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Board votes 'yes' on Great Park deputy CEO

Michael D. Ellzey will oversee projects at Great Park.

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The Great Park Corp. board voted 7-1 to hire Michael D. Ellzey to the newly created position of deputy chief executive officer for the Great Park Corp.

Board member Steven Choi voted against the appointment.

Ellzey will assist interim CEO Sharon Landers in overseeing projects, including the in-depth studies of the first [14 programs](#).

The City Council created the position Tuesday with a [3-2 vote](#). Council members, and board members, Steven Choi and Christina Shea voted against the position.

Shea did not attend the Great Park meeting Thursday.

The Great Park Corp. already has one deputy CEO, Colleen Clark, who also oversees financial matters.

Ellzey accepted the position at City Hall with his wife Melanie. Ellzey has worked as executive director of the San Jose Arena, chaired the San Jose Downtown Parking Authority, and was CEO for the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority, Agran said.

Recently he was the associate director for the resource management agency of Tulare county, said Great Park Corp. Chairman Larry Agran.

He was one of the five finalists in the Great Park [CEO search](#), led by The Mills Group.

Agran said Ellzey has experience in politically sensitive bureaus, has a law degree from Lincoln University and bachelor's from San Jose State University in political science. He also is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp., Agran said.

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