

Does not qualify - does not live within city limits or Petaluma Valley  
Groundwater Basin

**City of Petaluma, California**  
City Board, Commission, and Committee Application

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<b>Name:</b>	
John Gimurtu	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>Yes</b>	(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>No</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	20 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate ONE additional choice.</b>
Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee	Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	Yes
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Nordic Consultants	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Engineer and Management Consultant	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

none

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

none

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

I am a licensed Civil Engineer in the state of California with a background in groundwater management, hydrology, engineering geology and public health.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

Colorado School of Mines, BS Geological Engineering, 1989 UC Berkeley, MS Civil/Environmental Engineering, 1990 University of British Columbia, ME Mining Engineering/Natural Resources Management, 2015

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

PMP - certified Project Management Professional PE - California Civil Engineer - Professional Engineer License

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I have a strong background in all areas related to groundwater management in the Petaluma area. I have design water exploration programs in the Petaluma area, overseen well completions, and designed water supply/reuse systems. Additionally, I have spent years in public health management.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

I believe I have the education, experience and attitude to help the committee make sound decisions in this area.

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

**City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?**

Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

Distribution list from local political party.

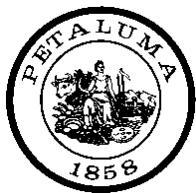
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john Alec Gimurtu

2025-01-15



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<b>Name:</b>	
Rob Izzo	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	We purchased our home in April 2021
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
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Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee	Climate Action Commission
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Circuit Rider Community Services	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
CEO	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

White Oak Homeowners Association President 2019-2020 -- overseeing the operational, financial, and social elements of the 138 homes in our neighborhood. White Oak Homeowners Association Vice President 2018-2019 -- oversaw compliance with community by-laws and mediated compliance challenges and inter-neighbor disagreements. University of Virginia College of Education Student Body President & Faculty Council Graduate Representative 2010-2012 -- engaged in university governance structure as a voting member of the faculty council as well as reappointing the dean and university president during my term. Kappa Kappa Psi President 2001-2003

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

Biodynamic Association Marketing Committee Chair 2017-2020 Volunteer Coach with Sonoma Barbell Club 2019-2020

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

I bring a deep understanding of sustainable resource management, particularly in the context of water conservation and environmentally responsible practices. During my tenure as CEO of Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards, I spearheaded efforts to align our farming techniques with environmental sustainability. A key component of this work involved overseeing our reporting to the California Water Resources Control Board, ensuring compliance with regulations and maintaining transparency. In addition, I developed and implemented a comprehensive water conservation plan tailored to our operations, balancing agricultural needs with ecological responsibility. This plan included innovative irrigation techniques, soil health management, and data-driven decision-making to reduce water usage while maintaining productivity. These experiences have equipped me with the agricultural technical knowledge and strategic insight needed to contribute meaningfully to the development and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). I am also skilled at fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders, a critical component of successful resource management.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) | Education Leadership | University of Virginia | Charlottesville, VA Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) | Workforce Education | University of Georgia | Athens, GA Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) | Management Information Systems | University of Georgia | Athens, GA

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

University of Virginia College of Education -- Doctoral Student of the Year 2011-2012 Gwinnett County Public Schools (GA) Teachers as Leader Program Member 2007-2008 Eagle Scout -- 1996

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I am eager to serve on the Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee as an extension of my commitment to community service and environmental stewardship. In my role as CEO of Circuit Rider Community Services, I am dedicated to fostering sustainable practices that benefit both people and the planet. This aligns closely with the mission of the committee to develop and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan that ensures the long-term health of our community's vital water resources. My objective as a member of this advisory body would be to bring a socially responsible perspective to the table, advocating for policies and strategies that balance the needs of diverse stakeholders while prioritizing environmental conservation. I would work toward fostering collaborative solutions that address current challenges while safeguarding the groundwater basin for future generations. Joining this committee would allow me to give back to the Petaluma community--my home--in a meaningful way, leveraging my experience in sustainability, resource management, and stakeholder engagement to contribute to a healthier, more resilient environment for all.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

I bring over two decades of experience in leadership roles focused on sustainability, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement, which I believe would be valuable to the City Council in reviewing my application. Most notably, during my tenure as CEO of Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards, I developed and implemented environmentally responsible farming practices, including a comprehensive water conservation plan and reporting to the California Water Resources Control Board. This experience underscores my ability to navigate complex regulatory landscapes while promoting sustainable resource management. Additionally, my background in education and nonprofit leadership, including my current role as CEO of Circuit Rider Community Services, reflects a lifelong commitment to fostering social and environmental justice. I have extensive experience collaborating with diverse stakeholders, creating inclusive organizational cultures, and driving meaningful impact through transparent and ethical practices. These experiences equip me with a unique perspective and a skill set that aligns with the advisory committee's mission. I am passionate about contributing to policies and initiatives that enhance Petaluma's water sustainability and environmental resilience.

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

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Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

Petaluma's weekly update email.

**Applicant's Signature (or type name)**

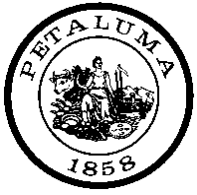
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Robert T. Izzo

2024-12-27





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<b>Name:</b>	
Frauka Kozar	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
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<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
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<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	35 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
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Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee	Climate Action Commission
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Yes	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
selfemployed	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
cosmetologist /owner	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

not aplicable

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

cancer association 8 years raffle co- Ordinator and more

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

interest and logic I would say -plus ideas

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

3 years college in Germany 1977-1980,cosmetology.personal training certificates through multiple sources, salon owner for 14 years -leading 14 self-employed stylists, served- as class mom in many grades of my children/stepchildren, am sitting 2nd vice president of SRRWF, served in Casa Grande cheer team 2 years, and so much more

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

I don't remember at this moment but will share when I get a chance for an Interview

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I want to learn and be part of my community I have lived in for over35 years-and believe I can bring ideas to the table

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

I would like a chance

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No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

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Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

from a friend

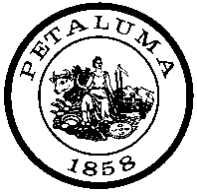
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<b>Name:</b>	
Lindsey Ladd	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	20 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
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Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee	General Plan Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Aho & Associates	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Data Analyst	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

N/A

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

Baden-Powell Service Association Petaluma Chapter Leader 2017-2020. UC Environmental Stewards California Naturalist 2023-2024 Mentor Me, Mentor, 2001

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

BA Degree from Sonoma State in Geography, Environment and Planning, with an emphasis in Urban & Environmental Planning. California Naturalist and Fairfield Osborn Preserve Sonoma State Naturalist.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

Santa Rosa Junior College, 2003-2005, AA Degree 2005, General Education/Criminal Justice Sonoma State University, 2021-2024, BA Degree 2024, Geography, Environment & Planning

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

Sonoma State University Science Symposium 2024 Attendee/Presenter

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I have been a resident of Petaluma for 20 years. In those years I have raised 2 children and owned a business in Petaluma. After obtaining a degree specializing in Urban & Environmental Planning, I have become motivated to do more work for cities and get into a planning position. While attending college, I focused on courses regarding the environment in California and sustainability of our natural resources. A goal for Petaluma would be ways to use less water while the City grows exponentially. Another goal would be to educate the public on safe products to use around their home to keep our groundwater safe from toxins. At the same time hold businesses and the City accountable for keeping our groundwater sustainable for many more years.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

N/A

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

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Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

City of Petaluma Facebook Page

**Applicant's Signature (or type name)**

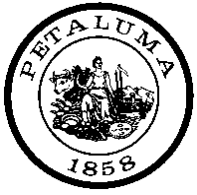
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Lindsey Ladd

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<b>Name:</b>	
Ben Peters	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>No</b>	(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>Yes</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	8 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate ONE additional choice.</b>
Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee	Transit Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	Yes
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
US Solar	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Director	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

Climate Action Committee - 2022-Present Measure U Committee 2022

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

Previous roles on San Luis Obispo Green County Council

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

Groundwater Sustainability is a key portion of the Climate Blueprint and General Plan Update, and needs cross-sectional expertise.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo - graduated 2007

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

Many Solar industry specific awards...

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

the Groundwater Sustainability and Transit Committees each have very important parts of our Climate Blueprint and require dedicated efforts to collaborate across many internal and external stakeholders to ensure we meet the challenge of our time.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

I appreciate the work you do and look forward to continuing to work with you

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

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Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

City Newsletter

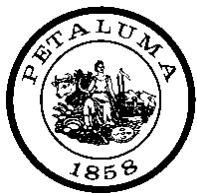
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Benjamin Peters

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<b>Name:</b>	
Joshua Simmons	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>Yes</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	7 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
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Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	Transit Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	Yes
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
The Matrix.org Foundation, CIC	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Managing Director	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

Technology Advisory Committee, Committee Member, June 2020 - June 2023 General Plan Advisory Committee, Committee Member, January 2021 - present Library Advisory Board, Chair, September 2023 - present

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

Petaluma Pride, current Board Secretary (and at other times Treasurer and Vice President), November 2021 - present

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

My time on the GPAC has helped me understand how different city systems interact, including land use and transit, and how to navigate tradeoffs.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

No degrees, have spent time at San Diego State University and Santa Rosa Junior College pursuing education in journalism, philosophy, and anthropology.

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

N/A

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I've spent the last 4 years learning how Petaluma works and serving in a variety of volunteer roles, and I've also recently gotten back into cycling – both for fun and to avoid using my car for in-town errands. I see how far along Petaluma already is with its work to facilitate active and public transit, and how we frequently lead on climate issues locally, and I'd like to be part of helping Petaluma continue on that trajectory. I want to help Petaluma become safer, healthier, and more fun to get around and live in.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

I greatly enjoyed my time on the Technology Advisory Committee and have likewise enjoyed serving on the General Plan Advisory Committee. While the General Plan is not complete, it is my understanding that the GPAC is substantially done with its work – which is why I'm looking for a new city committee where I can be useful!

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

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Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

I knew the opening was coming as soon as I saw the election results for District 4!

**Applicant's Signature (or type name)**

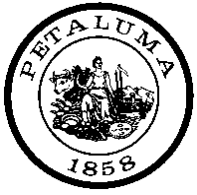
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Joshua Simmons

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<b>Name:</b>	
Morgan Bellinger	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) Yes</i>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) Yes</i>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	11 months. I lived just outside of the city limits previously.
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate ONE additional choice.</b>
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	Transit Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Self	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Photographer	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

None

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

Bike East Bay member and volunteer, 2016-2019 Tempe Bicycle Action Group volunteer, 2008

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

I've worked within the bicycle industry (marketing for Yuba Bikes; repairs and sales for Windsor Bicycle Center). I'm a photographer and have volunteered to photograph events and promotions for bike advocacy groups. I have ridden from Seattle to Portland twice as part of the Cascade Bicycle Club's annual event. Before moving to Petaluma, I lived in Alameda and advocated at council meetings for major bike infrastructure projects.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

Arizona State University, BS in Design Management for Industrial Design, 2003-2009

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

National Merit Scholar; Eagle Scout

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I'm motivated by two main factors: - the potential for bicycle and pedestrian improvements to make Petaluma a more equitable place - the intersection of traffic/urban planning scholarship and public policy It's an exciting time for Petaluma, with LumaGo, Redwood Bikeshare, and a new SMART station all having launched within the last few months. Council will be deciding on major parking, housing, and commercial projects and plans this year - and I think all of these have inputs from and implications for the bicyclists and pedestrians of Petaluma. I believe there's an opportunity for Petaluma to improve outreach to under-served communities to amplify their voices in guiding these projects. As a member of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee, I would attempt to coordinate with other nearby jurisdictions to make wayfinding easy for tourists and those new to bicycling - especially considering Petaluma's location as a gateway to the wine country and the advent of ebikes. AB 413 (the daylighting law) has created opportunities for cities to control the spaces before crosswalks in new ways - I would seek direction on this from Petaluma's pedestrians. I would work to set an objective of regularly measuring safety for users of pedestrian and bike paths outside of emergency services calls - and improving their experiences. When I first moved to Petaluma, I was struck by the fact that downtown bike racks were not installed - I would try to find ways to streamline projects like this. The state has encouraged use of standardized plans for things like ADU construction - I believe standardization is an important lens to view any bike/pedestrian projects through, so that we're aware of and able to contribute existing good designs for our region, instead of reinventing the wheel.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

I've read and am especially inspired by The High Cost of Free Parking, by Donald Shoup, and Bike Lanes are White Lanes by Melody L. Hoffman.

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

**City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?**

Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

William Yeager encouraged me to apply.

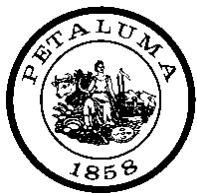
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Morgan Bellinger

2025-01-15



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<b>Name:</b>	
Amanda Descagnia	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>No</b>	(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>No</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	~4 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate <i>ONE</i> additional choice.</b>
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Stanford University	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
IT Systems Analyst	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

N/A

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

N/A

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

As someone very interested in pedestrian/bike safety and parking issues, I have read many articles and books to learn about the various techniques available to make our roads and towns safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. In addition to reading about pedestrian and bicycle safety, I am extremely familiar with many of the road and sidewalk conditions on the west side of Petaluma since I walk my dog, run, e-bike, and occasionally road bike. Living in Quarry Heights, I walk my dog three times daily on the west side. As an avid runner, I routinely log many miles in various neighborhoods and roads. Whether my route is a short distance loop of five miles or a long distance out-and-back of twenty, I traverse over many roads, sidewalks, and trails all throughout west Petaluma and south Novato. Being fortunate and grateful to be living on Petaluma's west side, I take advantage of my e-bike and replace as many cars trips as possible. Whether I'm e-biking to Trader Joe's via the Lynch Creek Trail for groceries or running errands at Target or downtown, I love the freedom, convenience, and pure fun that e-bike riding provides. I do occasionally road bike, but not as often as my husband does. He is a firefighter and will spend his off days either running with me, or, more frequently, cycling all over Sonoma and Marin counties. Although I do not have children yet, I am very fortunate to take advantage of all the walking, running, and e-biking I do daily while I have the flexibility in my schedule as well as my health and fitness.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

UC Davis, 2007-2011, Exercise Biology, Bachelor of Science, June 2011

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

N/A

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I'd like to first commend the City of Petaluma on their current improvements to our roads and neighborhoods. Petaluma Boulevard has changed drastically: the new sidewalks, pavement, and bike lanes have had such a positive impact on pedestrians and cyclists. The recently installed bike racks in downtown are wonderful. The bike share program is a great way to encourage people to try biking over driving. The city's commitment to daylighting might be my favorite program yet. I would love to continue the Red Curbs for Daylighting and expand to other neighborhoods. I currently see the daylighting enhancements near downtown like on fifth and D streets, which are busy roads that absolutely need red curbs to allow for daylighting. I, however, would love to expand these into other neighborhoods. Very densely packed neighborhoods like Quarry Heights would benefit greatly from the Red Curbs program. To piggyback off the Red Curb program, I'd like the city to trim back hedges/landscaping that contribute to the lack of daylight at intersections in neighborhoods. This would include making sure homeowners are held accountable for trimming back their overgrown vegetation. I have a couple short term and long term bike goals for the city. Short term: pave the few remaining gravel sections of the Lynch Creek Trail; increase bike lanes throughout downtown and the west side. Long term: build a pedestrian/bike path along the Petaluma River. The city of Bend in Oregon is a great example of how to create a usable path along a river. I also have some innovative ideas I would love for the city to discuss and explore. We could experiment with sharing parking lots in downtown to reduce the amount of cars searching for street parking. For example, opening up a bank's parking lot to the public after hours (say from 5pm to midnight) would get more cars off the street and into lots. I want to become a member of this committee because I have not only have heard stories of how dangerous roads and sidewalks can be for both pedestrians and cyclists, but I have also experienced these conditions myself. Being the pedestrian or cyclist while trying to coexist with vehicles can be very scary and intimidating. I really want to make our city safer for pedestrians and cyclists so that people feel more comfortable taking an alternate mode of transportation to run their errands around town. The e-bike is truly game changing and I would for the city to encourage our residents to replace car trips with e-bikes.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

Thank you for the opportunity to apply to the pedestrian and bicycle advisory committee. I really hope you consider me for the open position because I am very passionate about pedestrian and bike safety while I'm also respectful of the needs of drivers. As someone who walks, runs, and bikes daily throughout west Petaluma and beyond, I have great first-hand knowledge of the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. I have many ideas on how we can improve the city of Petaluma for these groups, and it would be such an honor to be part of the committee. My husband and I are very committed to Petaluma--we bought our home here in 2021; got married at the Petaluma Golf & Country Club in 2023 (and our cake from Stellina Pronto); my husband volunteers on the Petaluma Hot Wings Mountain Bike team; and I'm now ready to help make Petaluma an even more charming and friendly city by becoming a member of this committee. Another point I'd like to make is that I understand that not all improvement can be done. Budgets and finances can limit projects as well as neighborhood opposition. A good friend of mine is an engineer in a nearby town, and he has explained the many limitations that exist for pedestrian and cycling enhancements. Although these road blocks are present, I am optimistic Petaluma will continue to make positive changes, whether small or large, which will make the city a safer place for us all. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

**City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?**

Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

Community Update Email from the City of Petaluma

**Applicant's Signature (or type name)**

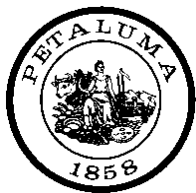
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Amanda Descagnia

2025-01-07





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<b>Name:</b>	
Sean England	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	17 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate <i>ONE</i> additional choice.</b>
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	Recreation, Music & Parks Commission
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
No	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Lucasfilm/Walt Disney Studios	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Foley Artist	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

IATSE Local 16 Shop Steward

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

NA

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

Driver. Cyclist. Pedestrian.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

None

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

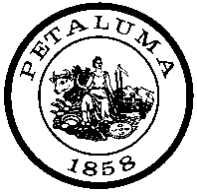
NA

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

As a cyclist, commuter and pedestrian I would like to find middle ground for all and hope to urge others to use alternate forms of transportation when possible.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

NA	
<b>Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?</b>	
Yes	
<b>If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:</b>	
<b>City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?</b>	
Yes	
<b>How did you hear about this opening?</b>	
social media	
<b>Applicant's Signature (or type name)</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Electronic signature</b>  SeanEngland	  2024-12-31



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<b>Name:</b>	
Jeannette McClure	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	1 year
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate <i>ONE</i> additional choice.</b>
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Rabo AgriFinance	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
VP - Senior Relationship Manager	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

2022 – 2024: Supplemental Sales Tax Oversight Commission, City of Paso Robles 2017 – 2022: Revenue Enhancement Oversight Commission, City of San Luis Obispo, Chairman 2020 - 2022

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

2025 - Present: Leadership Santa Rosa, Class 41 2024 - Present: Ag Education Committee, So. Co. Farm Bureau  
2024 - Present: Leadership Petaluma Agribusiness Committee 2012 - Present: California Women for Agriculture – San Luis Obispo Chapter 2022 - 2024: California Ag Leadership Class 52 2019 - 2024: San Luis Obispo Women's Legacy Fund, Board Member 2019 – 2023: Cal Poly Alumni Assn. - SLO Community President

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

I have previous experience sitting on a City Commission, both as a member and as the Chairperson. I am applying for either of the vacant positions on the Pedestrian and Bike Committee, and the Groundwater Sustainability Committee. For the Pedestrian and Bike Committee: As someone who averages walking over 6 miles each day in the city limits, I have a vested interest in, and experience on, our sidewalks and streets. I also care about safe, multi-modal transportation, and would love a seat at the table to help impact the future of our city. For groundwater: I was very involved in the Paso Robles area when SGMA first rolled out. As an agricultural lender, I am also very familiar with water rights and restrictions, and the need to balance the different interest groups.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

CAL POLY, SAN LUIS OBISPO CUM LAUDE B.S. AG BUSINESS • JUNE 2012 Concentration: Marketing Minor: Dairy Foods Processing Minor: Psychology

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

Leadership Santa Rosa Class 41 (in process) California Agricultural Leadership Program (CALP) Class 52 California Real Estate Broker License #02148371 Wine Industry Professional Certificate, Cal Poly Ext. Education Agricultural Lending Institute

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

For the Pedestrian and Bike Committee: As someone who averages walking over 6 miles each day in the city limits, I have a vested interest in, and experience on, our sidewalks and streets. I also care about safe, multi-modal transportation, and would love a seat at the table to help impact the future of our city. For groundwater: I was very involved in the Paso Robles area when SGMA first rolled out. As an agricultural lender, I am also very familiar with water rights and restrictions, and the need to balance the different interest groups. Water is such a critical issue in our state, and I would love the opportunity to help collaborate on solutions here in sonoma county.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

While I've only technically lived in the city limits for 1 year, I grew up in Petaluma. I went to PJHS and PHS, and I'm 5th generation on both sides of my family to live in Sonoma/Marin County. I love Petaluma, and I love that nearly my entire family lives within a 20 minute drive from my house. This town is really special to me, and I look forward to making a positive impact in my home town.

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

**City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?**

Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

I began checking online for openings once I moved back and got settled in. I look forward to becoming involved!

**Applicant's Signature (or type name)**

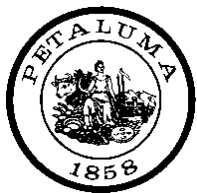
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jeannette mcclure

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<b>Name:</b>	
Jason Meyers	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	3.5 years, 2021
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate <i>ONE</i> additional choice.</b>
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Self-Employed	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Consultant	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

N/A - I come to this committee free of bias.

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

Petaluma Youth Soccer - coach U6 2024 San Francisco Bicycle Coalition - member and ambassador, 2002-2021

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

I am a lifelong cyclist - I build, maintain and ride bicycles. I have biked everywhere I've visited and lived in the US and Latin America (Minneapolis, Chicago, NYC, San Francisco, Portland, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico) I am interested in bicycle and pedestrian safety, and have seen how cities can flourish with bold ideas and sensible infrastructure. My training as a User Experience professional has taught me to resist peddling in conjecture - I ride the routes, push the crosswalk buttons, walk the streets, and trails, don the helmet and observe conditions firsthand, and develop my convictions and observations thus. I am a realist and a consensus builder - I have a long career in technology bridging the gap between teams competing for the same resources. I am invested in helping Petaluma become a safer place for pedestrians and cyclists and for my neighbors.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

University of Minnesota, 1994-1998, Modern Languages (Spanish and Portuguese) Pontificia Universidade Catolica, Rio De Janeiro, 1998 - Luso-Brazilian Literature Academy of Art University, 2003-2004 - Graphic Design and New Media Studies.

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

N/A

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

My life in Petaluma, as a parent of young children, has built up around our cargo bike - grocery store runs, school dropoffs and pickups, soccer practice, playground runs, etc - all with a bike that can carry up to 440 pounds. I want to help Petaluma continue to grow into a sustainable and safe place to raise a family. I want to see a downtown that flourishes into a place where pedestrian and bike traffic are the norm, and businesses thrive. I would work toward building infrastructure and education that serve everyone in Petaluma, whether encouraging regular bike and pedestrian transit, or increasing the outreach and education to the community regarding bike and pedestrian awareness and safety.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

As an avid cyclist, a dad, and someone who's followed pedestrian and bicycle advocacy issues for 30 years, I am excited to see once radical ideas become normalized and de rigueur.

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

**City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?**

Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

My neighbor mentioned there was an opening on the board, and having had many conversations about the bike and pedestrian infra changes happening, thought I might be interested.

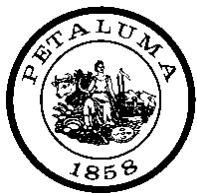
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Jason Meyers

2024-12-17



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<b>Name:</b>	
David Paslay	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>No</b>	(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>No</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	Since June of 1992
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate <i>ONE</i> additional choice.</b>
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	Transit Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Retired	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
N/A	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

None

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

None.

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

Business Ownership, IT Management, and Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

Computer Programming, Tech School 1986

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

Pillar of Integrity and Management. Harland Financial Solutions

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

Went to a meeting on Dec 16 on the EIR bridge issue and became interested in the governance process. Felt with my 50 years of work experience and 34 years in the community that I could be of benefit to decisions made in the community. Fresh perspectives are always a good option.....

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

None.

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

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Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

City online site.

**Applicant's Signature (or type name)**

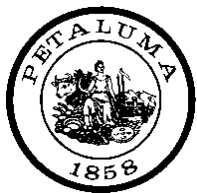
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David Paslay

2024-12-19





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<b>Name:</b>	
Aaron Prentice	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) Yes</i>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) Yes</i>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	12 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate ONE additional choice.</b>
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	Airport Commission
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Petaluma Motor Wheel	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Owner	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

None

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

Bike Petaluma, Safe Streets Petaluma, Blue Zones,

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

Intimate knowledge of our local pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. As a local E-bike shop owner I have first hand knowledge of the thoughts and concerns of the local cycling community. Not just the typical mountain bike or road bike riders though. Our business is built on serving mostly commuters, cargo bike parents, elder riders. A huge part of our demographic is people between the ages of 50-80. My favorite part of our business is getting people back on bicycles that wouldn't normally start riding again if it wasn't for E-bikes. My 2nd favorite part is helping families get into cargo bikes to replace their car for taking kids to school, grocery shopping and running errands. Because I am so heavily a part of the cycling community that uses our bike paths and roads I feel like I have my finger on the pulse of the community.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

None

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

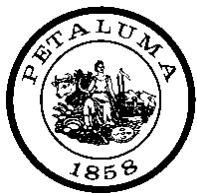
None

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I want to be a part of this committee because I feel that I have my finger on the pulse of the people using our bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and can provide great insight into the needs of our city. As a local business owner I also understand that there are budgets to adhere to and funding is always a challenge. It's very easy to ask for the moon and want Petaluma to resemble Denmark when it comes to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure within 5 years, but I understand the hurdles of funding, logistics etc.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

None	
<b>Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?</b>	
No	
<b>If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:</b>	
N/A	
<b>City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?</b>	
Yes	
<b>How did you hear about this opening?</b>	
Word of mouth	
<b>Applicant's Signature (or type name)</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Electronic signature</b>  Aaron Prentice	  2024-12-18



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<b>Name:</b>	
Paul Shedden	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	12 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate <i>ONE</i> additional choice.</b>
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	Climate Action Commission
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
No	No
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Retired	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
President & Head Of Sales	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

None

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

None

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

I served on the BPI Independent Record Label Committee (UK Record :all Association) and the Music Publishers Association Of Great Britain. I have many years of experience negotiating topics with many different points of view represented and helping to steer and agree a way forward

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

UK qualifications that do not translate to the US

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

Written articles in and been written about in various music magazines.

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I would not chose to live anywhere other than Petaluma. I want to help others feel the same way and believe improving and enhancing cycle and pedestrian resources will contribute to this. I am a keen cyclist and walk pretty much every day for exercise and health. My wife and I lead a walking group the the BlueZone Group every Friday in Here Putnam Park. I am therefore very invested in this.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

No

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

**City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?**

Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

Invited to apply by Peggy and Caitlin

**Applicant's Signature (or type name)**

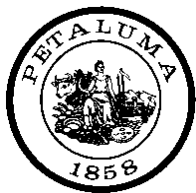
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P J Shedden

2025-01-15





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<b>Name:</b>	
Christopher Smith	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>No</b>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</i> <b>Yes</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	almost 25 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate ONE additional choice.</b>
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee	
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	Yes
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
self employed as designer at East Main Design & Development	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Designer	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

Petaluma Public Art Committee - committee member, vice chair, chair. 2016-2024

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

I have not held an official position at any civic or charitable organization.

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

I'm a critical observer of urban living: I maintain an ongoing interest in Petaluma's past development and how it has constrained and frequently dictated tomorrow's transportation opportunities. These constraints necessitate policy making, advising and execution that are creative, forward-looking and balanced in order to safely and effectively serve all those who move through Petaluma. Believing that the City must deliver to its citizens balanced, multi-modal transportation solutions in pursuit of its complete streets policy, I actively note where improvements can be made, particularly with regard to active transportation. The PBAC would be for me a forum for better understanding opportunities for improvement, sharing ideas and working to support the city's identified active transportation goals. I continue to cover much of the city on foot, by bike and automobile studying how improved planned development and transportation systems, as well as discreet projects, can improve the lives of individual citizens and the community as whole. I have relevant and related experience: I'm reasonably well informed about the development and planning process within Petaluma. I'm capable of reading and understanding building project plans and pulling insights from them. I've served on the Petaluma Public Art Committee for 8 years including as Chair and Vice Chair. This has given me substantial understanding of how committees operate, how to listen to and represent public interests, and how to work with City staff so as to meaningfully contribute to the committee's work. Since its inception I've followed the efforts of the citizen group Safe Streets Petaluma, which advocates for many issues that align with the function of the PBAC and in pursuit of one of the City's stated goals of safer streets. I'm considerate and fair minded: With whatever I do, I try to bring a consistently high level of commitment, care and sense of responsibility. Likewise, while I study and try to work to the best solution, I strive to remain actively open minded during the process.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

Hamilton College - Liberal Arts, Studio Art- BA 1988 California College of the Arts - Industrial Design - BFA 1997

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

n/a

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

From 2002-2004 I attended many PBAC meetings, helped with particular committee projects and began to fully understand the committee's reason for being and its potential for net-positive influence on development projects. Since then we've witnessed substantial development within the city, bringing both the good (closer-to-home shopping options, more housing stock etc...) and the difficult (traffic impacts, poor project integration, etc....). I've observed or attended more recent meetings and have been impressed by what appears to be an even high functioning committee that follows more clearly defined city goals. The issues the city and the PBAC face will continue to be more challenging as in-fill developments create more complexity for all stakeholders to work through. But with that complexity comes opportunity. I would like to be part of the discussion around these challenging projects and contribute to improving the city's livability for the long term. Aside from currently planned developments, I would like to explore and better understand how the PBAC might impact other existing, needy sites around town that I've observed that are ripe for improvement. I would also like to find workable ways of supporting city staff to accelerate planning and realizing complete streets opportunities in shorter time frames.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

I don't believe so

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

**City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?**

Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

I was generally aware of CCB vacancies being filled around this time.

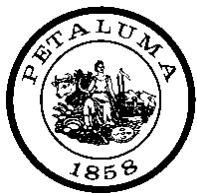
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**Date**

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Christopher M. Smith

2025-01-14



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<b>Name:</b>	
Dave Alden	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) Yes</i>	<i>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) Yes</i>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	23 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate ONE additional choice.</b>
Transit Advisory Committee	Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	Yes
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
Retired	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
N/A	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

City of Petaluma, General Plan Advisory Committee (2020-present) City of Petaluma, Transit Advisory Committee, Member (2011-2017, 2018-2024), Chair (2013-2017, 2019-2020, 2021-2024)) City of Petaluma, VMT Technical Advisory Committee (2020-2022) Sonoma County Age Friendly Task Force (2016-2018) City of Petaluma, Recreation, Music, and Park Commission, Member (2013-2017) City of Petaluma, Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee, Liaison from RMPC (2013-2017) City of Petaluma, Station Area Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (2010-2012) Bend LaPine Public Schools, Finance Committee (Bend, Oregon), Member (1998-2000), Chair (2000) City of Bend (Oregon), Ad-Hoc Design Standards Committee (1997-1999)

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

Petaluma Urban Chat, Co-Founder, Executive Director (2012-2023), Chair (2023-present) Know Before You Grow (committee of Urban Chat), Member (2017-present) Congress for the New Urbanism, member (2011-present), California Chapter Board (2020-present), Treasurer (2024-present) StrongTowns, Member (2013-present) SPUR (Bay Area urban planning), Member (2017-present) Urban Land institute, Member (2005-2009) Rebuilding Together Petaluma, Director (2002-2008), President (2005-2008) Broken Top Community Association (Bend, Oregon), Design Review Committee, Chair (1996-1999)

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

I'm a Registered Civil Engineer with over forty-five years of experience in Petaluma and elsewhere. I'm keenly aware of the connections between land-use patterns and community values such as housing affordability, mobility options, greenhouse gas reduction, and municipal finances. In my semi-retirement, I've chosen to become active in these fields, through membership and participation in national organizations and through local organizations I've helped found. This background will be brought forward to any City body to which I might be appointed. I've also written extensively, on my own blog and as a free-lance writer for the Petaluma Argus Courier, on land-use concerns that often touch upon mobility. I spoke at a StrongTowns national conference about the integration of local mobility options with regional rail in Petaluma. In 2020, I coordinated event logistics and participated in the first meeting of the Congress of the New Urbanism California Climate Adaptation Council. In 2023, I was on the organizing committee as Urban Chat hosted their first Better Cities Film Festival. I'm now working with the Film Festival chair for the second annual Festival. Transit is the primary subject of two of the films in the upcoming Festival.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

University of California (Berkeley), 1971-1975, Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering University of California (Berkeley), 1975-1976, Master of Science, Civil Engineering (Water Resources)

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

Recognition from StrongTowns as the leader of a particularly active Local Conversation (2024) Recognition from Urban Land Institute for participation in UrbanPlan (2007-2014) City of Petaluma proclamation noting tenure as Board President of Rebuilding Together Petaluma (2009)

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I have a passion for land-use practices that will align cities for success in the 21st century. I want to bring that passion to bear on making Petaluma the best place possible. If appointed to the Transit Advisory Committee, I'd work to find the best ways to serve the segments of the public that rely on transit, fixed-route and paratransit, to seek out opportunities to entice people with multiple options to choose transit, to promote the integration of SMART rail with Petaluma Transit routes in hopes of encouraging more rail ridership, to promote the integration of land use and transit, and to begin the progress toward the transit mode share necessary to achieve the City goal of carbon neutrality.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

Although I left the Transit Committee in 2024 because of term limits, I've continued to engage with Transit staff regarding their ongoing efforts and the interactions with the Urban Chat initiatives.

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

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Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

City email

**Applicant's Signature (or type name)**

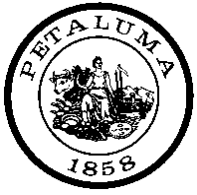
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David A. Alden

2025-01-06





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<b>Name:</b>	
Joshua Simmons	
<b>Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:</b>	
[REDACTED]	
<b>Phone:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>E-Mail:</b> [REDACTED]
(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>No</b>	(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?) <b>Yes</b>
<b>Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?</b>	<b>If so, for how long?</b>
Yes	7 years
<b>Are you applying for a Youth Position?</b>	<b>If yes, what grade are you in?</b>
No	N/A
<b>Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest:</b> <i>Note: Five (5) members of the Senior Advisory Committee, must be at least 55 years of age; Two (2) members may be 18 or over.</i>	<b>If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate ONE additional choice.</b>
Transit Advisory Committee	Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
<b>Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?</b>	<b>Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?</b>
Yes	Yes
<b>Present Employer:</b>	
The Matrix.org Foundation	
<b>Job Title:</b>	
Managing Director	
<b>Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:</b>	

Technology Advisory Committee, June 2020 - June 2023 General Plan Advisory Committee, January 2021 - present  
Library Advisory Board, currently serving as Chair, September 2023 - present

**Civic or Charitable Organization to which you have belonged, Position/Office Held, and Dates:**

Petaluma Pride, current Secretary having also served as Treasurer and Vice President, November 2021 - present

**What Special Interests/Skills/Talents would you bring to this Board, Commission, or Committee?**

My experience on the General Plan Advisory Committee and involvement in other city affairs helps me understand how the many different systems of the city interact, and the constraints and tradeoffs that we have to navigate as we try to make Petaluma safer, healthier, more resilient, and more prosperous. I'm also involved with local civic organizations and run events that bring people to Petaluma from all over the world, so I can see our transit issues through the lenses of locals of different backgrounds, visitors from neighboring cities and counties, and even visitors from other states and countries.

**College, Professional, Vocational Schools Attended (Major Subject, Dates, Degree/Date):**

I studied for a few years at San Diego State University and Santa Rosa Junior College, starting in 2006, with a focus on journalism, philosophy, and anthropology.

**Special Awards of Recognition Received:**

N/A

**Please state reasons why you want to become a member of this Board, Commission, or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this advisory body:**

I would specifically like to work toward making Petaluma's transit networks safer for multimodal use, less damaging for the climate and environment, and less congested, with a particular emphasis on building better links to the edges of town that are not as well served.

**Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?**

I've greatly enjoyed my time volunteering on city committees and, as the General Plan Advisory Committee has now completed the bulk of its work, I am eager to find a new assignment. I've also applied to the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee and, in that application marked the Transit Advisory Committee as one I'd also be willing to serve on, but I figured I ought to file a dedicated application to TAC. I only want to serve on one of those committees, both to manage my personal workload and to ensure the city benefits from a greater variety of voices and perspectives.

**Are you associated with any Organization/Employer that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?**

No

**If so, please state name of Organization/Employer:**

N/A

**City policy directs all appointed advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such conflict arises?**

Yes

**How did you hear about this opening?**

A city councilperson recommended it to me!

**Applicant's Signature (or type name)**

**Date**

**Electronic signature**

Joshua Simmons

2024-12-21