

# Santa Clara County Open Space Authority

## CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE POSITION DESCRIPTION

### HEALTH OR PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBER

#### **Purpose:**

*The Legislation that created the Open Space Authority requires the Board to establish a Citizens Advisory Committee whose members should be selected based on criteria that provides a broad representation of interests within the OSA's jurisdiction. (California Public Resources Code 35171(a). The Health or Public Safety Member brings experience and perspectives about the relationship between health and wellness and access to open space.*

#### **Qualifications:**

- ✓ The Health and Public Safety Representative should have experience and current knowledge about Health/Wellness or Safety such as:
  - Past or current involvement in the health and/or wellness profession such as public health, non-profit organizations, foundations, schools.
  - Volunteering in the health or wellness field, promoting healthy lifestyles, improving community health and wellness through equitable access to open space, parks, and trails.
  - Interest and awareness about recreational and trail use and planning through non-motorized transportation facilities, transit and safe routes to school
  - Being knowledgeable about current trends in promoting sustainable and healthy communities, and link between health, wellness, nutrition, exercise and the outdoors.
- ✓ A willingness to participate in deliberations and evaluations of proposals regarding OSA land acquisitions, urban open space partnership projects, funding, policies, procedures and other issues.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- ✓ Actively communicate with other health, wellness and safety advocates regarding current issues such as regional health partnerships, sustainable communities planning, and implementation of parks and open space in underserved communities included within the Open Space Authority boundaries.
- ✓ Review the Citizens Advisory Committee Handbook, the Open Space Authority 5-Year Plan, and other agency documentation to become familiar with current issues.
- ✓ Attend CAC training sessions, support Open Space Authority at community volunteer activities scheduled during the year and attend other meetings as needed.
- ✓ Understand that when speaking in public make it clear that the opinions you are expressing are your own unless you are specifically authorized by the Board to represent the Open Space Authority.
- ✓ Regularly participate in CAC Meetings and subcommittee task groups as established by the CAC and the Board.
- ✓ Be alert to issues, problems and needs that are expressed by the health and wellness community, and the general public as related to the goals of the Open Space Authority.