Notice of Temporary Meeting Procedures

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

TEMPORARY MEETING PROCEDURES

Until further notice all public meetings for the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission and its Committees will be closed to members of the public and non-essential County staff. This measure is based on the threat of COVID-19 as reflected in the Proclamations of Emergency issued by both the Governor of the State of California and the San Luis Obispo County Emergency Services Director as well as the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Below are instructions on how to view the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission Nominating Committee meeting remotely and how to provide public comment. Additionally, hearing body members and officers may attend the meeting via teleconference and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present.

Agendas Posted in Public Locations
Agendas will still be physically posted outside of the New Government Center entrance at 1055 Monterey Street and outside of the Public Health Building at 2191 Johnson Avenue.

Using the most rapid means of communication available currently, members of the public are encouraged to participate in meetings in the following ways:

How to Observe the Meeting
• To request a zoom invitation, please call the Clerk of the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission following number: 805-781-1563. Please make this request before 11:00 am on the meeting day.
• A viewing room will also be available at the Public Health Building located at 2191 Johnson Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

How to Provide Verbal Public Comment via Telephone (Voicemail Only)
1. Call the Clerk of the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission following number: 805-781-1563
2. State and spell your name, provide the hearing date and agenda item you are calling about.
3. Leave your comment.
Please Note: Verbal comments are limited to 3 minutes including stating your name. Please limit your comment to one (1) agenda item per message. If you would like to comment on multiple agenda items, you are requested to leave a separate message for each item. Deadline: Verbal comments (voicemails) must be received by the Clerk no later than 4:00 PM the day before the noticed meeting. Every effort will be made to play your comment aloud at the meeting. However, some comments may not be included due to the time limitations or technical issues. All comments will be entered into the administrative record and provided to each hearing body member or officer.

How to Provide Public Comment via Email or Mail
Please email or mail your comment to Michael J. Coughlin, Clerk of the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission. Please include the term “Public Comment” in the title of your email/letter and provide the hearing date and agenda item you are commenting about. Written Comment received by email or U.S. Mail will be placed into the administrative record and forwarded to each hearing body officer or member. Deadline: Public comments can be submitted and taken into the administrative record any time via email or U.S. Mail up until the close of the hearing for that item. For written comments to be more effective, we encourage you to submit written comments at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, which will provide the hearing body members or officer a better opportunity to review the correspondence.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission Nominating Committee will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 1:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the special meeting agenda which is listed below. This Notice is given by order of Jean Raymond, Chairperson of the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission Nominating Committee.

Dated: August 20, 2020

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
HEALTH COMMISSION
NOMINATING COMMITTEE AGENDA
Monday, August 24, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.

How to Observe the Meeting:

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• A viewing room will also be available at the Public Health Building located at 2191 Johnson Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.
• Public Comment Voicemail Line: 805-781-1563

Agenda:

1:00 p.m. 1. Call to Order – Chair, Jean Raymond
1:05 p.m. 2. Public Comment: persons desiring to speak on issues, other than scheduled items, that are within the scope of interest to the Health Commission
1:10 p.m. 3. Review and Recommend Health Commission member application for submittal to the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission
1:40 p.m. 4. Adjournment

Next Meeting: TBD

All persons desiring to speak during public comment or item specific comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Additional information regarding any items listed on today’s agenda can be obtained from the Health Commission Clerk at the Public Health Department located at 2191 Johnson Ave, San Luis Obispo. All times shown in the margin adjacent to the numbered items are estimated and are not to be considered a time guarantee.

The County Health Commission’s monthly agenda and minutes can be accessed at www.slopublichealth.org.

Para personas quienes necesiten un intérprete (en español) para hacer una presentación a la comisión, por favor llame al Teléfono 805-781-5520. Se hará todo lo posible para proveer este servicio.
AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:  3
ITEM: Review and Recommend Health Commission member application for submittal to the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission

ACTION REQUIRED:
It is requested that the Nominating Committee review, make a recommendation, and authorize staff to submit the Health Commissioner application for Thomas O’Malley to the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission for approval.
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH COMMISSION APPLICATION

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH COMMISSION MISSION:

The mission of the County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission shall be to work with, and on behalf of, the residents of the county to preserve and improve the quality of health for all people within the community.

BY-LAWS, ARTICLE III, SECTION 1 - MEMBERSHIP:

a. The voting membership of the Commission should be broadly representative of the social, economic, linguistic, handicapped, and racial populations, geographical areas within the county and be in reasonable proportion to the ethnic origin, gender and age groups in the population of San Luis Obispo County.

b. The voting membership of the Commission shall consist at all times of a majority six (6) of health care consumers who are not direct or indirect providers of health care. The remainder of the Commission voting membership, five (5), two (2) shall be indirect providers and three (3) direct providers who are representative of the health care system in San Luis Obispo County. For the purposes of this Commission, effective July 1, 2000, indirect providers are defined as those individuals who are affiliated with the health care system and who are currently providing support services. These may include, but are not limited to medical office staff, health care administrators, health insurance personnel, health education/trainers, and individuals who are members of governing boards of a health care entity. Direct providers for the purposes of this Commission are defined as those individuals who are providing “hands on” health care services. These may include but not limited to physicians, nurses, lab technologists, pharmacists, dentists, physician assistants, ophthalmologists, podiatrists, mental health therapists, and other health care service providers.

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Home Address ______________________________________________________

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Current □ Past Occupation □ Proprietor

Current □ Past Employer ____________________________ Portola Inn, B&B and event center

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE INCLUDE A SHORT NARRATIVE IN RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Why do you want to serve on the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission?

2. What do you envision contributing during your term on the Commission?

3. What health issues interest or concern you?

4. The expectation is that Commissioners will devote at least 10 hours per month. Will your time schedule permit this commitment?

Please attach a resume, if available. A resume will not substitute for the above-requested information.

Please attach two letters of reference attesting to your knowledge and interest in promoting health care in San Luis Obispo County.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: HEALTH COMMISSION, 2191 JOHNSON AVENUE, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401

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The County of San Luis Obispo Health Commission Bylaws state that “the voting membership of the Commission should be broadly representative of the social, economic, linguistic, handicapped, and racial populations, geographical areas within the county and be in reasonable proportion to the ethnic origin, gender and age groups in the population of San Luis Obispo County.”

Please assist us in meeting this objective by completing the following:

Name  Tom O'Malley

GENDER – Please check one:
1. ☒ Male
2. ☐ Female

AGE GROUP – Please check one:
1. ☐ Under 21
2. ☐ 21 - 45
3. ☐ 46 - 60
4. ☒ 60 or over

HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL INCOME – Please check one:
1. ☐ Less than $15,000
2. ☐ $15,000 - $29,999
3. ☐ $30,000 - $49,999
4. ☒ Over $50,000

ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION – Please check one:
1. ☐ White (non-Hispanic)
2. ☐ Black (non-Hispanic)
3. ☐ Hispanic
4. ☐ Asian / Pacific Islander
5. ☐ American Indian / Alaskan Native
6. ☐ Filipino
7. ☐ Other  [adoption at birth]

DISABILITY – Please check one:
1. ☐ Hearing
2. ☐ Visual
3. ☐ Speech
4. ☐ Physical
5. ☐ Developmental Disability
6. ☐ Other ______________________
7. ☒ None
Why I want to serve on the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission: My B.A. was in Economics (emphasis in Environment and Natural Resources) and M.A. was in Counseling. Beginning in 1976, I had a long career at the County Mental Health Department, as a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and retired as the Administrator. I began serving as an Atascadero Planning Commissioner in 2000 and City Councilperson in 2002. I was impressed with research demonstrating that how Cities were designed, had a significant impact on lowering depression rates and improving physical health measures, resulting in cost reductions in these areas. More recently as Mayor, I have served on many Boards dealing with health-related issues including waste management, air quality and water quality. I was nominated for the 2011 Paul Wolff Accessibility Advocacy Award and am a longtime advocate for ADA accommodations. I like working with a diversity of folks interested in making our County a wonderful place to live, work and play, where all are healthy and safe. I believe I can make a difference in building consensus across all constituents in support of healthier environments and lifestyles.

What I envision contributing during my term on the Commission: I have experience in areas the Commission may have interest in: Appointed by the Governor to a five county Regional Water Quality Control Board, Past Chair of Boards in SLO County including: Council of Governments (SLOCOG), Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) where I advocated for public transportation for low-income folks to have medical services access, Air Pollution Control District Board (APCD), Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) and the Economic Vitality Corporation (EVC). I volunteer with, and was a Board member of ECHO, the North County Homeless Services program. I have also served on several Boards related to substance abuse. I currently serve as Chair of the Atascadero Tourism Business Improvement District Board (A-TBID), representing the Lodging industry. I am President-Elect of Atascadero Kiwanis. This year, Kiwanis raised over $55,000 for Atascadero Loaves & Fishes to provide food to those in need.

I have served on many Boards where building public trust, while resolving controversial issues and consensus building between representatives with wide divergent views, helped to craft solid policy.

I have strong experience in information systems management, fiscal and cost-benefit analysis and relationship building. I have experience in the public and private sectors and work to make sure both are integrated into a community effectively, so that our residents receive needed services through safe and healthy delivery systems. I will work with any willing groups that interface with our health care systems.

What Health issues are of interest or a concern to me: I would like all aspects of our community’s health care system to be accessible, comprehensive, and effective. Of the current organizations that the Commission liaisons with, I am most interested in the Intimate Partner Violence Coalition, the SART Advisory Board, and the Suicide Prevention Council. As a former Therapist and Program Chief of the Forensic Mental Health Program, I worked extensively with sex offenders and victims of abuse. I am also interested in the SLO County Disaster Health Care Coalition, as I have attended FEMA disaster training and been a member of the County and City emergency response teams.

The expectation is that Commissioners will devote at least 10 hours a month.

I have never been on a Board that has taken less than ten hours a month, so this will not be a problem.
July 9, 2020

To: SLO County Health Commission

Subject: Appointment of Thomas O’Malley

I write to recommend, without hesitation, that Tom O’Malley be appointed as a member of the Health Commission. He has proven experience in healthcare service delivery, in financial management, and in public service.

I have known Tom O’Malley since we played in band together at Atascadero High School in the late 1960s.

I was the elected SLO County Auditor-Controller from 1991 through 2012. During those years I had numerous interactions with Mr. O’Malley in his employment with the Sheriff’s Department and the SLO County Health Agency. My staff audited his compliance with complicated state and federal health program regulations. We found that Tom consistently tried to meet these challenges, while at the same time creatively managed critical processes to optimize services and minimize costs. He cared about County staff, budgetary impacts, as well as the people that depend on the County for their health. This record leads me to believe that Mr. O’Malley would add real value to the Health Commission.

After I retired from county service, in 2014 I was elected Treasurer of my hometown City of Atascadero. This is a very part-time position that I hold, but I attend City Council meetings on a semi-regular basis. Mr. O’Malley was the elected Mayor during my first four years. I observed his chairmanship of public meetings and believe this experience also speaks well for his likely performance as a valuable member of the Health Commission. Tom was always respectful of public speakers as well as his Councilmember colleagues. He attempted to develop a consensus decision whenever possible and considered the financial implications of each action the Council took. He also treated City staff with respect, and awareness of the limited resources that the City has available to fund important services.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this input toward your decision.

/s/ Gere W Sibbach, CPA, retired
Treasurer, City of Atascadero
Former Auditor-Controller, SLO County
July 22, 2020

San Luis Obispo County Health Commission

RE: Appointment of Thomas O’Malley to the Health Commission

I am writing to recommend the appointment of Mr. O’Malley to the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission. He would be a valuable member of the Commission because of his vast experience in providing mental health services, and his involvement in many governmental bodies providing leadership to our local communities.

I was the City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager in the City of Atascadero for twenty years, and worked with Mr. O’Malley during his years with the City as Council Member and Mayor. During his years on the City Council, he consistently worked well with everyone, no matter how difficult they were. He was an excellent consensus builder; whether it was Council Members, staff, or community members, he was always respectful and found common ground to assist him in working with them. It was always clear that his goal was to serve the community by making decisions that improved services in Atascadero. During his time with the City, Mr. O’Malley also represented Atascadero by serving on several County-wide Boards, working with other City and County officials on issues facing all communities within San Luis Obispo County.

Being appointed to the San Luis Obispo Health Commission will allow Mr. O’Malley to utilize his vast experiences and assist the Commission with its efforts to preserve and improve the quality of health for all people within the community.

It was an honor to work with Mr. O’Malley in Atascadero, and I know he would be an excellent addition to the Health Commission.

Sincerely,

Marcia McClure Torgerson
Former City Clerk
City of Atascadero
July 17, 2020

Mary Jean Sage, Chairperson,
San Luis Obispo County Health Agency

RE: Appointment of Thomas O’Malley to the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission

I am pleased to recommend Mr. Thomas O’Malley be appointed to the County Health Commission. He has proven leadership and communication skills, strong dedication to public service, and extensive experience working with commissions, councils and the public sector.

I have known Mr. O’Malley (Tom) since he was appointed to serve on the San Luis Council of Governments, Board of Directors in 2006. Before my retirement I served as the Executive Director of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) from 1991 to 2018. SLOCOG is similar to the County Health Commission, in that it is a regional agency serving the County of San Luis Obispo on areawide issues, but with a focus on transportation planning. Similar to the Health Commission, it involves interagency coordination and the programming of federal, state and local transportation funding. It has a twelve-member Board of Directors, which includes the five-member County Board of Supervisors, and an elected representative of each of the seven cities in the County. It also meets once every two months to deliberate on extensive, detailed issues, and at times is host to controversial meeting agendas.

Mr. O’Malley was appointed to the SLOCOG Board, as the Mayor and representative of the City of Atascadero, in 2006, and served until 2019. In this capacity he also served as a member of the Board of Directors of our sister agency the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, which provides regional transit services countywide. Mr. O’Malley served in a leadership capacity for both agencies serving as Vice President, President for two years, serving on both agencies’ Executive Committees for five years, and he served as a SLOCOG representative to the Statewide Association of Regional Councils. He took his responsibilities seriously, was always engaged, professional, and well prepared.

Mr. O’Malley always treated staff, his colleagues and the general public with kindness and respect. Serving on both Boards is challenging. I found Mr. O’Malley consistently met the challenge, looking for consensus to equitably program funding and programs, optimize services, and program and project delivery. He always paid attention to budgetary and financial implications of all decisions. He was able to look beyond his own city and look at the needs of the region. This speaks well as to his likely performance as a member of the Health Commission. I strongly recommend his appointment to the Commission.

Sincerely,

Ronald DeCarli
Former Executive Director of SLOCOG
To: SLO County Health Commission
Subject: Appointment of Thomas O’Malley

It is my pleasure to give my positive reference for Mr. O’Malley for appointment to the San Luis Obispo County Health Commission. I have known Tom nearly all my life. We grew up and attended school together in Atascadero and, for the last 18 years we have worked closely in politics and community service. From 2002 to 2012 I served as the Atascadero Main Street Director when Tom sat on the Atascadero City Council and served as Mayor. From 2012 to 2014 I served on the Paso Robles City Council and Tom and I worked together on inter-city issues. From 2014 to 2018 Tom and I were each the Mayor of our respective cities and collaborated on regional issues.

As the former Director of Marketing and Public Relations and current board member of Twin Cities Community Hospital, I appreciate Tom’s experience in a vocation that centered on mental and emotional health. Tom’s political experience and his career in the field of mental health in San Luis Obispo County give him a unique and accurate perspective on the process of government and how the results of that process affects human lives. Tom’s dedication to community is exceeded only by his respect for personal relationships. He is an intelligent, compassionate, and effective advocate and a tireless worker.

It is my opinion that you could find no finer candidate for this position than my friend, Tom O’Malley.

Sincerely,

Steven W. Martin
Mayor, City of Paso Robles

Steve Martin

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