



County of Santa Cruz City Selection Committee

Agenda Item Submittal

From: County Executive Office

Subject: California Coastal Commission Nomination

Meeting Date: April 16, 2025

Formal Title: Consider nomination of Supervisor Justin Cummings for an appointment to the California Coastal Commission for a four-year term, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Approve nomination of Supervisor Justin Cummings for an appointment to the California Coastal Commission for a four-year term; and
2. Direct the Secretary of the City Selection Committee to submit the nomination to the Speaker of the Assembly by April 18, 2025.

Background

On March 4, 2025, the County Executive Officer received the attached letter from Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas requesting nominations by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors (Board) and the City Selection Committee (Committee) for an appointment to the California Coastal Commission (Commission). Speaker Rivas invited the Board and Committee to submit nominations within 45 days of the request.

The Commission is responsible for implementing the California Coastal Act and is composed of 15 members, of whom 12 are appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and President of the Senate. There is one designated seat on the Commission representing elected officials from the Counties of Monterey, San Mateo, and Santa Cruz. The Speaker of the Assembly makes the appointment, which can be a member from either a board of supervisors or city council. State law allows the Board and Committee to nominate one or more supervisors and one or mayors or city council members for the appointment.

On March 25, 2025, the Board nominated Supervisor Justin Cummings and Supervisor Manu Koenig for the appointment, and the Chair of the Board submitted these nominations to the Speaker of the Assembly.

The Secretary of the Committee reached out to the Mayors of the Cities of the Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley and Watsonville to solicit nominations and received one nomination. Mayor Fred Keeley of the City of Santa Cruz nominated Supervisor Justin Cummings for consideration by the Committee.

Upon approval of the nomination, the Secretary of the Committee will submit the nomination to the Speaker of the Assembly by April 18, 2025.

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