TO:     HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM:   CITY MANAGER     DEPARTMENT:  CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

DATE:   APRIL 9, 2007     CMR: 176:07

SUBJECT:  APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY STANDBY COUNCIL MEMBERS

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council approve the selection of the 2007 Emergency Standby Council as follows:

- Jim Burch
- Hillary Freeman
- Victor Ojakian
- Gary Fazzino
- Lanie Wheeler
- Emily Renzel
- Dick Rosenbaum

BACKGROUND
The Charter of the City of Palo Alto provides that “the Council may by ordinance or resolution, provide for the preservation and continuation of government in the event of disaster which renders unavailable a majority of the Council.” On August 7, 2006, the City Council adopted amendments to Section 2.12.090 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code regarding the selection procedure for the City’s Emergency Standby Council. The adopted policy states that the Council shall consider the following criteria for appointments to the Emergency Standby Council: residency in the City of Palo Alto, availability, interest in serving and a lack of conflicts of interest.

DISCUSSION
On February 13, 2006, the Council approved the selection of the 2006 Emergency Standby Council. One member has chosen not to serve in this capacity again this year. Following the adopted policy for appointment, staff recommends the addition of Dick Rosenbaum to the 2007 Standby Council. This will ensure that the Emergency Standby Council membership remains at seven members.
**RESOURCE IMPACT**
There are no resource impacts associated with this recommendation. Funding for training of the Emergency Standby Council is incorporated in the Office of Emergency Services’ budget.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**
The selection of the Emergency Standby Council is consistent with existing City policies.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**
This is not a project requiring environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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