



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

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Instructions: Use this form to apply to serve on any of the City of Petaluma, California's Boards, Commissions, or Committees. Please fill out the form completely. If a question does not apply, type or write N/A in the space provided. When completed, please email to the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@cityofpetaluma.org. All applications are reviewed by the City Council. If you have questions about this form, please contact the City Clerk's Office.

Name:	
Susan G. Hootkins	
Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:	
[REDACTED] Petaluma, CA 94954	
Phone: Landline: [REDACTED] <small>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	E-Mail: [REDACTED] <small>(If appointed, do you want this to be available to the public?)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you live within the Petaluma City limits?	If so, for how long?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Since April 2007
Are you a registered voter in Petaluma?	If so, for how long?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	16 years
Board, Commission, or Committee, of Interest: <small>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.</small>	If not appointed to your first choice, are you willing to serve on another City Board, Commission, or Committee? Please indicate ONE additional choice.
Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District	No
Have you attended a meeting of this or other City bodies?	Have you served on or applied for this or other City bodies previously?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Present Employer:	
None. Retired.	
Job Title:	
Not applicable (N/A).	

Previous Governmental Bodies/Elective Offices you have served, Position/Office Held and Dates:

Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District (MSMVCD), Trustee, August 2017 to present.

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

Supporter of many charities related to health (Alzheimer's disease, pancreatic cancer) and animal protection issues (ASPCA, World Wildlife Fund, Equine Advocates) but not on any boards of these organizations.

N/A

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

Ms. Hootkins has served on MSMVCD Board of Trustees since August 2017. Presently serves on 4 Board advisory committees: Budget; Audit; MOU; and Environment, Climate Crisis & Sustainability. Concerning the practice of good governance and effectiveness, Ms. Hootkins completed CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy Conference, September 18-20, 2022.

Previously she was Project Manager for preparation of CEQA compliance documents for 9 mosquito abatement/vector control districts for control of mosquitoes and other disease-carrying vectors in nine counties in northern and central California in 2012-2019. Ms. Hootkins managed the preparation of technical studies and CEQA template documents including a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The technical studies include toxicity hazards evaluations on a long list of pesticide active ingredients and adjuvants (46) including mosquito larvicides and adulticides, herbicides, and rodenticides; air quality/GHG evaluations; and noise and biological studies. Issues of concern include surveillance and water/vegetation management in a range of habitats and pesticide application effects on nontarget species and humans. Six of the 9 districts engaged Ms. Hootkins and her staff at Cardno to tailor the template/regional CEQA materials to their district-specific programs: Northern Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement District, Solano County Mosquito Abatement District, Napa County Mosquito Abatement District, Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District, Alameda County Vector Control Services District, and San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District. MSMVCD completed their Final Programmatic EIR in June 2016.

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


MUP, Urban & Regional Planning, San Jose State University; 1981
BA, Human Biology, Stanford University; 1973

Special Awards of Recognition Received:

American Planning Association, Federal Planning Division, 1997 Planning Award, Environmental Planning Excellence (for the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for Air Force Bases in Hawaii, 15th Air Base Wing, Hickam AFB, Hawaii).

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:

Having prepared MSMVCD's recent PEIR covering all of its vector control activities, I have a very clear understanding of what they do, how they do it, and the potential environmental impacts. This knowledge is derived from extensive and comprehensive technical and scientific information developed for their PEIR, and it is based on their activities conducted at present and in the anticipated future. My objectives are to ensure reasonable oversight/review of their vector control activities from a citizen/resident's perspective and with knowledge of CEQA requirements. I am very much aware of the controversial aspects of their Program, in particular the need for pesticides and public concerns about the safety of these materials. The District's mission is to protect public health, and I believe the District can do this and be cognizant of environmental conditions in Petaluma and Sonoma County. The need for public awareness of potential health threats requires effective communication to the community. I am aware of the specific conditions in Sonoma County and Petaluma that require substantial vector control effort by District staff. I have been in the planning profession since 1973, and public involvement is a critical component in any kind of environmental as well as community planning. I would update the City Council as needed on District activities (e.g., educational open house, tire recycling, and other events).

Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application?	
Past employment experience: Independent Consultant (2014 to 2021) Cardno ENTRIX, Senior Consultant (March 2005 to 2013 full time/regular; 2014 - February 2019 hourly) URS, Project Manager/Senior Planner, May 1999 - February 2005 EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Senior Planner, August 1990 - May 1999 Association of Bay Area Governments, Regional Planner III, IV, November 1980 - July 1990 Alameda County Planning Department, Planner I, II, III, November 1973 - October 1980	
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?	
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
How did you hear about this opening?	
Originally in Argus-Courier, July 5, 2017.	
Applicant's Signature (or type name)	Date
	November 17, 2022