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Mayor Gonzales Names Pat Dando Vice Mayor, Makes City Council Committee Assignments

San José ---- San José Mayor Ron Gonzales announced his selection of Councilmember Pat Dando to serve as vice mayor and his changes to the city council committee structure and assignments for the coming year.

Dando, who has represented Council District 10 in San José's Almaden Valley since 1996, succeeds former Vice Mayor George Shirakawa, Jr., who stepped down from the city council last month due to term limits. The council ratified the mayor's recommendations at its regular meeting on January 14.

"With her solid experience as a councilmember and deep knowledge of the community, Pat Dando will be an excellent vice mayor," said Gonzales. "I know I can count on her leadership and support in the coming year as we continue our efforts to strengthen our neighborhoods in San José and meet the serious challenges facing our community."

Gonzales also proposed restructuring the council's standing committees to better reflect the relationship and emphasis of the city's policies and services, as well as councilmember suggestions for committee assignments.

"It is important that our committees continue to serve our efforts to make good public policy while being responsive to changes on the council, in the community, and at city hall," he said. "With this committee structure, we can achieve an effective balance of experience, expertise, and workload for councilmembers in the coming year."

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2003 San José City Council Committee Structure and Assignments

Rules Committee

Chair: Vice Mayor Pat Dando

Vice Chair: Dave Cortese

Members: Cindy Chavez, Forrest Williams, Ken Yeager

Policy areas: Council agenda setting; committee agenda setting; City Auditor work plans, commission appointments.

“Driving a Strong Economy” Committee

Chair: Forrest Williams

Vice Chair: Terry Gregory

Members: Judy Chirco, Chuck Reed

Policy areas: Economic development; Convention and Visitors Bureau; housing and development-related policy issues.

“All Children Achieve” Committee

Chair: Ken Yeager

Vice Chair: Judy Chirco

Members: Pat Dando, Terry Gregory

Policy areas: Education collaborations; youth programs.

“Making Government Work Better” Committee

Chair: Nora Campos.

Vice Chair: Chuck Reed

Member: Dave Cortese, Linda LeZotte.

Policy areas: City and Redevelopment Agency financial stability review; revenue projections; information technology.

“Building Strong Neighborhoods” Committee

Chair: Cindy Chavez

Vice Chair: Ken Yeager

Members: Nora Campos, Judy Chirco

Policy areas: Neighborhood investments and public services.

“Building Better Transportation” Committee

Chair: Dave Cortese

Vice Chair: Linda LeZotte

Members: Cindy Chavez, Pat Dando, Forrest Williams.

Policy areas: Transit and road policies, traffic systems, congestion relief

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority – San Jose Board Representatives

Members: Ron Gonzales, Pat Dando, Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese, Forrest Williams.

Alternate: Ken Yeager.