lounsbury
Ed Scarpelli