

# Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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## CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE POSITION DESCRIPTION

### AT LARGE 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 Authority's jurisdiction. (California Public Resources Code 35171(a)). The At Large Member brings a perspective from his/her interest areas to the deliberations of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

#### Qualifications:

- The At Large Member shall be able to demonstrate a general knowledge of and involvement in the activities of priority interest areas that support the Board's focus for the CAC. These areas may include, but are not limited to Agriculture, Business, Civic Organizations, Development Community, Parks, Public Health and Safety and/or Trails. The Board may consider additional areas of expertise based on the current and near-term focus of the CAC. The candidate must reside within the Authority district
- A willingness to participate in deliberations and evaluations of proposals regarding acquisitions, funding, policies, procedures and other issues.

#### Responsibilities:

- Read the Citizens' Advisory Committee Handbook, the Open Space Authority 5-Year Plan, and other documentation to become familiar with current issues and their background.
- Attend CAC training sessions, support Open Space Authority at several of the community volunteer activities scheduled during the year and attend other meetings as needed.
- 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 agricultural community, and the general public as related to open space.