

1. Consider nomination of Supervisor Justin Cummings for an appointment to the California Coastal Commission for a four-year term



## **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.

### **Submitted By:**

Nicole Coburn, Assistant County Executive Officer

### **Recommended By:**

Nicole Coburn, Assistant County Executive Officer

**Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.



**ROBERT RIVAS**  
SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

March 4, 2025

Felipe Hernández, Chair  
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisor  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Carlos Palacios, County Administrative Officer  
City Selection Committee  
701 Ocean Street, Room 520  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Dear Chairman Hernandez and Administrative Officer Palacios:

This letter is to request nominations by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors and the City Selection Committee for an appointment to the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Section 30301.2 of the Public Resources Code. This provision requires the Assembly Speaker to solicit nominations from your respective board and committee.

Please submit your list of nominees to the address listed below and to the following contact email within 45 days of receipt of this request, as required by statute:

Speaker of the Assembly's Appointments Unit  
Legislative Office Building  
1020 N Street, Room 367  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: Appointments Unit, Dolores Duran-Flores

If you have any questions concerning the nomination or selection process, please contact Dolores Duran-Flores with the Assembly Appointments Unit at (916) 319-3736 or [dolores.duranflores@asm.ca.gov](mailto:dolores.duranflores@asm.ca.gov). You can also contact Natalie Rojas at (916) 319-3627 or [nataie.rojas@asm.ca.gov](mailto:nataie.rojas@asm.ca.gov)

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**Robert Rivas**  
Speaker of the Assembly

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## Danita Gonzales

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**From:** Fred Keeley <fkeeley@santacruzca.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2025 2:20 PM  
**To:** Nicole Coburn  
**Cc:** Danita Gonzales; Matt Huffaker; Bonnie Bush; Justin Cummings  
**Subject:** RE: California Coastal Commission Appointment

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Nicole,

Thank you.

The City of Santa Cruz will nominate Supervisor Justin Cummings.

Fred Keeley, Mayor  
City of Santa Cruz

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**From:** Nicole Coburn <Nicole.Coburn@santacruzcountyca.gov>  
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This is a friendly reminder that City nominations for the California Coastal Commission are due to us by Friday, April 4, 2025. Feel free to send us your nomination(s) ahead of this deadline.

The City Selection Committee will hold a special meeting to consider nominations on Wednesday, April 16th at 10 am at the Capitola City Council Chambers. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Nicole

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**From:** Nicole Coburn  
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