

Date: January 12, 2011  
To: Fairfax Town Council  
From: Mayor Bragman/Councilmember Reed  
Subject: Authorization for a Letter Recommending Three Candidates for Appointment to the California Public Utilities Commission

Governor Brown will likely appoint two to three new members of the California Public Utilities Commission. A dynamic and innovative energy program may be the most important means to lift California out of its current economic doldrums. The incumbent members have adhered to an agenda that has favored investor owned utilities and given short shrift to consumer advocacy in matters ranging from gas pipeline maintenance, rising energy tariffs, and uncritical approval of PG&E's smart meter program.

There are three candidates for the CPUC who would bring a fresh vision to energy regulation in California. Former State Senator Dean Florez, John Geesman and our own Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan have demonstrated the independence and devotion to the public trust that would turn a new page on the CPUC. Request for authority is hereby made for members Bragman and Reed to draft a letter outlining our council's endorsement of these reformers.

Governor Brown recently appointed Nancy McFadden as Executive Secretary for Legislation, Appointments and Policy in the Office of the Governor. Ms. McFadden comes from Pacific Gas and Electric Co., where she was a senior vice president and the brains behind the PG&E-sponsored Prop. 16. A letter from our council would likely get the attention of the Governor and emphasize that there is popular support for reform at the CPUC.

#### CPUC Commissioner Recommendations:

Sen. Dean Florez (D-Shafter) (termed out in Nov.2010) was very supportive of the central and northern CA campaign against aerial pesticide spraying, holding several hearings in Sacramento. He also held hearings on the problems that Bakersfield and Fresno residents had with smart meters and went to bat for his constituents. He forced CPUC Pres. Peevey to do a study on meters' accuracy and privacy.

John L. Geesman was originally appointed as a Commissioner on the California Energy Commission in 2002, to fill an un-expired term and was reappointed to a full five-year term by Governor Gray Davis on December 31, 2002. He currently fills the Attorney position on the five member Commission where 4 of the 5 members are required to have professional training in specific areas—engineering or physical science, environmental protection, economics and law. Commissioner Geesman serves as Presiding Member of the Energy Commission's Renewables Committee and the Facility Siting Committee, and as Associate Member on the Research, Development and Demonstration Committee, the Electricity Committee, and the Integrated Energy Policy Report Committee.

Commissioner Geesman rejoined the Commission after originally serving as its Executive Director from 1979 to 1983. From 1983 to 2002, he was an investment banker specializing in the debt markets. During this time, he served as Chairman of California Managed Risk Medical

Insurance Board, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the California Power Exchange and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Independent System Operator. In November 2006, he was elected co-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE), having served previously on their Advisory Board.

Commissioner Geesman earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley.

Charles McGlashan serves on the Marin County Board of Supervisors, representing [http://charlesmcglashan.com/dist\\_map.php](http://charlesmcglashan.com/dist_map.php) Strawberry, Sausalito, Mill Valley, Belvedere, Marin City, the Floating Homes, Almonte, Tam Valley and Tiburon. As a public servant, environmental and business consultant, and a lifelong environmentalist, Charles has worked throughout his career to promote sustainability, energy efficiency and renewable power.

On the Board of Supervisors, he has earned a reputation for adopting innovative solutions and working with all parties to ensure Marin County remains a spectacular place to live and work. In addition to his work on sustainability, he has focused on economic vitality, affordable housing, public housing, promoting water conservation, local non-car transportation systems, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, smart community design, zero waste, green building, environmental justice, public health, and habitat protection.

As Supervisor, Charles oversaw the creation of the Muir Woods Shuttle <http://charlesmcglashan.com/issues.php#Transport> during his first month in office. This successful venture has removed approximately 25,000 cars from Marin County roads to date. He worked hard to ensure that Marin County was one of four pilot programs nationwide to participate in the innovative federal bicycle and pedestrian pilot program <http://charlesmcglashan.com/issues.php#Transport> . This program helps get cars off the road by fostering easier access to biking and walking options through the creation and restoration of bike lanes, walking paths and access routes, as well as education programs for effective sharing of our roads. He also helped to broker a compromise to preserve St. Vincent's and Silveira <http://charlesmcglashan.com/issues.php#Enviro> – two of the largest tracts of undeveloped land in the county – from excess development, while ensuring the development of compact, green affordable housing for seniors.

Charles has also been a leading proponent of Marin Clean Energy <http://www.marincleanenergy.info/> , which would create a joint power authority enabling Marin residents and businesses to choose electricity generated from 100 percent renewable sources such as wind and solar. Finally, he helped craft the award-winning Marin Countywide plan <http://charlesmcglashan.com/issues.php#Enviro> which has been recognized for its strong climate protection measures.