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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

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Meeting ID: 362 027 238  Phone:1(669)900-6833

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IN PERSON PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT:

- Provide Proof of Vaccination or negative COVID-19 test (taken within 48 hours) and a photo ID
- Wear a mask at all times
- Maintain social distancing
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TIME ESTIMATES

Time estimates are provided as part of the Council’s effort to manage its time at Council meetings. Listed times are estimates only and are subject to change at any time, including while the meeting is in progress. The Council reserves the right to use more or less time on any item, to change the order of items and/or to continue items to another meeting. Particular items may be heard before or after the time estimated on the agenda. This may occur in order to best manage the time at a meeting or to adapt to the participation of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments will be accepted both in person and via Zoom meeting. All requests to speak will be taken until 5 minutes after the staff’s presentation. Written public comments can be submitted in advance to city.council@cityofpaloalto.org and will be provided to the Council and available for inspection on the City’s website. Please clearly indicate which agenda item you are referencing in your email subject line.

HEARINGS REQUIRED BY LAW

Applicants and/or appellants may have up to ten minutes at the outset of the public discussion to make their remarks and up to three minutes for concluding remarks after other members of the public have spoken.
CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT
Members of the public may speak to any item NOT on the agenda. Council reserves the right to limit the duration of Oral Communications period to 30 minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Board and Commission Interviews for the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning & Transportation Commission

INFORMATION REPORTS
Information reports are provided for informational purposes only to the Council and the public but are not listed for action during this meeting’s agenda.

OTHER INFORMATION
Standing Committee Meetings

Finance Committee Meeting November 30, 2021
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   B. You may be asked to enter an email address and name. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
   C. When you wish to speak on an Agenda Item, click on “raise hand.” The Clerk will activate and unmute speakers in turn. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
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   [CLICK HERE TO JOIN] Meeting ID: 362 027 238   Phone:1(669)900-6833
Meeting Date: 11/22/2021

Title: Board and Commission Interviews for the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning & Transportation Commission

From: Lesley Milton, City Clerk

Recommendation

Conduct interviews with applicants for scheduled vacancies on the Architectural Review Board, the Historic Resources Board, Planning and Transportation Commission.

Discussion

The Fall 2021 Boards and Commission recruitment effort invited applications September 16, 2021 through October 26, 2021 through the new online application process and an expansive public outreach campaign. A total of 36 qualified applications were received during the extended recruitment period. Open positions include the following:

- Two (2) positions on the Planning and Transportation Commission, with terms ending December 15, 2025.
- Three (3) positions on the Architectural Review Board, with terms ending 2024.
- One (1) unexpired position on the Historic Resources Board, with a term ending December 15, 2022.
- Four (4) positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission, with three terms ending December 15, 2024 and one unexpired term ending December 15, 2022.

At the November 8, 2021 City Council meeting the Council elected to interview all qualified applicants received during the Fall recruitment effort. Interviews of the selected candidates will be held over the course of two Special City Council meetings:

November 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM
- Planning and Transportation Commission Applicants
- Architectural Review Board Applicants
- Historic Resources Board Applicants
November 22nd, 2021 at 5:00 PM

- Parks and Recreation Applicants

Appointments are anticipated to be presented for approval at the December 13, 2021 Meeting.

Schedule of Interviews for November 22, 2021

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* Orange is tentative schedule  
* BOLD indicates they have applied for more than one position.

Membership Requirements

Each Board or Commission has different requirements for appointment such as mandatory residency, specialized training, or professional service in a specified area. For each of the Board or Commission with current vacancies, the requirements are listed below as well as the applicants for each.
Planning and Transportation Commission: Two positions
Terms ending December 14, 2025
- Palo Alto Residency (PAMC 2.20.010)

Architectural Review Board: Three positions
Terms ending December 15, 2024
- At least three members must be architects, landscape architects, building designers or other design professionals. (Two positions fulfilled, one vacant)
- No Palo Alto residency requirement (PAMC 2.21.010)

Historic Resources Board: One position (unexpired) terms ending December 15, 2022
- Demonstrated interest in and knowledge of history, architecture or historic preservation.
- One member shall be an owner/occupant of a category 1 or 2 historic structure, or of a structure in a historic district; (Fulfilled)
- Three members shall be architects, landscape architects, building designers or other design professionals (Fulfilled)
- At least one member shall possess academic education or practical experience in history or a related field. (Fulfilled)
(PAMC 2.27.010)

Parks and Recreation Commission: Three positions
Terms ending December 15, 2024 and one unexpired term ending December 15, 2022
- Each member of the commission shall have a demonstrated interest in parks, open space and recreation matters.
- Palo Alto Residency (PAMC 2.25.010)

Public Outreach

The Fall 2021 Boards and Commission recruitment invited applications September 16, 2021 through October 26, 2021 through the new online application process. Palo Alto Municipal Code 2.16.060 requires public notification regarding vacancies of the Commissions as follows, “The City Clerk shall exercise their discretion in choosing the method of advertisement that will most effectively reach potential candidates.” Based on the September 14, 2021 Policy & Services Committee meeting report (available here) regarding Board and Commission Member demographics and community representation the City Clerk’s office expanded recruitment efforts through additional means to “most effectively reach potential candidates”.

This recruitment was advertised through various methods including paid
print advisements in The Palo Alto Weekly and the Daily Post; via the City’s website and social media channels; in physical locations of the Palo Alto Libraries and Community Centers; and distributed by e-mail and through established distribution lists to community based organizations, individuals and City subscription based notification lists.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment1.a: PRC Applicants (PDF)
- Attachment1.b: PTC Applicant (1) (PDF)
Parks and Recreation Commission
Application

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Do you/your spouse have an investment in, or do you or your spouse serve as an officer or director of, a company doing business in Palo Alto which you believe is likely to:
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3. Be affected by decisions of this Board or Commission?

Excluding your principal residence, do you or your spouse own real property in Palo Alto?

No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission?

- Community Group
- Email from the City
- Palo Alto Weekly
- Daily Post
- City Website
- Flyer
- Other

Community Group

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Alternate Contact Information

Personal and Job Experience
Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration.
(621 characters max)

B.A Journalism; Publisher; Horse Breeder; UC Master Gardener; Living Classroom Docent; Active Member of the Palo Alto Garden Club; Garden Liaison of the Rinconada Community Garden since 2016. Fluent in Portuguese, English, Spanish and French.

Employment Information
Company/Employer Name

Horse Magazine (Brazil)

Occupation

Garden Liaison and UC Master Gardener

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Last Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.
(1311 characters max)

Garden Liaison of the Rinconada Community Garden since 2016; Living Classroom docent since 2015; Active member of the Garden Club of Palo Alto since 2017; UC Master Gardener since 2019 and volunteer at Gamble Garden and Canopy.

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?
(1449 characters max)

I have 6 years of experience working with the community gardens in Palo Alto. This is the area that I am familiar with and love with all my heart. I'm also interested in helping out with the youth programs, park maintenance, planting trees, building more native gardens and homeless people.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.
(1449 characters max)

I was hearing the meeting (09/22) and they were discussing about renovating the skate park. I think this is a very positive project and need attention. I loved to hear the kids speaking about their experience on skate boarding. Such a gem! Loved it.

Also on the same meeting they were talking about the possibility of creating a community garden at Cameron Park. That is another interest of mine where I could help.

Archived video meetings are available from the Midpen Media Center.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?

I think if the City decide to renew the skate park or build a new community garden, I would like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission helping to design a sustainable and ecologically...
4. Parks and Recreation Commission
   Members work with the documents listed below. If you have experience with any of
   these documents, please describe that experience. Experience with these
   documents is not required for selection.
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   Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, &
   Recreation Master Plan (2017)
   Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan
   (2017): Community Services and Facilities
   Element & Natural Environment Element
   Baylands Master Plan (2008)
   Park Dedication Ordinance (Municipal
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   Bicycle - Pedestrian Transportation Plan
   (2012)
   Youth Master Plan (2003)
   Cubberley Community Advisory Committee
   Report (2013)
   Concordia Master Plan (2019)

If you’d like to provide any additional
documents, please upload below.

Please confirm that you have read the
Boards and Commissions Handbook.
Yes
View the Boards and Commissions
Handbook.

Signature
Annie Carl

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**Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?**  
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No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission?  
Email from the City

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| Application Questions | I am interested in continuing to develop a community marketing/fundraising plan to help fund CIP plans where needed, and to investigate recreation opportunities in both programs and facilities like a city gym, the First Tee Golf addition and the skate park.
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<td>I have experience raising funds and am convinced that our community has the capacity to fund projects at this time when the city is experiencing a budget crisis and lacks staff resources. I have knowledge and experience with many sports and understand the value of healthy lifestyles and fitness opportunities for our community.</td>
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| 2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it. | 1. It was important to me to open Foothill Park to all in our region. Now I am interested in ensuring the Future of Foothill Nature Preserve, with a potential expanded docent program in partnership with community colleges and |

| (621 characters max) | (1311 characters max) |

Anne Warner Cribbs Page 3
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3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?

Maximizing a culture of partnership between the City staff, the council and the community to achieve Recreation and Park goals—new programs to reflect changing populations, additional park land and facilities.

Shortening the time necessary for the commission and community to achieve goals.

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Members work with the documents listed below. If you have experience with any of these documents, please describe that experience. Experience with these documents is not required for selection.

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Signature

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10/16/2021
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**Education:**
- B.S. in biology from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo,
- 1 yr. limnology program, University of Uppsala, Sweden
- M.S. in Environmental Engineering and Science, Stanford

**Experience:**
- 6 years with the US Environmental Protection Agency
- 6 years with two consulting companies (Uribe and EOA,)
- 3 years with the City of Palo Alto (RWQCP),
- 3 years teaching environmental education at Hidden Villa,
- 3 years developing and managing volunteer programs for the Stevens and Permanente Creek Watershed Council.
- 15 years involving the community in stewarding local ecosystems with Grassroots Ecology

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I am an alumna of the Leadership Midpeninsula class of 2000. I have been on the Fish and Game Commissions for both Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties and was appointed to Palo Alto’s Storm Water Blue Ribbon Committee, helping develop recommendations for new fees to manage storm water. For many years, I contributed to the schools my children attended in Palo Alto. For example, as a parent at Ohlone Elementary School, in the late 90s, I applied for and received funding to install a native plant garden to provide...
Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why? (1449 characters max)

I am particularly interested in restoring nature in our parks and using our parkland to better manage storm water resources. I am also interested in making parks accessible to all and providing for human needs such as restrooms. My grown kids were involved in sports as children, so I am familiar with issues like turf management of soccer fields. As a resident of the Ventura neighborhood and have attended many meetings and given input on the Master Plan for Boulware Park.

For 3 years, I worked part time for the RWQCP in Palo Alto. One responsibility was monitoring for impacts from the diversion of wastewater to the Emily Renzel Marsh. I managed volunteer birders and Paly students monitoring plant and animal life and the quality of Matadero Creek water and sediments. In my current position, I manage volunteers to restore vegetation, install and maintain storm water features in parks and open space preserves.

I have been the primary instructor for 5 annual California Naturalist Program class, certifying over 100 California Naturalists. For 3 years, we enjoyed the use of the Baylands Interpretive Center for the evening classes. Field trips were to the Baylands, Arastradero, Foothills and other local preserves. Towle Camp at Foothills Park is a wonderful resource we used for overnight trips. In spring of 2019, I was awakened predawn by a serenade of great horned owls in the trees directly over my head.

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Opening Foothills Park to non-residents is something that I have hoped to see happen since I moved to the area. I strongly believe that public lands should be shared with the public and not just residents of a single city. I have enjoyed so many other city parks and preserves despite not living in those communities. I do believe in setting limits to the number of visitors and regulating the use of the land. I understand it was challenging with a law suit forcing the city’s hand and realize...
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I would like to see an increased focus on managing the vegetation in parks to support wildlife. I have partnered with Juanita Salisbury on establishing pollinator corridors and would like to see more park land devoted to these. I also would like to see progress in our parks made toward the San Francisco Estuary Institute’s goal of “re-oaking Silicon Valley.” Both of these goals could be realized by overtime by maximizing the use of native plants when there is the need to revegetate due to plant death or damage. The goals could be realized more quickly through raising funds to focus on these types of projects.

I would also like to see more rain gardens and other rain catchment projects in our parks to help meet the goals of “slowing, spreading and sinking” rain into aquifers. There are many opportunities when adding or modifying landscapes in the city to change stormwater flow patterns to allow runoff to irrigate plants and soak into the ground raising the groundwater table supporting tree health especially in drought years.

Other projects I would like to support include adding more bathrooms to parks. I also am a bicycle rider (both road and mountain bike) and am interested in forwarding a goal of more bike parking and paths in Palo Alto.

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Over the years I have lived in Palo Alto, I have commented on draft revisions to the Comprehensive plan, The Baylands Master Plan, and two related plans not mentioned: the Urban Forest Master Plan and the Foothills Fire Management plan. I have not review...
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Yes

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**Personal and Job Experience**

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. (621 characters max)

I have over 30 years in technology and project management. I have held senior management positions as Chief Information Officer and Director of Technology at several prominent law firms in the Bay Area and Southern California. I am also a retired member of the U.S. Navy, having served twenty years.

I have an MBA and am a Senior Lecturer at Notre Dame da Namur University (NDNU), located in Belmont, CA. I teach both online and in-person classes in the School of Business & Management.

Boards: University Club of Palo Alto and member of the Fitness committee. Member of the Project Management Association (PMA).

**Employment Information**

**Company/Employer Name**

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC

**Occupation**

Project Manager

**Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?**

Current Employer

**Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.**

(1311 characters max)

I am not currently a member of any volunteer organizations, but I have been seeking more involvement with civic activities and volunteering since my semi-retirement.
Application Questions

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   Since moving to Palo Alto, I have used parks religiously, and I want to be more of a contributor to keeping our parks in shape for our families and future residents of Palo Alto. I have two grown adult children, and we, as a family, took full advantage of the parks, from swimming, picnicking to tennis. I am very interested in working with companies to establish relationships related to serving underserved communities in Palo Alto. One of deciding factors for my family selecting Palo Alto as a home when we moved from Southern California was the school system and the number of parks available to families. My family took full advantage of parks, whether for family events or team sporting events. I believe that my project management experience and my goal to give back to others who do not have the opportunism of others in Palo Alto would be my way of giving back. I also feel that my experience in youth sports, both as a referee and as a parent, when my kids participated in soccer, tennis, etc. My own experience as an avid racquetball and pickleball player would contribute to being an active, involved member of the Palo Alto Parks and Recreation committee.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it. (1449 characters max)

   In the September meeting, I was very interested in the vendor restrictions that were discussed regarding ensuring that the safety of vendors and the public were taken into consideration. I was impressed in the amount of thought and effort put into ensuring that the objectives of the report were clearly understood.

Archived video meetings are available from the Midpen Media Center.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this? (1656 characters max)

   I would like to see that the Parks and Recreation Commission continue to manage the activities of the Open Space, Parks and Golf Division, and the Recreation Division of the Community Services Departments effectively so that families feel safe to enjoy the various recreational facilities of the city. I think the Commission does an excellent job of keeping the public aware of the multiples changes and valuing the input received from the public sector. I want the Commission to stay abreast of new recreational sports that could add to our parks to encourage further use by the public.

   Although I am familiar with some of the documents listed above, I do not have direct experience providing input to any of these documents.

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   - Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, & Recreation Master Plan (2017)
   - Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan (2017): Community Services and Facilities Element & Natural Environment Element
   - Baylands Master Plan (2008)
If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please upload below.

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Signature: Nellis L. Freeman, Jr.

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Palo Alto has been my home for the past twenty-three years and my wife and I have raised our two daughters here. My family has been fortunate to appreciate and enjoy the many wonderful resources and services that our community offers and we have a track record of contributing within our community.

My personal interests are well encapsulated within the “umbrella” of Parks and Recreation. These passions include soccer, hiking, trees and plants, biking, and general environmentalism and sustainability.

Over the past five years as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, I’ve served in a leadership role on a broad range of issues aligned with the Parks & Rec Master Plan.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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Baylands Tide Gate Structure Repair Project. This is an interesting project, managed and financed by Valley Water, with PRC serving a liaison role to communicate concerns of our local community and work to find compromises to best meet the needs of all stakeholders.

Archived video meetings are available from the Midpen Media Center.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?

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- Identify and nurture funding sources for Master Plan projects. We have a comprehensive aspirational document to guide our overall effort, but we need to identify financial resources to make these plans a reality. Working with community partners to improve public awareness and outreach, and prioritizing low cost projects are ways to make progress.

- Continue moving forward with education/outreach programs and infrastructure improvements at Foothills Nature Preserve by continuing ongoing work with community stakeholders and staff, and strategically increasing outreach to additional partner organizations.

- Serve as a public forum for community urban canopy matters by following through with a joint initiative started two years ago by PRC and Urban Forestry, and recently directed by City Council.

- Improve synthetic and natural playing field quality throughout our community. Work with staff and community stakeholders to address current complex problems at El Camino Park and Mayfield/Stanford Soccer Complex.

- Increase dedicated parklands within our community to meet our Master Plan goals. Review opportunities, considering development plans, available parcels, and proximity to other nearby parks.

- Environmental stewardship and sustainable best practices for our open spaces and parks. We must protect the cherished natural jewels of our city as outlined in the Master Plan.

As a PRC member the past five years, I am very familiar with all of these documents.

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• YMCA Youth Basketball Coach
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| Signature | Jeff Greenfield |
| Date Completed | 10/25/2021 |
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Company/Employer Name

Walgreens

Occupation

Pharmacist

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Current Employer

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Helping community immunization at senior homes in Palo Alto.

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### Application Questions

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No many interesting activities offered.

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Signature
Haejin Ahn Kang

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10/11/2021
# Parks and Recreation Commission Application

**Name**  
Eve Klein

**Address**

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Company/Employer Name: VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Occupation: Director, Blind Rehabilitation Services, VA Palo Alto

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   I am a frequent user of open spaces/recreation spaces in Palo Alto, including hiking regularly in open spaces, utilizing bike accessibility (I am a long time bicycle commuter), city parks, and Palo Alto library. As a parent of college age children, I have also made use of other community resources, such as Palo Alto youth programming. Professionally, I have dedicated much of my life working for accessibility and greater independence for individuals with disabilities. I believe my expertise in this area could help make a contribution to the Parks and Recreation commission.

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   I love to hike and frequent Foothills Park on Sunday mornings, as well as other open spaces on the peninsula. I feel that Foothills park is a particular jewel on the peninsula and was very interested in the decision to open it to non-Palo Alto residents. Even during normal (non-pandemic) times, I felt it should be accessible to all, and especially during the pandemic, when so many individuals and families were seeking to connect with nature locally.
3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?

I would be interested in increasing the general interest in outdoor activities in Palo Alto - one way to accomplish this would be to increase the social media presence, would also suggest improving signage in areas around Palo Alto parks to point out different wildlife and other features.

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I do not have experience with these documents.

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| Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held. | As a resident of Palo Alto, I have engaged in many planning efforts the city:  
- Appointed by City Council to the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan Update (2017)  
- Contributing community member and/or stakeholder:  
  - - - Parks, Trails, Natural Open Space & Recreation Master Plan (2017)  
  - - - Urban Forest Master Plan (2019)  
  - - - Baylands Comprehensive Management Plan (2019 - in process)  
As the Environmental Advocate for Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society:  
- I am a stakeholder (representing Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society) for the Salt Pond Restoration Project (ongoing).  
- I previously served as a County Fish and Wildlife Commissioner  
- served as an appointed stakeholder on the Cupertino Parks Master Plan (2018-2019) and Activate San Jose (2019).  
In Palo Alto and other cities, I provided verbal and written public comments on park design, wildlife habitat and connectivity, re-wilding urban landscapes, and green streets, contributing to master planning efforts.  
I am a volunteer with the Sierra Club Conservation Committee (ongoing) |
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In the past (200-2011) have served as a board member of Housing Choices, a group that helps secure housing for developmentally disabled adults.

Palo Alto is blessed with parks that embrace nature from the Bay to the hills. We have nature preserves as well as well-loved urban parks, community centers and community gardens. It is the Parks and Recreation committee’s responsibility to advise staff in the development of equitable and diverse cultural and recreational opportunities to residents and visitors while at the same time allowing nature and wildlife to thrive. I am interested in the implementation of the Parks Master Plan and balancing of investments in maintenance, renovations, habitat restoration, programming and capital improvement for parks, trails, natural open space and recreation facilities in Palo Alto. I am also interested in the areas of overlap with other city arms, especially in areas where sea level rise or fire threaten our parks and our public resources.

I have participated and contributed to master planning efforts in Palo Alto and in all, highlighted the importance of nature, wildlife and biodiversity to our city and beyond. While I think my experience is of value on a broad scope of the commission’s work, I am especially interested in working with our community, commissioners and staff to realize biodiversity goals.

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10/26 Commission meeting, Update on the Status of Measure E Area at Byxbee Park

I am interested in the re-dedication of the 10-acres of Byxbee Park. Measure E undedicated parkland for the purpose of building a compost facility, which turned out to be infeasible. Covid has shown us that people are drawn to our parks to relax, to enjoy the views, and to exercise. I hope the commission recommends re-dedication of the 10 acres to Council.

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For increasing habitat value and biodiversity in our urban parks, I would like to work with the commission and staff on native plant selection, interactions with the Urban Forest and canopy.

I am interested in working with staff on improving lighting in parks to ensure safety and minimize impacts to health and the environment.

At Foothills park, I believe we need a strong volunteer training programs to steward and safeguard sensitive species and habitats.

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| Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held. (1311 characters max) | My older son plays competitive soccer for Palo Alto Soccer team and as a single mom, I am actively involved in attending all his games. I attend as many webinars as I can organized by community libraries. Enrolled my son in academic writing and also considering playing tennis. I use the community park by my home often. I also facilitate a daily leadership Bible group study for young people. I’m active in my local church and would love to let my little shine in my community and be more helpful and a blessing. Before now, I identified a gap and co-founded a non profit organization in Africa, for young people to learn life skills, ethics and values. |

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   The opportunity to use my relevant skills, experience and warm personality to serve and give back to a community and neighborhood that has helped me stay safe. As a woman of color and survivor of domestic violence it matters to me that my kids and I are safe and I would love to use the opportunity to volunteer and be a blessing by supporting a healthy community and promoting high quality parks and recreation services. Also be a voice for people like me.

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   Sustainability: It is a subject matter that I am passionate about and would be glad to use the opportunity to promote and advance in our city.

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3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?
   
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   I would like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve the ff:
   - Encourage web based and safe face-to-face personal mental and wellbeing programs for people without extended families in the community, despite the pandemic.
   - Include more diverse and inclusive programs that encourage appreciation of culture.
   - Provide high level maintenance and management of city owned properties and facilities.
   - Bridge the gap and promote values and ethics, maximizing Seniors passing on wise counsel and mentorship baton to younger ones.

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   I do not have experience with the documents listed but I will definitely read them and be familiar with them.

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Application Questions

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   Having lived in Palo Alto for 16 years, my family has thoroughly enjoyed the access to open spaces and parks that the city provides. My interest is ensuring that future generations of Palo Alto residents have access to the same quality of resources that my family did.

   I'm specifically interested in exploring how the city can tap into private support to maintain and upgrade its facilities in the context of challenging budget limitations. Prior to my time as an instructional aide at Duveneck Elementary school, I was a marketing executive at various successful startups which required me to make continuous tradeoffs and come up creative solutions.

   I believe that experience, combined with my communication skills will make me a valued asset to the Commission.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

   As a part-time instructional aide with the Palo Alto School District and a volunteer teacher’s assistant with All Students Matter, I am very interested in the planning and implementation of the
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3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?

Creating new sustainable, world-class facilities through the Baylands Athletic Center Expansion is a goal that I believe the Commission can achieve. I believe a transparent process that engages various stakeholder groups and sets clear goals that are widely communicated is the best approach. I have extensive experience fielding and evaluating market research and believe that input should be taken from a variety of sources. I also believe, to a degree, there is a place for private investment in these facilities to make them world-class.

I have read and followed the Cubberley Advisory Committee Report but am by no means an expert.

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Rich Pearson

Date Completed

10/23/2021
# Parks and Recreation Commission Application

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I don't have specific experience or training with parks and recreation. I value Palo Alto's parks and frequently visit them.

**Employment Information**

Company/Employer Name

Labcorp

Occupation

Project Manager

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Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

I've been a Palo Alto resident for 7 years. I've spent time this year volunteering with Palo Alto Forward. In particular, I've attended the city's housing element meetings, with the primary concern of supporting the development of affordable housing. My interest in the city has grown, and I'd like to continue my engagement by serving on a commission.

**Application Questions**

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As the city works to achieve its affordable housing goals, it's also important that it maintain a good quality of life. Parks are a great way to build community.

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I was interested by an issue that came before the city council. There was discussion about the development of the Ventura neighborhood. Some community members expressed concern to develop parks in the neighborhood, which has been underserved in that area. I support both the development of affordable homes and parks for that community.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation

I want to see the development of Palo Alto neighborhoods that offer both affordable homes for families and that continue the strong Palo Alto tradition of great parks and recreation.
Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this? (1656 characters max)

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<td>Retired CPA (since 2018), BA, MS: worked in large and regional public accounting firms in SF before running my own practice for the last 23 years. Sat on Public Access Working Group for Mid-Pen Regional Open Space District in 2019. Ran non-profit organization and built a dog park in Grass Valley in 2011. Treasurer of non-profit dance club/convention in SF for 6 years. Previously worked for CA Arts Council facilitating the Arts in Public Places program. Owned a restaurant/bar in Sacramento.</td>
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<td>Involved with neighbors the past 5 years, organizing meetings with decision-makers and stakeholders, reviewing planning documents, EIR, and architectural plans; researching code and meeting with city officials to understand the parameters of an impactful building expansion in our neighborhood. In attending countless boards, commissions and City Council meetings, I have been impressed by the hard work of the dedicated volunteers on boards and commissions who dig in and share their time, energy and skills for the benefit of the community, which inspires me to give back. President of a non-profit organization “Dogs Run Free of Nevada County”, writing the business plan and facilitating getting an off-leash dog park built with private funds on public property in Grass Valley. Also in Grass Valley, organized a dance club, set up classes and weekly activities and encouraged public participation.</td>
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Application Questions

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Because I am an avid user of Palo Alto's parks and preserves, the opportunity to participate in advising on planning and policy matters relating to open space is very meaningful to me. I hike at Foothills, run at Baylands, take zumba outdoors at Mitchell, and go with my dog to various parks. My familiarity with stakeholders and community volunteer groups would be a bonus in gathering input for changes that are often difficult when tough decisions need to get made. I respect city officials' professional expertise and also understand the PRC is charged with doing the research to understand the big picture in order to inform and implement city council members' vision.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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The Parks and Rec commissioners worked with city staff and the pickleball community to get permanent courts at Mitchell Park. Many of us had been involved in purchasing and storing nets and getting to the courts early to set them up in the tennis courts that were generally unused in the mornings. This fast-growing sport needed permanent space. The PRC's goal was to allow the most users the rights to the facilities without unduly limiting any one group, which required the combined efforts of the PRC, city staff and residents to get it done. Today, the courts at Mitchell Park are extremely popular.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?

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Although Palo Alto is full of tall trees, lush greenery and open spaces, the recent state legislation reminds us that these attributes need to be preserved by plan, not by accident. Open space is important to the well-being of the city and its residents as well as the environment; I would like to see more of it included in the upcoming housing planning.

Another item (that might be in the works) in terms of general use is more representation for off-leash dog parks. I was in agreement that Ramos Park was really too small to burden with an activity that separates part of the greenland from all users. Greer's "dog run" is dated; a larger space, maybe achieved by rearranging the sidewalk to widen it, would go a long way to make it work better.

I'm interested in the adjacent skateboard park, having listened to many stakeholders at meetings. Again, although the existing one may have been top-notch some years ago, it is outdated and we need to provide this very popular sport with a good playing field so skaters don't have to leave town to skateboard in a challenging and safe environment.
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Signature
Andie Reed

Date Completed
09/24/2021
Parks and Recreation Commission Application

Name: Thomas Rota

Address: [Redacted]

City: [Redacted]

Postal Code: [Redacted]

Cell Phone: [Redacted]

Home Phone: [Redacted]

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Archived video meetings are available from the Midpen Media Center.

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Passionate about parks, campgrounds, Keeping them in good condition.

Foothill Park
No senior fee discounts

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Thomas Rota

Date Completed

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I am currently in my final year of obtaining my Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Law from the University of Southern California. I received a full tuition merit scholarship and was accepted into the Thematic Option Honors Program, an intensive alternative to the standard general education requirements. I am also a National Merit Scholar, a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honors Society, and have been placed on the USC Dean’s List every semester. Prior to my undergraduate studies, I attended Castilleja School in Palo Alto.

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<td>Throughout my time in high school (2016-2018), I served extensively on the Palo Alto Youth Council, working with the Palo Alto City Council to represent the voice of Palo Alto youth in city legislation. In addition, I worked with my fellow council members to coordinate and execute city-wide events to foster community among Palo Alto citizens, and hosted programs at Palo Alto high schools aimed at developing the leadership, organizational, and time-management skills of local high school students. Furthermore, this year (Jan 2021-July 2021) I served in two different congressional offices in the U.S. House of Representatives, where, among many other duties, I significantly increased constituent engagement by creating, hosting, moderating, and maintaining a monthly Constituent Information Session webinar program on behalf of the congressional offices. The format for the program that I designed for constituents is still being used by the offices today, even after I have returned to my academic studies. I am very passionate about community engagement in all of these arenas, including at USC where I write, record, and edit bi-weekly episodes for the Daily</td>
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   During my time in the U.S. House of Representatives, I regularly advised the congressman and staff members on planning and policy matters relating to the goals of our office and congressional district. I and other legislative staff members reviewed legislative proposals daily that would affect our district and constituents. Additionally, we communicated daily with constituents by telephone, email, postal mail, and online about their concerns regarding our district and any other input they had. It was (and still is) very important to me that community input is taken with the highest consideration. The job of public servants is to serve the people. This was the mindset that I applied to my service in Congress, and I am looking forward to applying this mindset to the Parks and Recreation Commission in my home city of Palo Alto. I am very excited to apply my legislative and policy experience to an area that I am extremely passionate about: parks, open space, and recreation activities. Since I can remember, I have been an outdoor enthusiast. You will certainly find me outdoors every day of the year! In fact, I am writing this having just returned from a bike ride at our beautiful Baylands Nature Preserve. Throughout my childhood, I have enjoyed Palo Alto’s parks and open spaces immensely, and I care deeply about ensuring that our parks and recreational areas are accessible and open for everyone to enjoy and participate in equally.

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   An issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to me is the opening of Foothills Park to the general public. I am aware that the opening of Foothills park to the general public had been a topic of discussion for many years, and I have recently watched the early discussions that the Parks and Recreation Commission had in 2018 about opening the park to non-residents, as well as the vote that the Parks and Recreation Commission had in November 2019 to recommend that City Council adopt a pilot program to open Foothills Park to the public. I am extremely passionate about equal access to the outdoors for all people, and I remember being very excited a few years ago when I read about these steps that were being taken to work towards recreational equality and accessibility. Of course, when the City Council voted to open the park to everyone last year, I was overjoyed, because I knew that this process had been in the making for a long time, and I knew how important it was that we share the environment with everyone, regardless of residency status. Even though I am a Palo Alto resident and could legally always access the park, I care immensely about issues of accessibility to parks and recreation spaces. Nature belongs to...
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I think it is very important that the Parks and Recreation Commission have representation of young people in Palo Alto. I truly believe that fresh perspectives almost always yield better, more inclusive and more innovative results in a team effort. I believe that a broader understanding of the recreational activities and interests of all Palo Alto residents would provide the commission with much deeper insight as to the ways in which our residents would like to recreate, as well as the barriers that many people may face regarding access to parks, open space and recreation activities. As someone who has received great joy over the years from Palo Alto’s parks and open spaces, I know how important it is to ensure that everybody has fair and equal access to nature, something that historically has not always been the case. I am extremely passionate about bridging the inequality that is unfortunately prevalent in the outdoors and recreation spaces, and I believe that bringing young people into the conversation about these issues is the best way to come together to produce fresh and innovative solutions to existing problems. I would love to see a Palo Alto in which families from all backgrounds and all walks of life can come together and enjoy nature’s greatest gift, and I truly believe that increased representation in the parks and recreation spaces can only be accomplished through increased representation on commissions like the Parks and Recreation Commission, so that a broader range of voices and perspectives are heard and implemented to effect real and lasting change.

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No, I do not yet have experience with these documents, but I have now read them all and am looking forward to learning about them more!
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May 28, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to provide my highest recommendation for Simran Sandhu.

Simran worked as a congressional intern in my Washington, D.C. office from February to May of 2021. Simran began as an unpaid intern, but soon was offered a paid position due to her excellent performance. In addition to maintaining constituent correspondence by postal mail, telephone, and e-mail, she helped craft letters to constituents. She also performed critical, time sensitive research for staff members, drafted legislative memos, made recommendations on event attendance, and trained fellow interns.

When the need arose, Simran used her exceptional communication and writing skills to step into a press role. She took on a range of press and media-related responsibilities, including press releases, social media posts, coordination of filming and clipping of footage, news clips, and she organized and maintained the press contact database. Simran’s vital contributions in this area benefitted our office and our press and communications team.

Simran’s greatest and perhaps most impactful achievement in our office was her creation of our monthly Constituent Information Session webinar program. She formatted, hosted, and moderated these highly successful and well-received live webinars. We intend to continue using her structure and system for our future webinars, after she returns to continue her honors education at the University of Southern California.

Simran was not only an integral member of our team, but a natural leader. Her strong work ethic, collaboration, and ingenuity made her a pleasure to work with and a true asset in the office. No doubt, other organizations will benefit from her efforts as well. With questions, please contact Hans Bjontegard at 619-905-7668.

Sincerely,

Darrell M. Issa  
Member of Congress
To: Whom It May Concern  
Re: Ms. Simran Sandhu  

Dear Sir/Madam,  

I write to you offering my highest recommendation for Ms. Simran Sandhu, who worked in my chambers as an extern in the summer of 2016.  

I met Simran through a career day program offered through Castilleja School. In speaking with her she expressed her interest in the law and our justice system. I was immediately impressed with her curiosity and her desire to participate in our legal system such that I offered her a position as an extern for the summer in my chambers. I regularly have externs work in my chambers in the summer; most are second or third year law students, on occasion college seniors and only rarely high school students. Simran came to chambers and fully participated in our work. Though she lacked the legal education and training of her colleague externs she provided valuable assistance to them in their research and preparation. Simran assisted me in preparing trial binders for cases, collecting and organizing documents for hearings and managing files for our hearing calendars.  

Simran took on her assignments with enthusiasm and her curiosity propelled her interest and research. Simran participated in our chambers conferences with all our law clerks and externs regarding upcoming cases and she sat with the clerks in court during the proceedings. She participated in our post hearing debriefings and readily offered her thoughts and observations about the cases and the parties’ presentations. Her contributions were insightful and expressed comprehension of principals expected of a first year law student.  

Simran is very bright; she works hard and possesses a great respect for the law and its intersection with society. She is thoughtful, thinks clearly, and shares her ideas with enthusiasm.  

She was a joy to have in chambers. I enthusiastically recommend her to you without reservation.  

Sincerely,  

Edward J. Davila
February 3, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to provide this recommendation for Simran Sandhu. Simran was a standout student in my fall 2018 honors writing seminar. The seminar, CORE 111, is part of the University of Southern California’s Thematic Option Honors Program—an interdisciplinary general education program designed to provide a liberal arts-based education to the university’s brightest incoming students. Specifically, CORE 111 teaches writing and critical thinking skills through the analysis of classic literary and philosophical texts such as *King Lear*, Thoreau’s *Civil Disobedience*, *Notes from Underground*, and *To the Lighthouse*. It’s a uniquely demanding curriculum that asks students to challenge long-held assumptions and learn to reason and write in new ways.

Simran is precisely the kind of student for whom an intensive program such as Thematic Option was designed. She enthusiastically embraced the myriad challenges offered her by CORE 111; in the process, she showed significant growth as a reader, writer, and thinker, ultimately producing some of the strongest papers in the class. While many honors students are initially resistant to moving away from the kinds of thinking and writing that served them so well in high school, Simran entered my class eager to challenge her pre-existing ideas and learn new ways of approaching challenging literary texts. She was consistently one of my most focused and hardest working students, producing multiple drafts of each of her papers and enthusiastically seeking out feedback on how she could improve as a critical thinker and writer. Unlike some students who care only about receiving a high grade, Simran demonstrated a true desire to learn and grow throughout the semester. I believe this unusual dedication—combined with her impressive mental acuity and maturity—will make her a valuable addition to any organization.

In her interactions with me, Simran has shown a sincere commitment to academic excellence and a continuous love of learning. Even amongst her honors-student peers, Simran stands out for her curiosity, creativity, and exceptional work ethic. She is also a genuine pleasure to work with. I hope you will give her the highest consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Trisha Tucker, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor (Teaching) of Writing
Head of Writing Instruction
Thematic Option Honors Program
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- Concert promoter/artist manager

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- Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

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**Application Questions**

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| Q 3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this? (1656 characters max) | See attached |
| Q 4. Parks and Recreation Commission Members work with the documents listed below. If you have experience with any of these documents, please describe that experience. Experience with these documents is not required for selection. (483 characters max) | See attached |

- Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, & Recreation Master Plan (2017)
- Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan (2017): Community Services and Facilities Element & Natural Environment Element
- Baylands Master Plan (2008)
- Park Dedication Ordinance (Municipal Code)
- Bicycle - Pedestrian Transportation Plan (2012)
- Youth Master Plan (2003)
- Cubberley Community Advisory Committee Report (2013)
- Concordia Master Plan (2019)

If you’d like to provide any additional documents, please upload below.

Please confirm that you have read the Boards and Commissions Handbook.

- Yes

View the Boards and Commissions Handbook.

Signature: Mark Bennett Weiss

Date Completed: 10/18/2021
REGARDING FIRST AMENDMENT AND A PROPOS OF MY APPLICATION FOR PARKS AND REC COMMISSION

I put on 15 concerts recently at Lytton Plaza, Cogswell Plaza, Mitchell Park and on Cali Ave — but not at King Plaza City Hall — and we need a restart on what is the First Amendment. Briefly, myself and my neighbors and really all Americans or all peoples in America or hereabouts, Ohlone historic land, can gather where we please, say what we want and sing, dance or plug in amplifiers. Within noise limits. But we do not need permits. Leadership — which is elected council, appointed commissioners and paid staff — including public safety thank you for your service — do not grant us rights, our rights are inalienable. A permit, like at Cogswell Plaza, for Diunna Greenleaf pop up blues concert, last week, would be if I as the promoter wished to exclude my neighbor, as a modified and modern type of sharing and turn-taking. We did not need and did not get a permit. But oddly, staff and certain powerful special interests, and I am just guessing its the guy who built, owns or has office at the former GateHouse Funeral Home, said we could not use their power. Hello? We are speaking. Speak friend and enter or get the #^@% out!

There was also a Christian religious worship at City Hall during the Covid chaos which does not explain why City Hall apparently does not understand "No Establishment Clause" and "separation of church and state". It was not legal for police or staff to issue a parking permit or any permit for the proselytizing for a particular religious prophet or figure. I have a tape audio and some photos of the entirety.

Sincerely,
Mark Weiss
American, since 1964
Palo Altan, since 2004
community leader since 1976 -- Terman Junior High site council,
student body president et cetera
169 Bryant - I am not afraid to publish my address

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# Planning and Transportation Commission Application

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**Are you a Palo Alto resident?**
Yes

**Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?**
No

**Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?**
Yes

**Fair Political Practices**
No

California state law requires board/commission members to file a disclosure of financial interests (Fair Political Practices Commission, Conflict of Interest, Form 700).

Do you/your spouse have an investment in, or do you or your spouse serve as an officer or director of, a company doing business in Palo Alto which you believe is likely to:
1. Engage in business with the City;
2. Provide products or services for City projects; or
3. Be affected by decisions of this Board or Commission?

Excluding your principal residence, do you or your spouse own real property in Palo Alto?

No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Planning and Transportation Commission?

- Community Group
- Email from the City
- Palo Alto Weekly
- Daily Post
- City Website
- Flyer
- Other

Other: Currently serve on PTC

Consent to Publish Personal Information on the City of Palo Alto Website

California Government Code Section 6254.21 states, in part, “No state or local agency shall post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the Internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.” This consent form will not be redacted and will be attached to the Application and posted to the City’s website. For the full code, review the California Government Code Section 6254.21.

Read the code, and check only ONE option below:

- I give permission for the City of Palo Alto to post to the City’s website the attached Board and Commission Application intact. I have read and understand my rights under Government Code Section 6254.21. I may revoke this permission at any time by providing written notice to the Palo Alto City Clerk.
- I request that the City of Palo Alto redact my home address, phone numbers, and email address from the attached Board and Commission Application prior to posting to the City’s website. I am providing the following alternate information and request that the following contact information be redacted:

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Alternate Contact Information

Personal and Job Experience
Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. (621 characters max)

Current PTC Commissioner
MBA 2003, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford University
BS Biology, 1997, Stanford University
I have strong skills in strategy, operations, and teamwork. Most recently, I lectured at the Stanford Graduate School of Business on “Innovation and Problem Solving” and “Critical Analytical Thinking.” Earlier, I ran the MBA Program Office at Stanford, where I managed the strategy and operations of one of the top MBA programs in the US; I also spent time directing the Stanford Public Management Program. I have past experience in internet product management and management consulting.

Employment Information
Company/Employer Name
Stanford University (Graduate School of Business)

Occupation
Lecturer

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?
Last Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held. (1311 characters max)

I have been a dedicated volunteer with Palo Alto Schools for many years:
Gunn High School Site Council, 2020 - present
JLS Middle School PTA Executive Board, Auditor, 2021 - present
JLS Middle School Site Council, 2018 - 2021
JLS Middle School PTA Executive Board, VP Community Service, 2019 - 2021
JLS Middle School PTA Executive Board, VP Membership, 2017-2019
Hoover Elementary Site Council Chair, 2012-2013
Hoover Elementary Green Team parent leader, 2014-2019
Hoover Elementary Room Parent, 2010-2019
Application Questions

1. What is it about the Planning and Transportation Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

I have watched Palo Alto change over the last 40 years, in some ways for the better, and in some ways which I wish were different. I grew up here and attended Nixon, JLS, and Gunn. Fourteen years ago, after living in Menlo Park for a few years, my husband and I chose to move back to Palo Alto because we valued the community character and city services that make Palo Alto different from surrounding cities and a wonderful place to live. Because I rolled off of some of my larger community commitments last spring, I am now hoping to engage more deeply in this city that has given so much to me and my family.

Years ago, I first started thinking about transportation and planning in the context of the impact on traffic on our neighborhoods and the ability of our kids to get safely to and from school, especially along Charleston, where as a traffic safety volunteer for Hoover Elementary, I’d witness close calls between kids and commuters on a daily basis. I participated in some of the Charleston corridor planning meetings. I realized our city’s population doubled during the day, and learned about the housing/jobs imbalance, something that our city inadvertently created over the course of many years.

Since many new housing developments seem likely to be built in the southern half of Palo Alto, I’m particularly interested in representing south Palo Alto neighborhoods as we work on addressing housing and other issues.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it. If you have never been to a Commission meeting, you can view archived videos from the Midpen Media Center.

In my short time on the PTC, two of the issues that have been of the greatest interest to me are:

South Palo Alto Bikeways Project: This project impacts a bike, pedestrian, and car thoroughfare that my family travels daily, and is a critical route for students traveling to and from school for the southern half of Palo Alto. I was gratified to be able to share both the school and resident perspectives in a way that hopefully helped change the outcome of the project. Long before I knew the project would come to the PTC, I worked with the JLS principal and PTA to increase community input and visibility; on the PTC, I was grateful I had additional context from many years on the JLS Site Council and PTA. Having on-the-ground experience biking, driving, and walking also made it much easier to pull out

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4. Planning and Transportation Commission Members work with the documents listed below. If you have experience with any of these documents, please describe that experience. Experience with these documents is not required for selection.

(1173 characters max)

Palo Alto 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2017)
Zoning Code
City Charter
California Environmental Quality Act
El Camino Real Design Guidelines
El Camino Real Master Plan Study (2007)
Area Plans such as the South of Forest Avenue (SOFA) I (2000) and II (2003) Plans
Baylands Master Plan (2008)

I read the Comprehensive Plan cover to cover in preparation for joining the PTC earlier this year. I also participate in community surveys leading up to the development of the Comp Plan.

The rest of my experience with these documents has been in referencing them as appropriate in preparation for items that came before the PTC over the last few months I’ve been a commissioner. For example, I’ve referenced parts of the Zoning Code several times (e.g., when Town & Country requested the inclusion of medical office space), and I referenced the SOFA plan when preparing for a parcel map change application in the SOFA area that came before the PTC.
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**Signature**

Bryna Chang

**Date Completed**

10/09/2021