



STAFF REPORT

City Council

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Advisory Body Vacancies: Consider applicants and make appointments to fill vacancies on various advisory bodies

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Council consider applicants for appointment to vacant or expired term seats on the following advisory bodies:

- Complete Streets Commission (CSC)
 - Two (2) vacancies
- Environmental Quality Commission (EQC)
 - Two (2) vacancies
- Housing Commission (HC)
 - One (1) vacancy
- Library Commission (LC)
 - Two (2) vacancies
- Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)
 - One (1) vacancy
- Planning Commission (PC)
 - Two (2) vacancies

The Finance and Audit Commission (FAC) does not have any vacancies.

Policy Issues

City Council Policy CC-24-004 (Attachment A) establishes the policies, procedures, roles and responsibilities for the City's appointed advisory bodies, including the manner in which members are selected.

Policy CC-24-004 also allows the City Council to schedule or waive interviews of applicants. Aligning with current practice, Planning Commission interviews occurred at the April 14 City Council meeting.

Background

Annually, staff conducts a recruitment to fill advisory body vacancies that exist due to expiring terms, members terming out or unexpected vacancies (e.g., resignations). This recruitment involved an eight-week period of advertisements and announcements from Feb. 6 – April 3. Incumbent members who were expiring but not terming out were informed of their ability to apply for reappointment. One EQC and one PC Commissioner did not reapply to continue serving, all remaining incumbents did reapply for an additional term on their current commission. There were no incumbent members who termed out this year. Residents who expressed interest in serving or were not appointed in a previous recruitment were also invited to reapply. Additionally, recruitment efforts included print and digital advertisements in English and Spanish,

announcements at public meetings and Weekly Digest articles, culminating in 56 applications received.

Following City Council's appointments, the city clerk's office provides onboarding and orientation for the new members. This includes the oath of office, commissioner handbook, introduction of advisory body liaison staff, Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests filing (if applicable) and a copy of the Brown Act. For appointments made annually in April, the city clerk's office coordinates annual training in May or June. Training includes ethics, Brown Act and Public Records Act requests.

The city clerk's office regularly reviews all agendas and minutes, tracks attendance (Attachment B) and serves as the principal staff contact for all advisory body members. The City has designated staff to act as a subject matter expert and serve as a liaison between the advisory body and the City Council

Analysis

Pursuant to City Council Policy CC-24-004, members must be residents of the City of Menlo Park and serve designated terms of four years or through the completion of an unexpired term or as otherwise designated.

Residency for all applicants has been verified by the city clerk's office. In addition, CC-24-004 states the selection/appointment process by the City Council shall be conducted open to the public. Nominations will be made and a vote will be called for each nomination in the order received. Applicants receiving the highest number of affirmative votes from a majority of the City Council present shall be appointed. The number of votes for each City Councilmember is limited to the number of vacancies.

The city clerk's office has compiled all applications received and attached them to this staff report as Attachment C, with the applicants' personal contact information redacted. The redacted applications are also available for public viewing at City Hall during regular business hours or by request. Additionally, unredacted versions of the applications were made available to the City Council for reference, as applicants were encouraged to contact the City Council to discuss their interest in serving on an advisory body ahead of the April 28 City Council meeting. Attachment D lists all applicants including their residency District and Attachment E lists currently seated members and their residency District. These appointments can be made by the City Council at this meeting.

The City received the following applications, presented by advisory body and listed in alphabetical order by last name, also listed in Attachment F, which includes the indicated preferences of applicants who applied to multiple commissions, and Attachment G, which shows a side by side view of current members and applicants. Please note: the "D" references the applicant's residency District.

Complete Streets Commission

Two vacancies:

- Two regular terms expiring April 30, 2030

Ten applicants:

1. Jessica Beeli-D4 (currently serving on HC, term expires 2028)
2. Leonard Chang-D5 (also applied to HC, CSC preferred)
3. Sally Cole-D5 (incumbent)
4. Federico De Giuli-D4 (also applied to EQC and HC, HC preferred)
5. Ethan Ebinger-D3
6. Athena Ierokomos-D4 (incumbent)
7. Tim Rochte-D2
8. Holly Ubellacker-D3 (also applied for EQC, CSC preferred)
9. Thomas Wandless-D4 (also applied to PRC, CSC preferred)

10. Patrick Ye-D3 (also applied to EQC and HC, HC preferred)

Environmental Quality Commission

Two vacancies:

- Two regular terms expiring April 30, 2030

Eleven applicants:

1. Radhika Anne-D4 (also applied to HC, PRC and PC, EQC preferred)
2. Federico De Giuli-D4 (also applied to CSC and HC, HC preferred)
3. Lesley Feldman-D2
4. Brittany B. Goodwin-D1 (also applied to HC and PRC, EQC preferred)
5. Sumi Hachmann-D2 (also applied to PRC, no preference indicated)
6. Eduardo Lopez Hernandez-D1 (incumbent)
7. Dorene Martinez-D2
8. Nabil Saad-D4
9. Paul Studemeister-D5
10. Holly Ubellacker-D3 (also applied to CSC, CSC preferred)
11. Patrick Ye-D3 (also applied to CSC and HC, HC preferred)

Housing Commission

One vacancy:

- One regular term expiring April 30, 2030

Fourteen applicants:

1. Radhika Anne-D4 (also applied to EQC, PRC and PC, EQC preferred)
2. Jeffrey Berkes-D4 (also applied to PC, PC preferred)
3. Leonard Chang-D5 (also applied to CSC, CSC preferred)
4. Federico De Giuli-D4 (also applied to CSC and EQC, HC preferred)
5. Jared Duke-D4
6. Brittany B. Goodwin-D1 (also applied to EQC and PRC, EQC preferred)
7. Gina Grega-D1
8. Robert Hubbell-D2 (also applied to PRC, PRC preferred)
9. Josh Leslie-D5 (also applied to PC, HC preferred)
10. Steven Switzer-D3 (incumbent)
11. Maryam Veisi-D5 (also applied to PRC, PRC preferred)
12. Lusann Yang-D2
13. Chelsea Ye-D4
14. Patrick Ye-D3 (also applied to CSC and EQC, HC preferred)

Library Commission

Two vacancies:

- Two regular terms expiring April 30, 2030

Five applicants:

1. Kim Crockett-D5 (incumbent)
2. Ann Dawson-D5
3. Kaveri Gupta-D2 (also applied to PRC, LC preferred)
4. James Rohr-D1
5. Brian Westcott-D5 (incumbent)

Parks and Recreation Commission

One vacancy:

- One regular term expiring April 30, 2030

Nine applicants:

1. Radhika Anne-D4 (also applied to EQC, HC and PC, EQC preferred)
2. Brittany B. Goodwin-D1 (also applied to EQC and HC, EQC preferred)
3. Kaveri Gupta-D2 (also applied to LC, LC preferred)
4. Sumi Hachmann-D2 (also applied to EQC, no preference indicated)
5. Robert Hubbell-D2 (also applied to HC, PRC preferred)
6. Justin Van Buren-D4 (incumbent)
7. Maryam Veisi-D5 (also applied to HC, PRC preferred)
8. Thomas Wandless-D4 (also applied to CSC, CSC preferred)
9. Djuna Woods-D4

Planning Commission

Two vacancies:

- Two regular terms expiring April 30, 2030

Seven applicants:

1. Radhika Anne-D4 (also applied to EQC, HC and PRC, EQC preferred)
2. Jeffrey Berkes-D4 (also applied to HC, PC preferred)
3. Nancy Larocca Hedley-D4
4. Josh Leslie-D5 (also applied to HC, HC preferred)
5. Ronald Renwick-D3
6. Meredith Rohr-D1
7. Jennifer Schindler-D5 (incumbent)

Jessica Beeli is currently serving a term on the HC expiring April 30, 2028, and has applied to serve on the CSC. Appointment to the CSC would result in an additional HC vacancy. For this reason, staff recommends that the City Council conduct PC appointments first, then proceeding in alphabetical order.

Lastly, the City Council also has the option to direct staff to reopen advisory body recruitment at their discretion.

Impact on City Resources

Staff support for advisory bodies and funds for recruitment advertising are provided in the annual budget.

Public Notice

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Attachments

- A. City Council Policy CC-24-004
- B. March 2025 – February 2026 Advisory body attendance
- C. Applications
- D. Applicants by District
- E. Current advisory body members by District
- F. Applicants by commission preference
- G. Current advisory body members and applicants side by side

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ATTACHMENT A



Purpose
To define policies and procedures and roles and responsibilities for Menlo Park appointed commissions and committees.
Authority
Upon its original adoption, this policy replaced the document known as "Organization of Advisory Commissions of the City of Menlo Park."
Background
The City of Menlo Park currently has seven active Commissions. The active advisory bodies are: Complete Streets Commission, Environmental Quality Commission, Finance and Audit Commission, Housing Commission, Library Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission. Those not specified in the City Code are established by City Council ordinance or resolution. Most of these advisory bodies are established in accordance with Resolution No. 2801 and its amendments. Within specific areas of responsibility, each advisory body has a primary role of advising the City Council on policy matters or reviewing specific issues and carrying out assignments as directed by the City Council or prescribed by law. Six of the seven commissions listed above are advisory in nature. The Planning Commission is both advisory and regulatory and organized according to the City Code (Ch. 2.12) and State statute (Government Code §65100 et seq., §65300-65401). The City has an adopted Anti-Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policy (CC-21-0022), and a Travel, Meal, and Lodging Policy (CC-19-002), which are also applicable to all advisory bodies.
Policies and Procedures
<u>Relationship to City Council, staff and media</u> • Upon referral by the City Council, the commission/committee shall study referred matters and return their recommendations and advise to the City Council. With each such referral, the City Council may authorize the City staff to provide certain designated services to aid in the study. • Upon its own initiative, the commission/committee shall identify and raise issues to the City Council's attention and from time to time explore pertinent matters and make recommendations to the City Council. • At a request of a member of the public, the commission/committee may consider appeals from City actions or inactions in pertinent areas and, if deemed appropriate, report and make recommendations to the City Council. • Each commission/committee is required to develop an annual work plan which will be the foundation for the work performed by the advisory body in support of City Council annual work plan. The plan, once finalized by a majority of the commission/committee, will be formally presented to the City Council for direction and approval no later than September 30 of each year and then reported out on by a representative of the advisory body at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting at least annually, but recommended twice a year. The proposed work plan must align with the City Council's adopted work plan. When modified, the work plan must be taken to the City Council for approval. The Planning Commission is exempt from this requirement as its functions are governed by the Menlo Park municipal code (Chapter 2.12) and State law (Government Code §65100 et seq., §65300-65401). • Commissions and committees shall not become involved in the administrative or operational matters of City departments. Members may not direct staff to initiate major programs, conduct large studies or establish department policy. City staff assigned to furnish staff services shall be available to provide general staff assistance, such as preparation of agenda/notice materials and minutes, general review of department programs and activities, and to perform limited studies, program reviews, and other services of a general staff nature. Commissions/Committees may not establish department work programs or determine department program priorities. The responsibility for setting policy and allocating scarce City resources rests with the City's duly elected representatives, the City Council. • Additional or other staff support may be provided upon a formal request to the City Council. • The staff liaison shall act as the commission/committee's lead representative to the media concerning matters before the commission/committee. Commission/Committee members should refer all media inquiries to their respective liaisons for response. Personal opinions and comments may be expressed so long as the commission/committee member clarifies that their statements do not represent the position of the City Council. • Commission/Committee members will have mandatory training every two years regarding the Brown Act and

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parliamentary procedures, anti-harassment training, ethics training, and other training required by the City Council or State Law. The commission/committee members may have the opportunity for additional training, such as training for chair and vice chair. Failure to comply with the mandatory training will be reported to the City Council and may result in replacement of the member by the City Council.

- Requests from commission/committee member(s) determined by the staff liaison to take one hour or more of staff time to complete, must be directed by the City Council.

Role of City Council commission/committee liaison

City Councilmembers are assigned to serve in a liaison capacity with one or more city commission/committee. The purpose of the liaison assignment is to facilitate communication between the City Council and the advisory body. The liaison also helps to increase the City Council's familiarity with the membership, programs and issues of the advisory body. In fulfilling their liaison assignment, City Councilmembers may elect to attend commission/committee meetings periodically to observe the activities of the advisory body or simply maintain communication with the commission/committee chair on a regular basis.

City Councilmembers should be sensitive to the fact that they are not participating members of the commission/committee, but are there rather to create a linkage between the City Council and commission/committee. In interacting with commissions/committee, City Councilmembers are to reflect the views of the City Council as a body. Being a commission/committee liaison bestows no special right with respect to commission/committee business.

Typically, assignments to commission/committee liaison positions are made at the beginning of a City Council term in December. The Mayor will ask City Councilmembers which liaison assignments they desire and will submit recommendations to the full City Council regarding the various committees, boards, and commissions which City Councilmembers will represent as a liaison. In the rare instance where more than one City Councilmember wishes to be the appointed liaison to a particular commission, a vote of the City Council will be taken to confirm appointments.

City Staff Liaison

The City has designated staff to act as a liaison between the commission/committee and the City Council. The City shall provide staff services to the commission/committee which will include:

- Developing a rapport with the Chair and commission/committee members
- Providing a schedule of meetings to the city clerk's office and commission/committee members, arranging meeting locations, maintaining the minutes and other public records of the meeting, and preparing and distributing appropriate information related to the meeting agenda.
- Advising the commission/committee on directions and priorities of the City Council.
- Informing the commission/committee of events, activities, policies, programs, etc. occurring within the scope of the commission/committee's function.
- Ensuring the city clerk is informed of all vacancies, expired terms, changes in offices, or any other changes to the commission/committee.
- Providing information to the appropriate appointed official including reports, actions, and recommendations of the committee/commission and notifying them of noncompliance by the commission/committee or chair with City policies.
- Ensuring that agenda items approved by the commission/committee are brought forth in a timely manner taking into consideration staff capacity, City Council priorities, the commission/committee work plan, and other practical matters such as the expense to conduct research or prepare studies, provided appropriate public notification, and otherwise properly prepare the item for commission/committee consideration.
- Take action minutes; upon agreement of the commission, this task may be performed by one of the members (staff is still responsible for the accuracy and formatting of the minutes)
- Maintain a minute book with signed minutes

Recommendations, requests and reports

As needed, near the beginning of City Council meetings, there will be an item called "Advisory Body Reports." At this time, commissions/committees may present recommendations or status reports and may request direction and support from the City Council. Such requests shall be communicated to the staff liaison in advance, including any written materials, so that they may be listed on the agenda and distributed with the agenda packet. The materials being

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provided to the City Council must be approved by a majority of the commission/committee at a commission/committee meeting before submittal to the City Council. The City Council will receive such reports and recommendations and, after suitable study and discussion, respond or give direction.

City Council referrals

The city clerk shall transmit to the designated staff liaison all referrals and requests from the City Council for advice and recommendations. The commissions/committees shall expeditiously consider and act on all referrals and requests made by the City Council and shall submit reports and recommendations to the City Council on these assignments.

Public appearance of commission/committee members

When a commission/committee member appears in a non-official, non-representative capacity before the public, for example, at a City Council meeting, the member shall indicate that they are speaking only as an individual. This also applies when interacting with the media and on social media. If the commission/committee member appears as the representative of an applicant or a member of the public, the Political Reform Act may govern this appearance. In addition, in certain circumstances, due process considerations might apply to make a commission/committee member's appearance inappropriate. Conversely, when a member who is present at a City Council meeting is asked to address the City Council on a matter, the member should represent the viewpoint of the particular commission/committee as a whole (not a personal opinion).

Disbanding of advisory body

Upon recommendation by the Chair or appropriate staff, any standing or special advisory body, established by the City Council and whose members were appointed by the City Council, may be declared disbanded due to lack of business, by majority vote of the City Council.

Stipends

Per Government Code §36506, the City is authorized to pay appointed Planning Commissioners by resolution. The City Council has adopted a resolution with an amount not to exceed \$200 per month per Planning Commissioner. Per the IRS (Internal Revenue Services), "public officer" also includes appointed members of advisory boards and committees and commissions. The Planning Commission stipend is taxable income and each member will receive a W-2.

Meetings and officers

1. *Agendas/notices/minutes*

- All meetings shall be open and public and shall conduct business through published agendas, public notices and minutes and follow all of the Brown Act provisions governing public meetings. Special, canceled and adjourned meetings may be called when needed, subject to the Brown Act provisions.
- Support staff for each commission/committee shall be responsible for properly noticing and posting all regular, special, canceled and adjourned meetings. Copies of all meeting agendas, notices and minutes shall be provided to the City Council, city manager, city attorney, city clerk and other appropriate staff, as requested.
- Original agendas and minutes shall be filed and maintained by support staff in accordance with the City's adopted records retention schedule.
- The official record of the commissions/committees will be preserved by preparation of action minutes.

2. *Conduct and parliamentary procedures*

- Unless otherwise specified by State law or City regulations, conduct of all meetings shall generally follow Robert's Rules of Order.
- A majority of commission/committee members shall constitute a quorum and a quorum must be seated before official action is taken.
- The chair of each commission/committee shall preside at all meetings and the vice chair shall assume the duties of the chair when the chair is absent.
- The role of the commission/committee chair (according to Roberts Rules of Order): To open the session at the time at which the assembly is to meet, by taking the chair and calling the members to order; to announce the business before the assembly in the order in which it is to be acted upon; to recognize members entitled to the floor; to state and put to vote all questions which are regularly moved, or necessarily arise in the course of the proceedings, and to announce the result of the vote; to protect the assembly from annoyance from evidently frivolous or dilatory motions by refusing to recognize them; to assist in the expediting of business in every compatible with the rights of the members, as by allowing brief remarks when undebatable motions are pending, if they think it advisable; to restrain the members when engaged in debate, within the rules of order, to enforce on all occasions the observance of order and decorum among the members, deciding all questions

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of order (subject to an appeal to the assembly by any two members) unless when in doubt he prefers to submit the question for the decision of the assembly; to inform the assembly when necessary, or when referred to for the purpose, on a point of order to practice pertinent to pending business; to authenticate by their signature, when necessary, all the acts, orders, and proceedings of the assembly declaring it will and in all things obeying its commands.

3. *Lack of a quorum*

- When a lack of a quorum exists at the start time of a meeting, those present will wait 15 minutes for additional members to arrive. If after 15 minutes a quorum is still not present, the meeting will be adjourned by the staff liaison due to lack of a quorum. Once the meeting is adjourned it cannot be reconvened.
- The public is not allowed to address those commissioners present during the 15 minutes the commission/committee is waiting for additional members to arrive.
- Staff can make announcements to the members during this time but must follow up with an email to all members of the body conveying the same information.
- All other items shall not be discussed with the members present as it is best to make the report when there is a quorum present.

4. *Meeting locations and dates*

- Meetings shall be held in designated City facilities, as noticed.
- All commissions/committees with the exception of the Planning Commission, and Finance and Audit Commission shall conduct regular meetings once a month. Special meetings may also be scheduled as required by the commission/committee. The Planning Commission shall hold regular meetings twice a month and the Finance and Audit Commission shall hold quarterly meetings.
- Monthly regular meetings shall have a fixed date and time established by the commission/committee. Changes to the established regular dates and times are subject to the approval of the City Council. An exception to this rule would include any changes necessitated to fill a temporary need in order for the commission/committee to conduct its meeting in a most efficient and effective way as long as proper and adequate notification is provided to the City Council and made available to the public.

The schedule of Commission meetings is as follows:

- Complete Streets Commission – Every second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Environmental Quality Commission – Every third Wednesday at 6 p.m.
- Finance and Audit Commission – Third Thursday of every quarter at 5:30 p.m.,
- Housing Commission – Every first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Library Commission – Every third Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Commission – Every fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission – Twice a month on a Monday at 7 p.m.

Each commission/committee may establish other operational policies subject to the approval of the City Council. Any changes to the established policies and procedures shall be subject to the approval of the City Council.

5. *Off-premises meeting participation*

While technology allows commission/committee members to participate in meetings from a location other than the meeting location (referred to as “off-premises”), off-premises participation is discouraged given the logistics required to ensure compliance with the Brown Act and experience with technological failures disrupting the meeting. In the event that a commission/committee member believes that their participation is essential to a meeting, the following shall apply:

- Any commission/committee member intending to participate from an off-premise location shall inform the staff liaison at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.
- The off-premise location must be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.
- Agendas must be posted at the off-premise location.
- The off-premise location must be accessible to the public and be ADA compliant.
- The commission/committee member participating at a duly noticed off-premises location does not count toward the quorum necessary to convene a meeting of the commission/committee.
- For any one meeting, no more than one commission/committee member may participate from an off-premise location.
- All votes must be by roll call.

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6. *Selection of chair and vice chair*

- The chair and vice chair shall be selected in May of each year by a majority of the members and shall serve for one year or until their successors are selected.
- Each commission/committee shall annually rotate its chair and vice chair.

G. Memberships

Appointments/Oaths

- The City Council is the appointing body for all commissions/committees. All members serve at the pleasure of the City Council for designated terms.
- All appointments and reappointments shall be made at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, and require an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the City Council present.
- Before taking office, all members must complete an Oath of Allegiance required by Article XX, §3, of the Constitution of the State of California. All oaths are administered by the city clerk or their designee.
- Appointments made during the middle of the term are for the unexpired portion of that term.

Application and selection process

- The application process begins when a vacancy occurs due to term expiration, resignation, removal or death of a member.
- The application period will normally run for a period of four weeks from the date the vacancy occurs. If there is more than one concurrent vacancy in a Commission, the application period may be extended. Applications are available from the city clerk's office and on the City's website.
- The city clerk shall notify members whose terms are about to expire whether or not they would be eligible for reappointment. If reappointment is sought, an updated application will be required.
- Applicants are required to complete and return the application form for each commission/committee they desire to serve on, along with any additional information they would like to transmit, by the established deadline. Applications sent by email are accepted.
- After the deadline of receipt of applications, the city clerk shall schedule the matter at the next available regular City Council meeting. All applications received will be submitted and made a part of the City Council agenda packet for their review and consideration. If there are no applications received by the deadline, the city clerk will extend the application period for an indefinite period of time until sufficient applications are received.
- Upon review of the applications received, the City Council reserves the right to schedule or waive interviews, or to extend the application process in the event insufficient applications are received. In either case, the city clerk will provide notification to the applicants of the decision of the City Council.
- If an interview is requested, the date and time will be designated by the City Council. Interviews are open to the public.
- The selection/appointment process by the City Council shall be conducted at a City Council meeting. The city clerk will ask each City Councilmember for their nominations; the number of nominations is limited to the number of vacancies. The candidate that receives a majority of nominations will be appointed. If there is a tie, multiple rounds of voting will occur.
- Following a City Council appointment, the city clerk shall notify successful and unsuccessful applicants accordingly, in writing. Appointees will receive copies of the City's Non-Discrimination and Sexual Harassment policies, and disclosure statements for those members who are required to file under State law as designated in the City's Conflict of Interest Code. Copies of the notification will also be distributed to support staff and the commission/committee chair.
- An orientation will be scheduled by the city clerk following an appointment (but before taking office) and a copy of this policy document will be provided at that time.

Attendance

- A compilation of attendance will be submitted to the City Council at least annually listing absences for all commissions/committee members.
- Absences, which result in attendance at less than two-thirds of their meetings during the calendar year, will be reported to the City Council and may result in replacement of the member by the City Council.
- Any member who feels that unique circumstances have led to numerous absences can appeal directly to the City Council for a waiver of this policy or to obtain a leave of absence.
- While it is expected that members be present at all meetings, the chair and staff liaison should be notified if a member knows in advance that they will be absent.

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- When reviewing commissioners for reappointment, overall attendance at full commission meetings will be given significant consideration.

Compensation

- Members shall serve without compensation (unless specifically provided) for their services, provided, however, members shall receive reimbursement for necessary travel expenses and other expenses incurred on official duty when such expenditures have been authorized by the City Council (See Policy CC-19-002).

Conflict of interest and disclosure requirements

- A Conflict of Interest Code has been updated and adopted by the City pursuant to Government Code §87300 et seq. Copies of the conflict of interest code are filed with the city clerk. Pursuant to the adopted Conflict of Interest Code, members serving on the Complete Streets Commission, Housing Commission, and Planning Commission are required to file a Statement of Economic Interest with the city clerk to disclose personal interest in investments, real property and income. This is done within 30 days of appointment and annually thereafter. A statement is also required within 30 days after leaving office.
- If a public official has a conflict of interest, the Political Reform Act may require the official to disqualify themselves from making or participating in a governmental decision, or using their official position to influence a governmental decision. Questions in this regard may be directed to the city attorney.

Qualifications, compositions, number

- In most cases, members shall be residents of the City of Menlo Park and at least 18 years of age.
- Current members of any other City commission/committee are disqualified for membership, unless the regulations for that advisory body permit concurrent membership. Commission/Committee members are strongly advised to serve out the entirety of the term of their current appointment before seeking appointment on another commission/committee.
- Commission/Committee members shall be permitted to retain membership while seeking any elective office. However, members shall not use the meetings, functions or activities of such bodies for purposes of campaigning for elective office.
- There shall be seven (7) members on each commission/committee.

Reappointments, resignations, removals

- Incumbents seeking a reappointment are required to complete and file an application with the city clerk by the application deadline. No person shall be reappointed to a commission/committee who has served on that same body for two consecutive terms; unless a period of one year has lapsed since the returning member last served on that commission/committee (the one-year period is flexible subject to City Council's discretion).
- Resignations must be submitted in writing to the city clerk, who will distribute copies to City Council and appropriate staff.
- The City Council may remove a member by a majority vote of the City Council without cause, notice or hearing.

Term of office

- Unless specified otherwise, the term of office for all commission/committees shall be four (4) years unless a resignation or a removal has taken place.
- If a person is appointed to fill an unexpired term and serves less than two years, that time will not be considered a full term. However, if a person is appointed to fill an unexpired term and serves two years or more, that time will be considered a full term.
- Terms are staggered to be overlapping four-year terms, so that all terms do not expire in any one year.
- If a member resigns before the end of their term, a replacement serves out the remainder of that term.

Vacancies

- Vacancies are created due to term expirations, resignations, removals or death.
- Vacancies are posted by the city clerk in the City Council Chambers bulletin board and on the city website.
- Whenever an unscheduled vacancy occurs in any commission/committee, a special vacancy notice shall be posted within 20 days after the vacancy occurs. Appointment shall not be made for at least 10 working days after posting of the notice (Government Code §54974).
- On or before December 31 of each year, an appointment list of all regular advisory commissions/committees of the City Council shall be prepared by the city clerk and posted in the City Council Chambers bulletin board and

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on the City's website. This list is also available to the public (Government Code §54972, Maddy Act).

Roles and Responsibilities

Complete Streets Commission

The Complete Streets Commission is charged primarily with advising the City Council on realizing the City's adopted goals for complete streets, vision zero, climate action plan, and provide input on major land use and development projects as it relates to transportation. The Complete Streets Commission's responsibilities include:

- To advance the goals of the city's newly adopted climate action plan by making alternatives to driving safer and more attractive
- Advise City Council on the implementation of the transportation master plan.
- Continue to advocate for and advise the City Council on planning and installing pedestrian and bicycle rail crossing and safe cycling/pedestrian infrastructure.
- Continue to support City Council in ongoing initiatives to improve access to Downtown and support downtown businesses.
- Continue to support the implementation of the Safe Routes to School strategy and advocate for community engagement, program continuity and engineering implementation.
- Continue to support City Council's role as a stakeholder with regard to regional multi-modal and transportation demand management programs projects to increase

Environmental Quality Commission

The Environmental Quality Commission is committed to helping the City of Menlo Park to be a leading sustainable city that inspires institutions and individuals and that is well positioned to manage present and future environmental impacts, including the grave threat of climate change. The Environmental Quality Commission is charged primarily with advising the City Council on matters involving climate change, environmental protection, and sustainability.. Specific focus areas include:

- Climate Action Plan - Advise and recommend on the implementation of the climate action plan.
- Climate Resilience and Adaptation - Ensure that our most vulnerable communities have a voice in policies and programs to protect their communities from environmental impacts.
- Urban Canopy - Leverage best practices to advise/recommend on the preservation of heritage trees, city trees and expansion of the urban canopy; and make determinations on appeals of heritage tree removal permits.
- Green and Sustainable Initiatives – Support sustainability initiatives, as needs arise, which may include city-led events, habitat protection, healthy ecology, environmental health protection, healthy air, surface water runoff quality, water conservation and waste reduction.

Finance and Audit Commission

The Finance and Audit Commission is charged primarily to support delivery of timely, clear and comprehensive reporting of the City's fiscal status to the community at large. Specific focus areas include:

- Review the process for periodic financial reporting to the City Council and the public, as needed
- Review financial audit and annual financial report with the City's external auditors
- Review of the resolution of prior year audit findings
- Review of the auditor selection process and scope, as needed

Housing Commission

The Housing Commission is charged primarily with advising the City Council on housing matters including housing supply and housing related problems. Specific focus areas include:

- Community attitudes about housing (range, distribution, racial, social-economic problems)
- Programs for evaluating, maintaining, and upgrading the distribution and quality of housing stock in the City
- Planning, implementing and evaluating City programs under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
- Review and recommend to the City Council regarding the Below Market Rate (BMR) program
- Initiate, review and recommend on housing policies and programs for the City
- Review and recommend on housing related impacts for environmental impact reports
- Review and recommend on State and regional housing issues
- Review and recommend on the Housing Element of the General Plan

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Library Commission

The Library Commission is charged primarily with advising the City Council on matters related to the maintenance and operation of the City's libraries and library systems. Specific focus areas include:

- The scope and degree of library activities
- Maintenance and protection of City libraries
- Evaluation and improvement of library service
- Acquisition of library materials
- Coordination with other library systems and long range planning
- Literacy and ESL programs

Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Commission is charged primarily with advising the City Council on matters related to City programs and facilities dedicated to recreation. Specific focus areas include:

- Those programs and facilities established primarily for the participation of and/or use by residents of the City, including adequacy and maintenance of such facilities as parks and playgrounds, recreation buildings, facilities and equipment
- Adequacy, operation and staffing of recreation programs
- Modification of existing programs and facilities to meet developing community needs
- Long range planning and regional coordination concerning park and recreational facilities

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is organized according to State Statute.

- The Planning Commission reviews development proposals on public and private lands for compliance with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.
- The Commission reviews all development proposals requiring a use permit, architectural control, variance, minor subdivision and environmental review associated with these projects. The Commission is the final decision-making body for these applications, unless appealed to the City Council.
- The Commission serves as a recommending body to the City Council for major subdivisions, rezoning's, conditional development permits, Zoning Ordinance amendments, General Plan amendments and the environmental reviews and Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Agreements associated with those projects.
- The Commission works on special projects as assigned by the City Council.

Special Advisory Bodies

The City Council has the authority to create standing committees, task forces or subcommittees for the City, and from time to time, the City Council may appoint members to these groups. The number of persons and the individual appointee serving on each group may be changed at any time by the City Council. There are no designated terms for members of these groups; members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

Any requests of city commissions or committees to create such ad hoc advisory bodies shall be submitted in writing to the city clerk for City Council consideration and approval.

Procedure history

Action	Date	Notes
Procedure adoption	1991	Resolution No. 3261
Procedure adoption	2001	
Procedure adoption	2011	
Procedure adoption	2013	Resolution No. 6169
Procedure adoption	2017	Resolution No. 6377
Procedure adoption	6/8/2021	Resolution No. 6631

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Procedure adoption	3/1/2022	Resolution No. 6706
Procedure adoption	3/8/2022	Resolution No. 6718
Procedure adoption	9/20/2022	Resolution No. 6776
Procedure adoption	1/10/2023	Resolution No. 6803
Procedure adoption	6/27/2023	Resolution No. 6840
Procedure adoption	2/13/2024	Resolution No. 6890

COMPLETE STREETS							Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.																		
	Appointed	Re-appointed	Term expired/ Termed out/ Resigned	Total no. of meetings	Total meetings attended	Percentage attended												
Altman, Brian*	5/25/2021		4/30/2025	2	1	50%	0	1	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bergin Bailey, Meredith	4/16/2024			11	10	91%	1	0	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cebrian, Jacquie	4/16/2019	4/25/2023		11	11	100%	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cole, Sally	5/25/2021	4/26/2022		11	9	82%	1	1	1	1		1	1	0	1	1	1	0
Herscher, Scott	4/29/2025			9	8	89%	*	*	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Ierokomos, Athena	4/16/2024			11	10	91%	1	1	1	1		0	1	1	1	1	1	1
King, Lizbeth*	5/25/2021		4/30/2025	2	1	50%	1	0	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rascoff, Matthew	4/16/2024			11	6	55%	0	0	0	0		1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Rennie, Kevin	4/29/2025			9	8	89%	*	*	1	1		1	1	1	0	1	1	1

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attendance less than two-thirds (67%)

3/12/2025-regular meeting Altman excused absence

3/12/2025-regular meeting Rascoff excused absence

4/9/2025-regular meeting Bailey excused absence

4/9/2025-regular meeting King excused absence

4/9/2025-regular meeting Rascoff excused absence

4/30/2025-Altman term expired

4/30/2025-King term expired

5/14/2025-regular meeting Rascoff excused absence

6/11/2025-regular meeting Rascoff excused absence

7/9/2025-regular meeting cancelled

8/13/2025-regular meeting Ierokomos excused absence

10/8/2025-regular meeting Cole excused absence

11/12/2025-regular meeting Rennie excused absence

1/14/2026-regular meeting Herscher excused absence

2/11/2026-regular meeting Cole excused absence

2/11/2026-regular meeting Rascoff excused absence

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY							Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
Third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.		Appointed	Re-appointed	Term expired/ Termed out/ Resigned	Total no. of meetings	Total meetings attended	Percentage attended											
Angiel, Nicole	4/29/2025				9	8	89%	*	*	1	0	1	1	1		1	1	1
Hedley, Nancy LaRocca	4/26/2022				11	10	91%	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Hernandez, Eduardo Lopez	2/25/2025				11	10	91%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Hill, Susannah	4/16/2024	4/19/2025			11	9	82%	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Kissel, Brian	4/25/2023				11	8	73%	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
McKenna, John	11/1/2022	4/16/2024			11	11	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Meyer, Zachary	4/16/2024				11	10	91%	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Pelegri-Llopart, Eduardo*</i>	4/25/2023			4/17/2025	2	2	100%	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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3/19/2025-regular meeting Hill remote, arrive at 6:08 p.m., exited at 7:26 p.m.

4/16/2025-regular meeting Kissel excused absence

4/17/2025-Pelegri-Llopart resigned

5/21/2025-regular meeting Hill excused absence

5/21/2025-regular meeting Kissel excused absence

6/18/2025-regular meeting Angiel excused absence

7/16/2025-regular meeting Meyer excused absence

8/20/2025-regular meeting Hedley excused absence

8/20/2025-regular meeting Kissel remote

10/15/2025-regular meeting Hernandez excused absence

10/15/2025-regular meeting Kissel excused absence

11/19/2025-regular meeting cancelled

12/17/2025-regular meeting Kissel remote

1/21/2026-regular meeting Kissel arrived at 6:01 p.m.

2/26/2025-special meeting Hill excused absence

FINANCE AND AUDIT							Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
Third Thursday of every quarter at 5:30 p.m.		Appointed	Re-appointed	Term expired/ Termed out/ Resigned	Total no. of meetings	Total meetings attended	Percentage attended											
Albright, Colin	4/16/2024				5	4	80%		1		0		1	1			1	
Altman, Brian	4/29/2025				4	4	100%		*		1		1	1			1	
Bramlett, Lynne*	5/23/2023			4/30/2025	1	1	100%		1		*		*	*			*	
Dey, Jayanta	5/23/2023	4/29/2025			5	4	80%		1		1		1	0			1	
Emery, David	4/29/2025				4	4	100%		*		1		1	1			1	
Garton, Jackson	4/16/2024				5	1	20%		0		0		0	0			1	
Leroux, Jeff*	4/25/2023			4/30/2025	1	0	0%		0		*		*	*			*	
Melahn, Laura	4/29/2025				4	3	75%		*		1		1	1			0	
Normington, Matt*	5/25/2021	4/25/2023		4/30/2025	1	0	0%		0		*		*	*			*	
Wong, Carol*	5/25/2021	4/25/2023		4/30/2025	1	1	100%		1		*		*	*			*	
Velagapudi, Vamsi	4/29/2025				4	4	100%		*		1		1	1			1	

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4/17/2025-regular meeting Garton excused absence
4/17/2025-regular meeting Leroux excused absence
4/17/2025-regular meeting Normington excused absence
4/30/2025-Bramlett term expired
4/30/2025-Leroux term expired
4/30/2025-Normington termed out
4/30/2025-Wong termed out
7/17/2025-regular meeting Albright excused absence
7/17/2025-regular meeting Garton excused absence
9/11/2025-special meeting Garton excused absence
10/16/2025-regular meeting Dey excused absence
10/16/2025-regular meeting Garton excused absence
1/15/2026-regular meeting Melahn excused absence

HOUSING							Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
First Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.			Term expired/ Termed out/ Resigned	Total no. of meetings	Total meetings attended	Percentage attended												
	Appointed	Re-appointed																
Beeli, Jessica	4/16/2024			10	6	60%	1		1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	
Chapa, Charles	8/12/2025			5	5	100%	*		*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	
Dumont, Katherine	4/29/2025			9	8	89%	*		0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Kranen, Kevin	4/29/2025			9	9	100%	*		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<i>Leitch, Heather*</i>	<i>5/25/2021</i>		<i>4/30/2025</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>1</i>		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
<i>Merriman, Nevada*</i>	<i>5/16/2017</i>	<i>5/25/2021</i>	<i>4/30/2025</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0</i>		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Oursler, William	4/29/2025			9	9	100%	*		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<i>Portillo, Virginia*</i>	<i>4/25/2023</i>		<i>6/2/2025</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Switzer, Steven	10/8/2024			10	10	100%	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
<i>Trempont, Hadrien*</i>	<i>8/13/2024</i>		<i>4/30/2025</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0</i>		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Wong Carol	4/29/2025			9	6	67%	*		1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	

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3/25/2025-regular meeting Merriman excused absence

3/25/2025-regular meeting Trempont excused absence

4/2/2025-meeting cancelled

4/30/2025-Leitch term expired

4/30/2025-Merriman termed out

4/30/2025-Trempont term expired

5/27/2025-regular meeting Dumont excused absense

6/2/2025-Portillo resigned

7/2/2025-regular meeting cancelled

7/10/2025-special meeting Beeli excused absence

7/10/2025-special meeting Wong excused absence

8/6/2025-regular meeting Wong excused absence

9/3/2025-regular meeting Beeli excused absence

10/1/2025-regular meeting Beeli excused absence

10/1/2025-regular meeting Wong remote

12/3/2025-special meeting Krane arrived at 6:50 p.m.

12/3/2025-regular meeting Beeli excused absence

1/17/2026-regular meeting Wong excused absence

2/4/2025-regular meeting cancelled

LIBRARY							Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
Third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.			Term expired/ Termed out/ Resigned	Total no. of meetings	Total meetings attended	Percentage attended												
Appointed	Re-appointed																	
Abdulla, Leith	10/21/2025			3	3	100%	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	1		1	1
Crockett, Kim	8/13/2024			10	10	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1
<i>Herrick, Michael*</i>	<i>2/13/2024</i>		<i>9/16/2025</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>		*	*		*	*
Orton, Carol	4/25/2023			10	10	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1
<i>Pollack, David*</i>	<i>2/13/2024</i>		<i>4/30/2025</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>*</i>		*	*		*	*
Sisbot, Sarah	2/25/2025			10	10	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1
Shafer, Scott	4/16/2024			10	6	60%	0	1	0	1	1	1		1	0		1	0
Westcott, Brian	4/16/2024			10	10	100%	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1
Yule, Daniel	4/29/2025			8	8	100%	*	*	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1

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3/17/2025-regular meeting Shafer excused absence

5/19/2025-regular meeting cancelled

4/30/2025-Pollack term expired

5/28/2025-special joint meeting with Shafer excused absence

6/16/2025-regular meeting Sisbot remote

7/21/2025-regular meeting Herrick excused absence

9/16/2025-Herrick resigned

9/15/2025-regular meeting cancelled

11/7/2025-regular meeting Shafer excused absence

12/15/2025-special meeting cancelled, lack of quorum

1/19/2025-regular meeting cancelled

1/26/2026-special meeting

2/16/2026-regular meeting cancelled

2/26/2026-special meeting Shafer excused absence

PARKS AND RECREATION							Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
Fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.		Appointed	Re-appointed	Term expired/ Termed out/ Resigned	Total no. of meetings	Total meetings attended	Percentage attended											
Chunyu, Yongdan	4/29/2025				9	6	67%	*	*	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Dawkins, Kevin	8/13/2024				11	8	73%	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
Emms, Dawn*	8/13/2024			4/30/2025	2	0	0%	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Grass, Joseph	4/16/2024				11	9	82%	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Joshua, Peter*	5/25/2021			4/30/2025	2	1	50%	0	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lee, Wonman	4/25/2023				11	10	91%	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Patel, Shilpa	4/29/2025				9	6	67%	*	*	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Sherman, Michele	4/16/2024				11	7	64%	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
Van Buren, Justin	8/13/2024				11	10	91%	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1

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3/26/2025-regular meeting Emms excused absence

3/26/2025-regular meeting Joshua excused absence

4/23/2025-regular meeting Emms excused absence

4/23/2025-regular meeting Sherman excused absence

4/30/2025-Emms term expired

4/30/2025-Joshua term expired

5/28/2025-special joint meeting with Dawkins excused absence

6/25/2025-regular meeting Sherman excused absence

7/23/2025-regular meeting Dawkins excused absence

8/27/2025-regular meeting Chunyu excused absence

8/27/2025-regular meeting Grass excused absence

8/27/2025-regular meeting Patel excused absence

9/24/2025-regular meeting Patel excused absence

9/24/2025-regular meeting Van Buren excused absence

10/22/2025-regular meeting Grass excused absence

10/22/2025-regular meeting Sherman excused absence

11/19/2025-special meeting Chunyu excused absence

11/26/2025-regular meeting cancelled

12/15/2025-special meeting cancelled

12/24/2025-special meeting cancelled

1/28/2026-regular meeting Lee excused absence

1/28/2026-regular meeting Sherman excused absence

2/25/2026-regular meeting Chunyu excused absence

2/25/2026-regular meeting Dawkins excused absence

2/25/2026-regular meeting Patel excused absence

PLANNING							Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
Twice a month on Mondays (varies) at 7 p.m.																		
	Appointed	Re-appointed	Term expired/ Termed out/ Resigned	Total no. of meetings	Total meetings attended	Percentage attended												
Behrooz, Katie	4/16/2024			20	17	85%	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	1	1
Do, Linh Dan	4/26/2022			20	16	80%	1	2	1	2	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
Ehrich, Andrew	4/25/2023			20	18	90%	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1
Ferrick, Katie	4/25/2023			20	16	80%	2	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	2	2	0	1
Schindler, Jennifer	11/1/2022			20	20	100%	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1
Silin, Misha	4/16/2024			20	19	95%	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	0
Silverstein, Ross	1/23/2024	4/29/2025		20	17	85%	2	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	1

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3/10/2025-regular meeting Do excused absence
4/14/2025-regular meeting Ehrich exited at 7:30 p.m.
4/14/2025-regular meeting Do remote
4/28/2025-regular meeting Ehrich excused absence
4/28/2025-regular meeting Silverstein excused absence
5/5/2025-regular meeting Behrooz excused absence
5/19/2025-regular meeting Do excused absence
5/19/2025-regular meeting Ferrick excused absence
6/23/2025-regular meeting Ferrick excused absence
7/14/2025-regular meeting Do excused absence
7/14/2025-regular meeting Ferrick excused absence
7/14/2025-regular meeting Silverstein excused absence
7/28/2025-regular meeting cancelled
8/11/2025-regular meeting Silverstein excused absence
8/25/2025-regular meeting Behrooz remote
9/8/2025-regular meeting Do exited at 8:30 p.m.
10/6/2025-regular meeting cancelled
11/3/2025-regular meeting Behrooz excused absence
11/3/2025-regular meeting Ehrich excused absence
11/17/2025-regular meeting Behrooz excused absence
12/15/2025-regular meeting Do excused absence
1/12/2026-regular meeting Ferrick excused absence
1/26/2026-regular meeting cancelled
2/9/2026-regular meeting cancelled
2/23/2026-regular meeting Silin excused absence

Advisory body application



Submitted on	31 March 2026, 4:06PM
Receipt number	209
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Jessica Beeli
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	San Diego State University-California State University - Bachelor's in political science
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Menlo Park Housing commission, vice chair Founder & Co-Chair, Women in Product, San Jose Women at Adobe San Jose Social Chair Club Facilitator - Girls Who Code Co-Founder and President of SISSTER (Sororities Invested in Survivor Support and Ending Rape) Alpha Gamma Delta - Risk Management Chair Manhattan Beach Mayor's Youth Council
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	Complete Streets policy is fundamentally about designing public infrastructure that serves all users — pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and drivers — rather than optimizing exclusively for car throughput. As a commissioner, I understand this means evaluating projects and policies through a multimodal lens, making recommendations that balance competing needs for street space, and helping the City translate its climate and mobility goals into concrete infrastructure decisions. My background sits at an intersection I believe is increasingly relevant to this work. As a Senior Product Manager at Adobe building conversational AI systems, I've spent years thinking about how to design experiences that serve diverse users with different needs and contexts — which maps more directly to Complete Streets thinking than it might first appear. Good street design and good product design share the same core discipline: understanding who your users actually are, what they need, and what happens when the system fails them. I also bring over 2 years of experience on Menlo Park's Housing Commission, where I developed fluency in the policy process, community engagement, and the way land use and transportation decisions interact. I understand how city commissions operate and how to make recommendations that are both principled and implementable.
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Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I want to join the Complete Streets Commission because this work is personal to me. I live on El Camino Real and I am an avid walker. Safe streets directly protect me, my neighbors, and my family every day — crossing El Camino is part of my daily life, and I see firsthand where our street design has not been intentional and the very real danger that creates. That experience gives me a grounded, pedestrian-first perspective that I
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would bring to every recommendation this commission makes.

At the same time, I believe we are at an inflection point in how cities think about public space, and I want to help Menlo Park navigate it thoughtfully.

As a Senior Product Manager working in AI, I've developed fluency in how emerging technology reshapes systems — and I see that dynamic playing out in transportation right now. The way we design streets today will determine how well our city adapts as mobility continues to change. I want to help ensure those decisions are made with intention, centering the needs of people who walk, bike, and use transit rather than treating those users as an afterthought.

I hope to bring a perspective that connects lived experience on these streets with an understanding of where transportation technology is heading — advocating for designs that treat public space as a shared civic resource and that make Menlo Park safer and more accessible for everyone who calls it home.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Menlo Park

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CA

Zip code

94025

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	3
Current City Council district	District 4
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: commissioner
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	Business phone: No
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 11:35AM
Receipt number	220
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Leonard Chang
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission Housing Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BA Economics, Dartmouth College - 2011
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Compete for USTA Tennis teams Pacifica Run Club
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

The Complete Streets Commission advises the City Council on making Menlo Park safer and more accessible for people traveling by foot, bike, and transit. The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the Council on the quality and long-term planning of the city's parks and programs, ensuring they meet community needs.

My connection to both is personal and practical. As a Menlo Park resident and new parent, I'm an active user of the city's parks, an everyday pedestrian, and occasional cyclist.

Professionally, my background in data science and managing data science teams gives me a useful lens for both commissions. Transportation planning and parks programming can both benefit from data-driven analysis; I'm well-positioned to help evaluate whether the analysis behind a recommendation actually supports the conclusion. I also have experience working with diverse stakeholders and advocating for what I believe is right.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

My preferred body is the Complete Streets Commission. Having recently moved to Menlo Park, it's an opportunity to contribute to my new community while working on something I care about directly: making the city safer and more accessible for everyone.

As someone who walks and runs around Menlo Park daily, there are a few times I've already felt a bit unsafe - for example, areas without sidewalks or intersections where drivers aren't expecting pedestrians. I would love to contribute to improving this and want Menlo Park to be a place where all modes of transit feel like genuinely good options.

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

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Current City Council district

District 5

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

City website

Instagram

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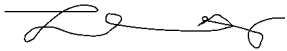
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Yes

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	1 April 2026, 7:09PM
Receipt number	211
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Sally Cole
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission
Advisory body preference	

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	I graduated from Yale University with a BA in American History. I went to graduate school at Stanford University where I received a MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I have served on the Complete Streets Commission for 5 years: 2 years as Chair, (2022-23 and 2024-25) and 3 years as Vice Chair (2021-22, 2023-24, and 2025-2026). During my time on the Commission, I have also volunteered for, or been asked by Staff to join, additional city and county initiatives to improve street safety in Menlo Park. These are: the Vision Zero Task Force (which performed the analysis behind the recommendation to City Council to adopt a Vision Zero Action Plan in Menlo Park); the San Mateo County Safe Routes to School Working Group (which tested quick build projects to improve school zone safety in 6 municipalities, including Menlo Park); and, the Santa Cruz Avenue Task Force (which performed on-site observation and community outreach, and developed recommendations for safety improvements on this high crash corridor). Prior to joining the Complete Streets Commission, I served on the Menlo Park Heritage Tree Task Force. Outside of all that, I try every day to be a good neighbor and recently was a mentor to students presenting at the Oak Knoll Science Fair (highly recommend)!
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	The Complete Streets Commission reviews the city's proposed transit-related projects before they are presented to the City Council for approval. Our job is to assess the approach the city is proposing, propose changes if needed, and make our recommendation to Council. We take a lot of things into consideration such as the observations and experiences of people in the neighborhood, data (such as speed data and collision data), road usage and conditions, criticality vs other city projects, and the ability of the city to make equal investments in other locations across the city that face similar concerns. In this decision-making process, Commissioners play a really important role by providing the residents' point of view and the perspective of being who bike, walk and drive our streets every day. In my five years on the Complete Streets Commission, I have participated in reviewing over 50 transit projects across the city (from the Shuttle program, to Willow Road, to El Camino Real intersections... and much more!) and making recommendations to Council. I would be very excited to continue to serve on the Commission and continue this work. It's incredibly meaningful to be part of a committed group of residents trying to make our City streets more safe, accessible, and easier to navigate for all users. But we've got a lot more work to do. I think that the depth and breadth of my experience is beneficial

to the Commission and to moving this good work forward for Menlo Park.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

Both professionally and personally, I've always been dedicated to improving the communities I'm part of. I love that work. It seems to me that we are at our best as a community when we work together to find solutions to thorny problems, even when we start from very different points of view. And that's exactly what we do every month at Complete Streets Meetings! I appreciate that the City of Menlo Park affords residents the opportunity to contribute to the process. If re-appointed, there are a few things I would like to accomplish. I appreciated that the City Council, in reviewing the City's proposed Slow Streets Program, asked that we give weight in the ranking to the equitable distribution of improvement projects across the city. That's valid and it needs to happen. I will work to bring that lens and that priority into the Commission's 2026-2027 workplan and to have it inform our meeting agendas as well. Second, I have learned from being on the Commission that public outreach is hard. The city will make a sincere effort to advertise an opportunity to give feedback through numerous channels, but people will say that they didn't hear about it. I think we have to dive deeper into this and understand it better. Perhaps establish a set of consistent practices for public outreach that becomes our city's standard, and also ask neighboring cities what's working for them. Given that my career was in communications, I would like to contribute to this effort, if that's helpful to the City. As we go forward with the work to improve safety on our main traffic corridors that a lot of people use, this will be crucial. Lastly, I thought that the Vision Zero Action Plan made such a good point about schools -- that safety concerns and issues are very often similar across school zones, and it's a great opportunity for Menlo Park to look across all our schools (not look at them as individual projects) and identify systemic solutions that could be implemented in terms of bike and pedestrian infrastructure, and enhancing crosswalks and intersections. I think this would move us forward and would love to contribute to this effort.

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City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	14
Current City Council district	District 5
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Local newspaper Other: Originally, in the local paper and from friends who served on City Commissions
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	6 August 2025, 11:40PM
Receipt number	188
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Federico De Giuli
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission Environmental Quality Commission Housing Commission
Advisory body preference	Housing Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.S.E. Comp. Sci. and Engineering, U.C Davis
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Member of Menlo Together Volunteer at Canopy
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	Housing commission: - Advise city council on housing policy, including zoning considerations. I live in a house, as do most of the people I know. I pay a significant amount of my (not insignificant) income for the privilege. I have also lived in houses in other places, both better and worse. In all cases, the quality of the experience was a direct result of zoning laws. Complete streets commission: - Advise council on how to improve the safety of city streets, as well as promote uses other than just driving a car on them. It may come as a surprise, but I <u>also</u> use the streets. My main mode of transportation is a bicycle--this means I've had more than my fair share of doorings, accidents and close calls, so I have fairly extensive experience with what makes a safe street to cycle on. Environmental Quality Commission: - Advise, blah blah, you get it. I volunteer for Canopy, an organization dedicated to planting trees in neighborhoods with lower tree cover. I am passionate about environmental protection and environmental justice, and believe that meaningful change must start at the local level.
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Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I believe that the widespread use of single-family zoning has had a devastating effect on both society and the environment, and I hope to encourage Menlo Park to move toward a more sustainable way to use land.
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Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident 5

Current City Council district District 4

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply) Local newspaper

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Email: Yes

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Yes

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	2 April 2026, 12:13AM
Receipt number	213
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Ethan Ebinger
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BS, Geological Sciences, Brown University Master of City Planning, UC Berkeley Master of Science in Transportation Engineering, UC Berkeley
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	NA
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	The Complete Streets Commission advises City Council on transportation policy and project implementation. This includes reviewing Transportation Master Plan updates, providing input on major development projects, supporting initiatives such as Safe Routes to School, and weighing in on corridor and intersection improvements. My professional experience in transportation engineering and multimodal planning directly relates to these responsibilities. For work I routinely evaluate pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and vehicle interactions to help clients design safer and more accessible urban spaces. I assess tradeoffs between modes and as a consultant have developed strong skills in collaborate and problem framing. I am interested in leveraging this knowledge and skillset to help Menlo Park translate policy objectives into implementable designs and strategies. Additionally, I bring my experience as a multimodal traveler. I frequently walk to accomplish errands, I cycle to Caltrain to get to work, I take transit to meet with friends, and I own and use a car. So, not only am passionate about transportation professionally but am an end user of all the infrastructure and policies that shape mobility in my city.
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Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I want to serve on the Complete Streets Commission because I want to help Menlo Park make thoughtful and resilient transportation decisions. The Commission plays a key role in shaping how adopted policies are translated into real projects on the ground. I am particularly interested in contributing technical perspective to improve transportation safety, accessibility, and sustainability. As a member, I want to help the Commission on implementation and follow-through, ensuring that adopted plans and recommendations translate into measurable progress on the ground. Goals adopted in as part of complete streets, vision zero, and climate action plan are extremely important to create safe, healthy, and thriving communities. I will be a father in May and want to play a part in shaping the future of this city to be even better for my daughter.
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Additionally, I think that from my professional work as a planner/engineer I can provide support in communicating technical analyses and assumptions to decision-makers and the public. I see this role as an opportunity to help strengthen collaboration on transportation issues that are often complex and highly visible. I want to use my experience to ensure the City receives evidence-based input and thus has all the tools available to continue making informed decisions. My goal would be to help the Commission serve as a trusted partner to City Council while advocating for safety, accessibility, and sustainability considerations that align with adopted goals and policies.

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Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident 2

Current City Council district	District 3
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Banner on Santa Cruz Ave
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 1:42PM
Receipt number	221
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Athena Ierokomos
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.A. Physics and math, UC Berkeley Ph.D. Biophysics, Stanford University
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Menlo Park Complete Streets Commission member 2024-current. Current chair.
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

The Complete Streets Commission advisory body is responsible for advising City Council on creating safer and more accessible streets for multiple modes of transportation, including cycling, public transit and walking. This is done in part by promoting the goals laid out in the transportation master plan, safe routes to school strategy, and other frameworks. As an advisory board member, I attend monthly meetings where the board discusses proposals and project updates; between meetings I keep myself updated on the goals of the commission and collect information on projects to discuss at the monthly meetings. In my two years on the commission so far, I have been involved in several subcommittees, each contributing to a different aspect of making Menlo Park's streets safer and more accessible to alternative modes of transit.

As a professional scientist, a significant part of my job involves reading and interpreting technical literature and using this to develop next steps, and I bring this skill to this advisory board position. I am also trained to analyze and complicated data and communicate it in an accessible way, expertise which is useful in determining the success of the implementation of complete streets initiatives and goals such as reducing vehicle miles traveled and preventing collisions. As a direct example, I am involved in a joint subcommittee with Environmental Quality Commission members which is looking to evaluate new metrics to more precisely describe vehicle miles traveled and the city's progress towards those goals.

As an engaged community member I have frequently attended city council meetings on topics of housing and transportation and am passionate about improving sustainability; the issue of multimodal transportation is personally of great interest to me as a frequent bike commuter and city shuttle user, as detailed in my response to the following question. I hope that my combination of enthusiasm for multimodal transit and skills in communicating data will continue to be of use on the CSC.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I believe I bring a useful perspective to the commission in this position as a member of the community that utilizes the full range of mobility options available in Menlo Park. I am most regularly a bike user on Menlo Park's streets. As a bike commuter, I have seen firsthand the benefits of infrastructure such as the buffered bike lanes on Willow Road and the joy of seeing other cyclists of all ages using it on my way to work. However, I have also experienced the difficulties involved when these bike lanes end abruptly in high traffic areas, or discovered other infrastructure which is lacking, and I would like to see improvements to promote safety and convenience. For example, with pilot programs including the Coleman Avenue bike lane and Middle Avenue parking coming before the Commission, I have been involved in key projects to improve the safe routes to school and promote biking in the next generation. As part of my contributions on the bike rack subcommittee, we identified locations where the lack of bike racks are an impediment to people biking and proposed using bike racks already in inventory to help relieve this problem.

In addition to my commute I will often bike, walk, or ride the bus to downtown Menlo Park and surrounding areas in order to visit the library or catch the Caltrain to San Francisco, and thus have personal experience with many aspects of many Menlo Park streets. For example, the accessibility provided by the city shuttle allows me more flexibility to reduce car dependence. I hope my current work on our El Camino Real bike lane subcommittee will further increase bike accessibility to downtown and surrounding areas, and connections to nearby cities. I have witnessed many changes to Menlo Park streets which have made biking safer and more convenient, and am passionate about helping Menlo Park continue on the path towards making the streets safer and more accessible to all modes of transit.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	3
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How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Email
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 2:24PM
Receipt number	222
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Tim Rochte
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BA in Economics from the University of California at Davis MBA from the Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I am admittedly new to this kind of service. I am interested in this role BECAUSE it is an opportunity to work on a part of our community that matters to me. The closest I can offer is that I have volunteered as a mechanic at Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	Having long enjoyed the unique environment of our city, I am eager to participate more directly in its future. I believe the overall (sub)urban experience—defined by the safe and effective use of public spaces—is what makes our community a fantastic place to live, and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to that mission as a member of the Complete Streets Commission It is my understanding that the commission tries to look holistically at various elements of the Transportation Master Plan, Vision Zero, Safe Routes to School, and development plans to achieve these goals
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	My perspective is shaped by a long-standing commitment to improving how we move through our environment. While my past involvement has focused on neighborhood-level impacts and exploring modern perspectives on holistic city design, I am now focused on the following broader priorities: Enhanced Active Transport: Prioritizing safer, more intuitive road designs that encourage walking and cycling while reducing the perceived necessity of personal car transportation. Comprehensive Traffic Design: Promoting efficient traffic flow while ensuring neighborhood safety and environmental standards are maintained. Transit Connectivity: Improving the integration of public transportation to create a more seamless experience for all residents. Safety and Sustainability: Ensuring our infrastructure aligns with the principles necessary for Vision Zero and our broader climate and development goals.

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident 23

Current City Council district District 2

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)
Email
Local newspaper

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Email: Yes

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No

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	24 March 2026, 10:16AM
Receipt number	204
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Holly Ubellacker
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission Environmental Quality Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	University of California, Berkeley BS (Engineering)
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	None at this time, but have lived in Menlo Park for five years and want to give back to improve the city.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	Complete Streets: responsible for improving non auto transportation access including improving bikeways and pedestrian walkways, community transportation for bus routes. Personal experience: I bike to work in south bay three days a week, and limit car usage as much as possible. The most dangerous part of my commute is getting out of Menlo Park to make it to the Bay Trail - particularly Middlefield road. Environmental Quality: Responsible for achieving / promoting Menlo Parks climate goals and increasing human/nature balance through tree canopy. Not as clear on what other power this committee would have over non-municipal climate goals (solar incentives, water/trash reduction incentives, etc) but spent three years at my job focusing on achieving corporate carbon neutrality goals by 2030. I am impressed by the work done already on the solar panels on the library, Burgess park water saving methods, and would like to be part of continuing these goals
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I am motivated to serve on an advisory body because I believe that residents have a responsibility to actively contribute to the well-being of their community. I want to ensure that Menlo Park continues to be a place where environmental stewardship and quality of life are prioritized, and where thoughtful planning supports both current and future residents. My values are focused on sustainability, accessibility, and designing public spaces that prioritize people over cars, closely align with the work of both of these commissions. I hope to contribute to improving safe and accessible transportation options throughout the city. This includes strengthening bike infrastructure, developing well-connected and protected bicycle and pedestrian pathways, and improving "last-mile" connections to public transit so that it is a practical and reliable option for more residents. I am especially interested in supporting expanded transportation services for seniors and other residents who depend on consistent transit access, as I have seen many older

residents waiting in the street for a half hour or more to make sure they don't miss the Vet / senior shuttle for their health needs.

For the Environmental Quality peace, I hope to expand my own personal values and support the preservation and enhancement of Menlo Park's natural environment, particularly its tree canopy. When comparing Menlo Park to other cities like Sunnyvale, one of the biggest "nice" factor of Menlo Park is the tree canopy and the balance of green space between developments. I believe it is important to maintain this balance by prioritizing long-term environmental health alongside responsible city growth, and want to work with a group that shares that value.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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City Menlo Park

State CA

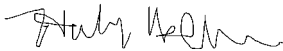
Zip code 94025

Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident 5

Current City Council district	District 3
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Banner in downtown Menlo Park
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	12 January 2026, 11:09AM
Receipt number	192
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Thomas J. Wandless
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.S., Biochemistry 1988, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX Ph.D., Chemistry 1993, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	My wife and I bought our home in Menlo Park in 1998 and raised our two children (now 22 and 20) through the Menlo Park City School District. My principal involvement in the community has been as a coach for my childrens' soccer teams through the AYSO organization. We are members of St. Denis church, and I served as a member of the parish council from 2018 through 2022. I have served on the scientific advisory boards of several biotechnology companies, but I have not advised any city- or county-related commissions or committees. My wife and I are both members of the Stanford faculty, and I have commuted to work by bicycle or walking for the past 20 years. I will retire from Stanford as on 31 Jan 2026.
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	My primary interest is to join the Complete Streets Commission, although I would also be happy to be a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission. From the outside, it appears to me that the Complete Streets Commissions (CSC) advises the City Council on all matters relating to transportation in Menlo Park. The CSC recognizes that the transportation infrastructure exists not only for cars, trucks, and buses but also for pedestrian, bicyclists and other means of "alternative" transport on our streets. The CSC approaches these issues keeping in mind both the City's transportation master plan and the climate action plan. Significant development projects always include impacts to transportation issues, so the CSC would likely be involved in making recommendations in these situations. My professional experience as a biomedical scientist does not directly inform the subject matter of either of these commissions. However, my training as a data-driven researcher would help me understand the studies and datasets that are used as the basis for decisions in these committees.
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Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	My wife and I bought our home in Menlo Park in 1998 and we treasure our local community. As a long-time bicycle commuter and parent of two children who used their bicycles to commute to/from school each day I am acutely aware of the strengths and occasional weaknesses of our transportation infrastructure. I am hoping to contribute my time and expertise to ensure that the strategic decisions that Menlo Park makes about
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transportation issues benefit the entire community, especially as these decisions affect safety and our stewardship of the environment.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Contact and residency information

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Home phone

Business phone

Address 1

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City

State

Zip code

Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

Current City Council district

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

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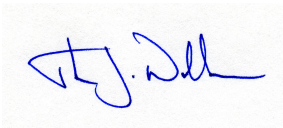
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Yes

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 12:06AM
Receipt number	217
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Patrick Ye
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	☒ Complete Streets Commission ☐ Environmental Quality Commission ☐ Housing Commission

Advisory body preference	Housing Commission
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Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	PhD, bioengineering, Stanford University MS, bioengineering, Stanford University MS, medicine, Stanford University BS, biomedical engineering, Duke University
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I volunteered as a Spanish and Mandarin medical interpreter at the Pacific Free Clinic as a graduate student at Stanford.
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At Duke University, I lead a team to build a vehicular bridge in Bolivia over two summers with Engineers Without Borders.

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

I am most excited to serve on the housing commission, which I see as an opportunity to help keep the city on track with its housing goals, such as the total number of new units or the income breakdown of such housing units. I hope to learn about potential housing developments and should the city be off track, alert the city council and propose policy changes with the help, guidance, and expertise of city staff. Housing is particularly motivating for me because as a current renter who has lived in Palo Alto / Menlo Park for the past 16 years, I have personally experienced the financial burden of rent increases, especially now that I have two young kids. When I think about buying a house and wanting to stay in the area, I struggle to understand how homeownership in this area is feasible for young families establishing their careers and juggling child care expenses.

I would also be excited to serve on the Environmental Quality Commission. With two young kids, I worry about the state of the planet that we are leaving to future generations. Menlo Park is quite progressive with respect to environmental initiatives, but more progress needs to be made, such as meeting the city's carbon neutral goal by 2030. As an environmentally-aware renter who does not have control over my apartment's infrastructure, I hope to motivate the commission and the city to more effectively ensure compliance from apartment owners and encourage them to make electrification upgrades.

I would also be excited to serve on the Complete Streets commission. I bike almost every day to work through 3 districts of Menlo Park, and my biking

experience could help inform decisions on improving and expanding bike infrastructure with safety in mind, such as the proposed Middle Avenue bike / pedestrian undercrossing. Gathering community input and opinions about transportation upgrades, and voicing them in committee, is also an important responsibility of serving on the commission.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I am most interested in serving on the housing commission. The accumulated shortage of housing on the Peninsula over decades has resulted in an unaffordable housing market for a growing share of even our relatively well-off neighbors. My colleagues, who are highly educated young professionals, including residents and graduate students who aspire to be the next generation of doctors and researchers, struggle to afford to live in Menlo Park, let alone the teachers, police, and other essential service workers whose work makes the city function. Since having two young kids, I realized that I want my kids to grow up in a city that is more socioeconomically diverse, and housing is one way to encourage such diversity in our city.

I hope to add oversight on the city's housing progress as an informed resident, making sure that we are in compliance with the state's requirements and ensuring that the city is honest about whether we are on track to meeting our stated housing goals. If the city is falling short, I hope to speak with key stakeholders such as fellow commissioners, city council members, developers, and community members to brainstorm ways to unblock and accelerate housing development. Finally, I would be excited to give early feedback on housing development proposals to help make Menlo Park a more welcoming, sustainable, and vibrant place to live.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Contact and residency information

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Home phone

Business phone	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	3
Current City Council district	District 3
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: friends and neighbors
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 3:59AM
Receipt number	218
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Radhika Anne
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Finance and Audit Commission Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Masters in Engineering
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I was a Girl Scout mom and ran the science fair in our Menlo Park elementary School
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I have been a resident of Menlo Park for over 20 years raising as family with my husband. I work in tech and related to data centers. Due to seeing the impact of tech on environment I would like to do my part towards sustainable environment. I am here to give back to Menlo Park and would be interested in being on board for one or more memberships available
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I am to give back yo Menlo Park.

Planning Commission questionnaire

1. Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission and how your personal, community or professional experience relates to these responsibilities.	Planning committee reviews the impact of proposed plans with respect to Menlo Park city development
2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?	I don't have any However collaboration is the key
3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?	I don't know but I can put in as many hours as needed

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

Road congestion planning, housing and I personally would be interred in a safe space for children to gather and play

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Menlo Park

State

CA

Zip code

94025

Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

25

Current City Council district

District 4

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	6 August 2025, 11:40PM
Receipt number	188
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Federico De Giuli
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission Environmental Quality Commission Housing Commission
Advisory body preference	Housing Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.S.E. Comp. Sci. and Engineering, U.C Davis
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Member of Menlo Together Volunteer at Canopy
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	Housing commission: - Advise city council on housing policy, including zoning considerations. I live in a house, as do most of the people I know. I pay a significant amount of my (not insignificant) income for the privilege. I have also lived in houses in other places, both better and worse. In all cases, the quality of the experience was a direct result of zoning laws. Complete streets commission: - Advise council on how to improve the safety of city streets, as well as promote uses other than just driving a car on them. It may come as a surprise, but I _also_ use the streets. My main mode of transportation is a bicycle--this means I've had more than my fair share of doorings, accidents and close calls, so I have fairly extensive experience with what makes a safe street to cycle on. Environmental Quality Commission: - Advise, blah blah, you get it. I volunteer for Canopy, an organization dedicated to planting trees in neighborhoods with lower tree cover. I am passionate about environmental protection and environmental justice, and believe that meaningful change must start at the local level.
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Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I believe that the widespread use of single-family zoning has had a devastating effect on both society and the environment, and I hope to encourage Menlo Park to move toward a more sustainable way to use land.
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City Menlo Park

State CA

Zip code 94025

Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident 5

Current City Council district District 4

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply) Local newspaper

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Home phone: No

Email: Yes

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Yes

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	20 February 2026, 12:32PM
Receipt number	193
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Lesley Feldman
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission
Advisory body preference	

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Haverford College, BA History and Economics 2007 Harvard Kennedy School, MPP 2012
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Volunteer in various capacities at Laurel Elementary School Prior service on Community Engagement and Outreach Committee (2021)
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	The Environmental Quality Commission works on issues related to environmental protection, climate change, and sustainability. This is complementary to the work I have devoted myself to in my career. I have worked for non-profits focused on addressing climate change for the past 15 years. This work has been focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through state, national, and international policy focused on the environmental impact of energy use and specifically methane emissions.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I am eager to apply my understanding of the impacts of and solutions to climate change at a more local level, by working to make Menlo Park a more sustainable community that does what it can to minimize our climate impact. My goal on this commission will be to focus on our biggest impacts and on the parts of our community are most directly impacted. Environmental impact touches on so many other things, including quality of life, public health, and housing and transportation policy, and it is important to understand environmental impact in this broader context.

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State CA

Zip code 94025

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident 7

Current City Council district District 2

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply) Email

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Application acknowledgement and submittal

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Signature

Lesley Feldman

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	25 March 2026, 3:48PM
Receipt number	205
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Brittany B. Goodwin
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission
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Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Associates Degree (AS) - Legal Studies (Paralegal) Cañada College Aug 2010 - May 2014
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Board Chair Climate Resilient Communities Sep 2025 - Present Outreach Assistant Belle Haven CDF Jul 2025 - Jan 2026
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

The Environmental Quality Commission
 As a Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) volunteer, I see the Environmental Quality Commission's primary mission as ensuring Menlo Park's climate goals are both ambitious and equitable. My understanding of the position is to help the City Council bridge the gap between technical policy and real-world community impact. I aim to leverage my background in community engagement to advocate for nature-based infrastructure and climate adaptation strategies that protect public health and foster ecological stability for every resident.

The Housing Commission
 As an applicant, I understand the Housing Commission's role as a vital advisory body that ensures our city's housing policies are both legislatively compliant and fiscally sound. My focus will be on the effective stewardship of the Below Market Rate (BMR) program and evaluating housing quality to protect our existing residential assets. I am committed to advising the City Council on how to navigate regional housing mandates and environmental issues efficiently, ensuring our local policies remain high-quality, sustainable, and aligned with our community's long-term interests.

Parks and Recreation Commission
 As an applicant, I understand this role to be a strategic advisory position focused on shaping the long-term vision of our city's community spaces. My focus is on partnering with the City Council to ensure recreation programs evolve alongside our residents' needs through diligent long-range planning and regional coordination. My background volunteering with Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) has given me a deep appreciation for the role

parks play in building equitable climate resilience—from managing urban heat to creating sustainable, nature-based solutions. I view this commission as the primary vehicle for maintaining our parks and playgrounds as vibrant, accessible, and resilient hubs that foster genuine connection for every neighbor.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

Driven by my passion for the environment, I want to join the Environmental Quality Commission to ensure Menlo Park’s climate goals are as equitable as they are ambitious. Drawing on my experience as a Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) volunteer, I plan to help the City Council bridge the gap between technical policy and real-world community impact. My goal is to advocate for low-cost, high-impact climate adaptation strategies—such as nature-based infrastructure—that protect public health and foster ecological stability for all residents without requiring excessive municipal spending.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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State	CA

Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	
Current City Council district	District 1
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Community Meeting
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	10 March 2026, 10:57AM
Receipt number	201
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Sumi Hachmann
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory body preference

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	I hold an MBA and Masters in Environment and Resources from Stanford University, as well as a BS in Social Studies from Harvard University.
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I currently serve on the Site Design Committee at Laurel Elementary School, guiding decisions around the design of the new campus. I'm involved as a home room parent for my child's class, which I've done in previous years as well. I have also served as a parent coach for my children's AYSO soccer and school basketball teams.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	The Parks & Recreation commission is responsible for advising the City Council on issues related to programs and facilities for recreation. This includes operations, maintenance, staffing, programming, and long-term planning. The Environmental Quality commission is responsible for advising the City Council on issues related to sustainability and environmental impact. This includes programs such as: the Climate Action Plan, the Climate Resilience and Adaption plan, the Urban Canopy, and other sustainability initiatives. Serving on both of these commissions requires the ability to: - Evaluate complex tradeoffs, such as balancing short- and long-term priorities, budget and resource constraints, program impacts on resident wellbeing, and environmental considerations. - Understand and analyze resident needs through data such as surveys, usage patterns, and community engagement. - Communicate and collaborate effectively with fellow commissioners, City Council members, staff, and the public. My professional experience has prepared me well for these responsibilities. I've spent the last 10+ years leading product management teams at startups and most recently at Google. This involves end-to-end execution of large scale initiatives including initial product concept design, understanding customer needs, analyzing data, developing a spec with consideration for numerous tradeoffs, securing resources, aligning stakeholders amidst organizational complexity, executing projects on time, experimenting and adapting to changing circumstances, and evaluating outcomes. I also have experience leading long-term strategic planning initiatives that consider organizational goals, customer needs, and resource availability. Much of my work focuses on leading clear decision-making in environments

characterized by tradeoffs and diverse stakeholder perspectives. Earlier in my career, I worked in user research, where I gained direct experience in survey design, data analysis, and methods for understanding user needs. I began my career at McKinsey & Company, where I developed a strong foundation in strategy, analysis, and communication. My personal experience has also given me insight and a deep care and appreciation for the matters pertinent to these commissions.

Parks and Recreation: My family are very active users of programming and facilities in Menlo Park, including:
I and my husband are regular swimmers with the Menlo Masters swim team
My children take swim lessons and attend swim camp through Menlo Swim and Sport
Our children have also participated in the gymnastics program
We use both the Burgess and Belle Haven pools regularly throughout the year for our entire family
We frequently visit parks throughout the city with our family, and participate in City festivities like the Tree Lighting ceremony
Our children's sports teams use Menlo Park city parks, through Stanford Strikers and the youth basketball league

Environmental Quality: I am also personally committed to sustainability and climate action. Our household recently completed a full electrification project, including installing solar panels and transitioning to electric systems such as a heat pump and electric water heating. I deeply value the city's urban tree canopy and recognize the important role city policies and programs play in preserving Menlo Park's natural beauty. I have also volunteered in local cleanup efforts, including trash collection along San Francisquito Creek.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

My preferred advisory body is the Parks and Recreation Commission. As mentioned, I love our city's recreational facilities and programs and experience their direct impact on our family and community's quality of life on a daily basis. I want to help ensure the success of these facilities and programs. If appointed, I would hope to contribute by:

- Helping guide productive and sustainable partnerships with program providers, especially the operations of our city pools.
- Supporting thoughtful decisions about programming and facility use that balance resident needs, financial sustainability, and long-term planning.
- Bringing a data-driven and collaborative approach to evaluating programs and identifying opportunities to improve access and impact.

More broadly, I am interested in becoming more involved in public service as I enter the next phase of my career. Serving on a commission would give me valuable firsthand experience with how the City operates and allow me to contribute meaningfully to the community where my family lives. As a resident who benefits daily from Menlo Park's parks and recreation programs, I care deeply about their continued success. I would bring a thoughtful, data-driven, and collaborative approach to the work of the commission, with the goal of helping ensure that the city's recreational facilities and programs remain vibrant, accessible, and sustainable for years to come. I would be honored for the opportunity to contribute my experience and perspective in service of the community through the City of Menlo Park.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	16
Current City Council district	District 2
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Email Local newspaper
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	27 January 2025, 10:38PM
Receipt number	145
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Eduardo Lopez Hernandez
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Library Commission
Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	I am passionate about environmental stewardship and committed to addressing the critical challenges posed by climate change. With an Associate's degree in Biology, I have a solid foundation in understanding ecological systems and the science behind environmental impacts. I also hold a degree in Social Work, which gives me a deep understanding of how marginalized communities, particularly people of color, are disproportionately affected by environmental issues. Without intentional efforts, these communities risk being left behind in the fight against climate change. Although the current administration has withdrawn from the Paris Agreement, cities like ours can still participate and drive meaningful change. Local action has the potential to create a significant global impact, and I am committed to ensuring our city contributes to this collective effort. It is essential that all districts within the city have equal representation. I live in District One, which is predominantly made up of people of color and currently does not have a member on the Environmental Quality Commission. As a resident of District One, I feel it is my responsibility to advocate for the needs of my district and ensure our community has a voice in shaping the city's environmental policies. Climate change is real, and while its effects are already being felt, I believe we still have an opportunity to mitigate its impacts. This requires collective action, and I am dedicated to fostering community participation to ensure that everyone in the city contributes to solutions. Access to technologies that reduce CO2 emissions should be equitable and inclusive, as sustainable progress depends on engaging every resident. I am eager to bring my knowledge, passion, and collaborative spirit to the Environmental Quality Commission, working alongside others to create a more sustainable and resilient community.
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	N/A
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal	The responsibilities of the Environmental Quality Commission are to advise the City Council on matters related to environmental sustainability
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community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

and the implementation of the city’s action plan. This includes recommending policies and initiatives that address climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote sustainable practices, and enhance the city’s overall environmental quality. The commission also plays an important role in ensuring that the city remains proactive in responding to environmental challenges and promoting equitable access to sustainable solutions.

In addition to my Associate’s degree in Biology, I hold a Master’s degree in Social Work, which has equipped me with the skills to engage with diverse communities, advocate for equity, and facilitate collaboration. My background allows me to understand the intersection between social and environmental justice, recognizing that sustainability efforts must include all community members, particularly those in underserved areas.

Through my education and experience, I am well-prepared to contribute to the Environmental Quality Commission by offering insights into inclusive community engagement and advocating for policies that balance environmental goals with the needs of residents. I am committed to supporting the implementation of the city’s action plan and ensuring that the benefits of sustainability are accessible to everyone in our community.

I want to serve on the Environmental Quality Commission as a way of giving back to my community and ensuring that voices of my district are heard. District One is home to many people of color, and I am committed to making sure that my community is not left behind in the city’s environmental initiatives.

As a member of the commission, I hope to advocate for equitable access to resources and programs that reduce CO2 emissions and improve sustainability. It is important that all residents, regardless of their background or neighborhood, have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from the city’s environmental action plan.

I also hope to engage residents of my district in the city’s action plan by promoting community involvement and ensuring their unique perspectives and needs are considered. By empowering residents of my district to actively participate in environmental initiatives, I believe we can create a more inclusive and impactful approach to addressing climate change.

Additionally, I aim to promote community education about sustainability, ensuring that every resident feels empowered to contribute to our shared environmental goals. By working collaboratively with my fellow commissioners, I hope to help create policies and initiatives that make Menlo Park a leader in combating climate change while addressing the unique needs of all its districts.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	N/A
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	24+
Current City Council district	District 1
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	City website
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	11 February 2025, 11:23PM
Receipt number	150
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Dorene Josie Martinez
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission
Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE (2021) Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, Positive Impact Business Certified. HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2002 – 2004) Master in Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government Harry S. Truman Scholar. Public Policy & International Affairs Program Fellow. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (1994 – 1999) B.A., Honors Social Science. College Honors, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I. BNP Paribas (2014 - Present) Americas Co-lead for Sustainable Finance (2020 - Present) II. Bankers Association for Finance and Trade - BAFT (2021 - Present) Working Group on Sustainability III. Women in Sustainable Finance (2023 - Present) Member V. Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Program (2014 - 2019) - Co-Founder, National Alumni Advisory Council (2014 - 2016) - Board Member (2016 - 2019) VI. German Corporation for International Cooperation - GIZ (2014) Business Development Advisor

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

My understanding of the responsibilities of the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) is to advise the City Council on how best to enable Menlo Park to mitigate, manage and adapt to climate change, and to become a model of excellence for other cities as it relates to issues of sustainability. Tangibly, I understand this to specifically include advising the Council on programs and policies related to the protection of natural areas, recycling and solid waste reduction, air and water pollution prevention, water and energy conservation, the preservation and

management of heritage trees, the expansion of the urban canopy as well as on ways to achieve Menlo Park's 2030 Climate Action Plan goals. Additionally, it entails regularly engaging members of the community, particularly the most vulnerable, in the development of policies and programs with environmental impact.

My professional experience aligns well with these responsibilities. In my professional life, I am a sustainability focal point and expert for BNP Paribas, the leading global bank for sustainable finance. As a member of two internal, bank-wide, expert groups on sustainability – BNP's Network of Experts in Sustainable Transitions (NEST) and its ESG Operational Committee, I work to integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles into our banking practices to promote a more sustainable economy and oversee sustainable trade finance in the Americas.

Part of my role is to encourage companies to align financing towards their own sustainability initiatives and to facilitate their visibility over their end suppliers' emissions. Towards that end, I work with C-suite executives of multi-billion dollar corporations, third party ESG Ratings and Sustainability Assessment Providers, third party vendors, as well as with senior experts on sustainability, legal, credit, risk, communications and marketing.

My knowledge of sustainable finance and business is complemented by my previous work providing community outreach and legal services to low-income Bay Area families and my background in public policy, all of which helped me to gain an in-depth appreciation of the importance of partnerships between communities, government and the private sector in achieving shared objectives. In addition, I have been trained by the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership of the University of Cambridge, UK and sit on the ESG Working Group for an international trade organization (the Bankers Association for Finance and Trade, or BAFT) where we are pioneering industry standards on supporting, measuring and increasing sustainable trade finance.

I would like to apply what I have learned working with private enterprises, business executives, government and community members to our work at the EQC and in Menlo Park, particularly as it relates to engaging, educating, and learning from the various stakeholders in our community to achieve measurable ESG goals together.

Having worked and lived in several countries across three continents and developed extensive access to academic, business and public policy networks and resources (e.g. UN, World Bank, State Department, Harvard Kennedy School, selected local governments), I am confident I am able to provide valuable advice to the Council in its mission to advance Menlo Park's sustainability initiatives.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I cannot think of a more urgent, imperative and valuable goal than helping communities to pursue a more sustainable way of life that protects our resources, environment and communities for future generations. I therefore seek to support the City Council in helping residents and businesses identify and implement practical, evidence-based sustainability measures by leveraging innovative ideas and best practices, advancing communication and engagement with the community and fostering public-private sector cooperation.

I hope to regularly inject fresh, new ideas to the EQC. For example, I aim to tap into my global network to help the Council remain informed about global best practices and sustainability trends and ensure that global insights benefit our discussions at the local level. For instance, one way of fostering innovative thinking could be to organize an international digital "sustainability knowledge share" conference with cities from around the world who are leaders or aspiring leaders.

I also seek to assist the Council in making sustainability more accessible and attractive to the community. To achieve this, I aim to enhance

communication and outreach efforts, especially to those who may be uninformed or skeptical about the importance of sustainability for the future of Menlo Park. As such, I also aim to leverage my access to marketing and communications specialists to help craft narratives and messages that educate as well as spur community engagement.

Capitalizing on my business background, another ambition is to ensure the Council maximizes public/private cooperation to advance the achievement of local sustainability projects and goals. I truly believe that executing on Menlo Park's Climate Action Plan depends on effective collaboration between institutions, businesses, and the community.

The journey to being a leading city in sustainability will be multi-faceted and will necessitate creativity, new types of partnerships, continuous learning, adaptability and the balancing of immediate actions and long-term goals.

As a Bay Area native with international experience, an ESG practitioner with a business and policy background, a parent with a child in the Menlo Park City School District, an outdoors enthusiast and committed environmentalist, I am personally invested in seeing Menlo Park become a leading model for sustainability at the local level and hope to be given the opportunity to serve its community as an adviser on the EQC.

Towards that end, I will strive to bring creativity and fresh perspective, leverage my personal and professional networks and resources, share my technical and finance expertise in sustainability, apply global insights to local realities, promote collaboration among public and private stakeholders, and help educate and engage the community.

Thank you for considering my application.

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City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	475 Sansome, SF, CA
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	<1
Current City Council district	District 2
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	City website
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Advisory body application



Submitted on 3 April 2026, 4:46PM

Receipt number 223

Related form version 16

Applicant's full name (first and last) Nabil Saad

Desired advisory body (check all that apply) Environmental Quality Commission

Advisory body preference

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education I hold a Ph.D. in Environmental Toxicology from Cornell University with a B.Sc. in Chemistry.

Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees I have served previously on the last City of Menlo Park's Independent Redistricting Commission. My tenure was fueled with a lot of passion to accomplish the objectives of the IRC along with my fellow commissioners that led to a very successful outcome.

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

The current commission priorities as stated are:

- 1- Implementation of the climate action plan.
- 2- Climate Resilience and Adaptation.
- 3- Preservation and expansion of the urban canopy
- 4- Support sustainability initiatives city-wide.

My expertise as an environmental scientist and as an air quality specialist and environmental advocate centers around the above 4 tenets of the commission's missions and objectives. I have the passion, the strong belief, and the scientific foundation to contribute profoundly to the City's EQC priorities.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I am an environmental scientist with an expertise in environmental policy, regulations, and monitoring with a focus on Ambient Air Quality. I'd like to lean into my expertise to the benefit of the City of Menlo Park in order to advance the city's environmental Quality agenda and make Menlo Park as the pioneer and leader in the Bay Area and California in general in meeting the environmental challenges that our State and nation faces. As member, I hope to be a scientific and policy resource for the commission and for the city in advancing the city policies to improve the residents' quality of life in general, minimizing our human impact on the environment, and raising public awareness about the good practices for a better a better Menlo Park.

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	23 years
Current City Council district	District 4
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Email
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	28 March 2026, 9:17AM
Receipt number	206
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Paul Studemeister
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission
Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.A., University of California at Berkeley Ph.D., University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	President of Lincoln Green Homeowners Association, Menlo Park, CA
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	Maintain and improve the environmental conditions in Menlo Park, provide guidance and support for the City to comply with environmental regulations, differentiate between agenda-drive environmental initiatives and common-sense, financially sound initiatives
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Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	To best serve the City, provide common sense feedback and opinions, avoid agenda-drive initiatives based on flawed or controversial arguments, provide financial perspective, improve the environmental conditions and maintain regulatory compliance.
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State	CA
Zip code	94025
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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	25 plus
Current City Council district	District 5
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Email
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	24 March 2026, 10:16AM
Receipt number	204
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Holly Ubellacker
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission Environmental Quality Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	University of California, Berkeley BS (Engineering)
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	None at this time, but have lived in Menlo Park for five years and want to give back to improve the city.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	Complete Streets: responsible for improving non auto transportation access including improving bikeways and pedestrian walkways, community transportation for bus routes. Personal experience: I bike to work in south bay three days a week, and limit car usage as much as possible. The most dangerous part of my commute is getting out of Menlo Park to make it to the Bay Trail - particularly Middlefield road. Environmental Quality: Responsible for achieving / promoting Menlo Parks climate goals and increasing human/nature balance through tree canopy. Not as clear on what other power this committee would have over non-municipal climate goals (solar incentives, water/trash reduction incentives, etc) but spent three years at my job focusing on achieving corporate carbon neutrality goals by 2030. I am impressed by the work done already on the solar panels on the library, Burgess park water saving methods, and would like to be part of continuing these goals
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I am motivated to serve on an advisory body because I believe that residents have a responsibility to actively contribute to the well-being of their community. I want to ensure that Menlo Park continues to be a place where environmental stewardship and quality of life are prioritized, and where thoughtful planning supports both current and future residents. My values are focused on sustainability, accessibility, and designing public spaces that prioritize people over cars, closely align with the work of both of these commissions. I hope to contribute to improving safe and accessible transportation options throughout the city. This includes strengthening bike infrastructure, developing well-connected and protected bicycle and pedestrian pathways, and improving "last-mile" connections to public transit so that it is a practical and reliable option for more residents. I am especially interested in supporting expanded transportation services for seniors and other residents who depend on consistent transit access, as I have seen many older

residents waiting in the street for a half hour or more to make sure they don't miss the Vet / senior shuttle for their health needs.

For the Environmental Quality peace, I hope to expand my own personal values and support the preservation and enhancement of Menlo Park's natural environment, particularly its tree canopy. When comparing Menlo Park to other cities like Sunnyvale, one of the biggest "nice" factor of Menlo Park is the tree canopy and the balance of green space between developments. I believe it is important to maintain this balance by prioritizing long-term environmental health alongside responsible city growth, and want to work with a group that shares that value.

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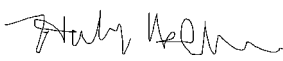
Zip code 94025

Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident 5

Current City Council district	District 3
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Banner in downtown Menlo Park
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 12:06AM
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Applicant's full name (first and last)	Patrick Ye
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	☒ Complete Streets Commission ☐ Environmental Quality Commission ☐ Housing Commission

Advisory body preference	Housing Commission
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Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	PhD, bioengineering, Stanford University MS, bioengineering, Stanford University MS, medicine, Stanford University BS, biomedical engineering, Duke University
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I volunteered as a Spanish and Mandarin medical interpreter at the Pacific Free Clinic as a graduate student at Stanford.
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At Duke University, I lead a team to build a vehicular bridge in Bolivia over two summers with Engineers Without Borders.

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

I am most excited to serve on the housing commission, which I see as an opportunity to help keep the city on track with its housing goals, such as the total number of new units or the income breakdown of such housing units. I hope to learn about potential housing developments and should the city be off track, alert the city council and propose policy changes with the help, guidance, and expertise of city staff. Housing is particularly motivating for me because as a current renter who has lived in Palo Alto / Menlo Park for the past 16 years, I have personally experienced the financial burden of rent increases, especially now that I have two young kids. When I think about buying a house and wanting to stay in the area, I struggle to understand how homeownership in this area is feasible for young families establishing their careers and juggling child care expenses.

I would also be excited to serve on the Environmental Quality Commission. With two young kids, I worry about the state of the planet that we are leaving to future generations. Menlo Park is quite progressive with respect to environmental initiatives, but more progress needs to be made, such as meeting the city's carbon neutral goal by 2030. As an environmentally-aware renter who does not have control over my apartment's infrastructure, I hope to motivate the commission and the city to more effectively ensure compliance from apartment owners and encourage them to make electrification upgrades.

I would also be excited to serve on the Complete Streets commission. I bike almost every day to work through 3 districts of Menlo Park, and my biking

experience could help inform decisions on improving and expanding bike infrastructure with safety in mind, such as the proposed Middle Avenue bike / pedestrian undercrossing. Gathering community input and opinions about transportation upgrades, and voicing them in committee, is also an important responsibility of serving on the commission.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I am most interested in serving on the housing commission. The accumulated shortage of housing on the Peninsula over decades has resulted in an unaffordable housing market for a growing share of even our relatively well-off neighbors. My colleagues, who are highly educated young professionals, including residents and graduate students who aspire to be the next generation of doctors and researchers, struggle to afford to live in Menlo Park, let alone the teachers, police, and other essential service workers whose work makes the city function. Since having two young kids, I realized that I want my kids to grow up in a city that is more socioeconomically diverse, and housing is one way to encourage such diversity in our city.

I hope to add oversight on the city's housing progress as an informed resident, making sure that we are in compliance with the state's requirements and ensuring that the city is honest about whether we are on track to meeting our stated housing goals. If the city is falling short, I hope to speak with key stakeholders such as fellow commissioners, city council members, developers, and community members to brainstorm ways to unblock and accelerate housing development. Finally, I would be excited to give early feedback on housing development proposals to help make Menlo Park a more welcoming, sustainable, and vibrant place to live.

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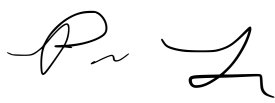
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City	Menlo Park
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Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	3
Current City Council district	District 3
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: friends and neighbors
If I am appointed, the City is authorized to post the following information on the city website (please select at least one):	Cellphone: No Business phone: No Home phone: No Email: Yes
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Application acknowledgement and submittal

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 3:59AM
Receipt number	218
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Applicant's full name (first and last)	Radhika Anne
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Finance and Audit Commission Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Masters in Engineering
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I was a Girl Scout mom and ran the science fair in our Menlo Park elementary School
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I have been a resident of Menlo Park for over 20 years raising as family with my husband. I work in tech and related to data centers. Due to seeing the impact of tech on environment I would like to do my part towards sustainable environment. I am here to give back to Menlo Park and would be interested in being on board for one or more memberships available
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I am to give back yo Menlo Park.

Planning Commission questionnaire

1. Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission and how your personal, community or professional experience relates to these responsibilities.	Planning committee reviews the impact of proposed plans with respect to Menlo Park city development
2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?	I don't have any However collaboration is the key
3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?	I don't know but I can put in as many hours as needed

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

Road congestion planning, housing and I personally would be interred in a safe space for children to gather and play

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

City thriving will be success of any plan that is implemented

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94025

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

25

Current City Council district

District 4

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

Nextdoor

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Yes

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	22 March 2026, 10:12PM
Receipt number	203
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Jeffrey Berkes
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Planning Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BS, Real Estate Finance, University of Denver, 1985 MBA, International Finance, The George Washington University, 1993
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Member, Policy Advisory Board, Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics, University of California-Berkeley Full Member, Urban Land Institute Member, ICSC (formerly International Council of Shopping Centers)
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	The Planning Commission is responsible for ensuring compliance with local zoning ordinances; reviewing and approving or denying applications requiring certain approvals (use permits, zoning variances, etc.); recommending planning-related actions to City Council, such as rezoning, General Plan amendments, and below market-rate housing agreements; and assists City Council with special projects. The Housing Commission is responsible for advising City Council on housing related matters, including housing supply and recommendations on the Housing Element of the General Plan. The Planning Commission makes decisions; the Housing Commission provides advice to City Council.
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My education and career in commercial real estate has spanned 45 years. I am currently the Chief Investment Officer of Paragon Commercial Group, a private real estate investment company that acquires, developed and redevelops open-air retail properties in the West Coast and Mountain West states. Prior to going PGC in early 2026, I spent 25 years at Federal Realty Investment Trust, a S&P 500 publicly-traded Real Estate Investment Trust (NYSE: FRT) where I served successively as Chief Investment Officer, President - West Coast, and President and Chief Operating Officer. For 21 of the 25 years, my office was at Santana Row in San Jose, which Federal Realty developed and operates today. In addition to Santana Row, Federal Realty owns and operates over 100 properties and specializes in the acquisition, development and redevelopment of high-quality, open-air retail and retail-driven mixed-use properties. In my roles at Federal Realty, I was both closely involved and responsible for the development teams which acquired, developed and redeveloped several billion dollars of commercial property and am intimately familiar with the development process, and the financial requirements of a successful development/redevelopment project. I am also acutely aware of the importance of engaging the community and elected officials and City staff in an honest, transparent way to ensure a

successful outcome for the long-term benefit of all stakeholders.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

Simply, Menlo Park is my home, and I want my City to be the best that it can be. I hope to bring to the Commission a heightened understanding of the implications of City development rules and policies on the private market participants...both property owners and the occupants thereof.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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More specifically, while the backbone of the mixed-use properties I've worked on in my career have had a strong ground level component with a curated mix of shops, restaurants and services, they have also included significant public spaces and parks and upper floor office and residential (both for sale and for rent) uses as well as hotels. In addition, through the operation of these properties, I've learned a great deal about the marketability of the ground level space and what is required to activate the developed area throughout the week as well as what is important to the occupants (tenants) of these space to help ensure that they have all the tools required to operate successful, vibrant businesses.

My work experience is broad and is always been focused on the long-term impacts and benefits of physical real estate to the community in which it is located, married with a deep understanding of how to determine the financial feasibility, and therefore the likely success of implementing, a development or redevelopment. I believe my experience in these aspects of commercial real estate will be valuable in helping other members of the Planning Commission and City Council understand and evaluate how changes to the General Plan and Zoning (variances or otherwise) can improve the built environment in our City.

2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?

The Planning Commission, City Staff and City Council should work together cooperatively and productively to enhance the long-term, responsible improvement of public and private land for benefit of the residents of Menlo Park. The Planning Commission's role in this triumvirate is to develop and advise City Council on an achievable General Plan and Housing Element and

ensure compliance with zoning while establishing consistency when granting variances thereto.

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

I would expect the time commitment to be variable, depending on whether or not work is being undertaken on City Council special projects or larger items such as the Housing Element/General Plan. Outside of this work, I would expect approximately 6-8 hours of preparation time for each Planning Commission meeting

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

I foresee the Planning Commission being involved in addressing any updates required to the Housing Element and General Plan as well as any BMR agreements. The Planning Commission has an advisory role in these activities.

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

I am generally familiar with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan but not intimately familiar. That said, the framework of the Specific Plan must be market-based to allow the owners of the buildings to attract capital for necessary improvements to the built environment and occupants of the building to operate successfully to open and stay in business, while ensuring that the environmental impacts do not materially, adversely impact our community. Success would be measured by execution of the Plan by market participants, creating a vibrant and active downtown; increased utilization of public transportation, primarily Caltrain); and by increasing the supply of housing, especially affordable housing.

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

21

Current City Council district

District 4

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

Email

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No

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 11:35AM
Receipt number	220
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Leonard Chang
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission Housing Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BA Economics, Dartmouth College - 2011
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Compete for USTA Tennis teams Pacifica Run Club
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

The Complete Streets Commission advises the City Council on making Menlo Park safer and more accessible for people traveling by foot, bike, and transit. The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the Council on the quality and long-term planning of the city's parks and programs, ensuring they meet community needs.

My connection to both is personal and practical. As a Menlo Park resident and new parent, I'm an active user of the city's parks, an everyday pedestrian, and occasional cyclist.

Professionally, my background in data science and managing data science teams gives me a useful lens for both commissions. Transportation planning and parks programming can both benefit from data-driven analysis; I'm well-positioned to help evaluate whether the analysis behind a recommendation actually supports the conclusion. I also have experience working with diverse stakeholders and advocating for what I believe is right.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

My preferred body is the Complete Streets Commission. Having recently moved to Menlo Park, it's an opportunity to contribute to my new community while working on something I care about directly: making the city safer and more accessible for everyone.

As someone who walks and runs around Menlo Park daily, there are a few times I've already felt a bit unsafe - for example, areas without sidewalks or intersections where drivers aren't expecting pedestrians. I would love to contribute to improving this and want Menlo Park to be a place where all modes of transit feel like genuinely good options.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Current City Council district

District 5

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

City website

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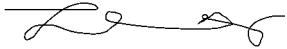
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Yes

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	6 August 2025, 11:40PM
Receipt number	188
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Federico De Giuli
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Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission Environmental Quality Commission Housing Commission
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Advisory body preference	Housing Commission
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Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.S.E. Comp. Sci. and Engineering, U.C Davis
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Member of Menlo Together Volunteer at Canopy
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

Housing commission:
- Advise city council on housing policy, including zoning considerations. I live in a house, as do most of the people I know. I pay a significant amount of my (not insignificant) income for the privilege. I have also lived in houses in other places, both better and worse. In all cases, the quality of the experience was a direct result of zoning laws.

Complete streets commission:
- Advise council on how to improve the safety of city streets, as well as promote uses other than just driving a car on them. It may come as a surprise, but I also use the streets. My main mode of transportation is a bicycle--this means I've had more than my fair share of doorings, accidents and close calls, so I have fairly extensive experience with what makes a safe street to cycle on.

Environmental Quality Commission:
- Advise, blah blah, you get it. I volunteer for Canopy, an organization dedicated to planting trees in neighborhoods with lower tree cover. I am passionate about environmental protection and environmental justice, and believe that meaningful change must start at the local level.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I believe that the widespread use of single-family zoning has had a devastating effect on both society and the environment, and I hope to encourage Menlo Park to move toward a more sustainable way to use land.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident 5

Current City Council district District 4

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply) Local newspaper

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	22 February 2026, 11:46AM
Receipt number	194
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Jared Duke
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission
Advisory body preference	Housing Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	M.Sc - Computation and Mathematical Engineering - Stanford University - 2008-2011
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Nothing official.
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

The Housing Commission acts as the primary advisory body for the systemic health of Menlo Park's housing ecosystem. This involves not only technical oversight of various housing programs and policies, but also the more general task of evaluating and planning for the housing needs and vision of a future Menlo Park.

My approach to these responsibilities is shaped by a career in engineering, where my work has largely dealt with identifying bottlenecks and optimizing throughput in complex systems. I view the current housing shortage in part as a scaling and pipeline challenge, requiring a broad and holistic view to advance beyond the the status quo of incremental, conservative, overly complicated development. This perspective was sharpened by my personal experience in electrifying our home in Menlo Park - incorporating solar, battery storage, and heat pump installations. While these upgrades are part of a sustainable future, the arduous and lengthy permitting process I encountered served as a firsthand case study in how regulatory friction can stall and frustrate progress. I've also seen first hand, at council meetings and participation, how those with the loudest voices against change or sensible housing development can drown out the silent or otherwise unavailable those of the broader community.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

We love our city, and want it to thrive as both a model of sustainable but ambitious and forward-looking housing development for all who want to live and work here as a community - not just the lucky few who got in early.

On the Housing Commission, I hope to apply my technical and personal experience in several related ways:

- * Streamline permitting pipelines to reduce the "cost of delay" for both homeowners and developers.
- * Advocate for high-density, transit-oriented zoning that treats housing as a scalable infrastructure need.
- * Modernize the city's housing stock to align with our decarbonization and

electrification targets.

We can be ambitious and bold in our approach to housing, without sacrificing values of sustainability and responsibility. I hope to be an advocate for those who want to live here but cannot, who are unable to attend city council meetings as counter to other prominent voices against housing, who want our city to evolve as a living model of growth and community, not as a stagnant memory of what was or could have been.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident 9

Current City Council district District 4

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

Email

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No

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	25 March 2026, 3:48PM
Receipt number	205
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Brittany B. Goodwin
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission
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Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Associates Degree (AS) - Legal Studies (Paralegal) Cañada College Aug 2010 - May 2014
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Board Chair Climate Resilient Communities Sep 2025 - Present Outreach Assistant Belle Haven CDF Jul 2025 - Jan 2026
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

The Environmental Quality Commission
 As a Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) volunteer, I see the Environmental Quality Commission's primary mission as ensuring Menlo Park's climate goals are both ambitious and equitable. My understanding of the position is to help the City Council bridge the gap between technical policy and real-world community impact. I aim to leverage my background in community engagement to advocate for nature-based infrastructure and climate adaptation strategies that protect public health and foster ecological stability for every resident.

The Housing Commission
 As an applicant, I understand the Housing Commission's role as a vital advisory body that ensures our city's housing policies are both legislatively compliant and fiscally sound. My focus will be on the effective stewardship of the Below Market Rate (BMR) program and evaluating housing quality to protect our existing residential assets. I am committed to advising the City Council on how to navigate regional housing mandates and environmental issues efficiently, ensuring our local policies remain high-quality, sustainable, and aligned with our community's long-term interests.

Parks and Recreation Commission
 As an applicant, I understand this role to be a strategic advisory position focused on shaping the long-term vision of our city's community spaces. My focus is on partnering with the City Council to ensure recreation programs evolve alongside our residents' needs through diligent long-range planning and regional coordination. My background volunteering with Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) has given me a deep appreciation for the role

parks play in building equitable climate resilience—from managing urban heat to creating sustainable, nature-based solutions. I view this commission as the primary vehicle for maintaining our parks and playgrounds as vibrant, accessible, and resilient hubs that foster genuine connection for every neighbor.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

Driven by my passion for the environment, I want to join the Environmental Quality Commission to ensure Menlo Park’s climate goals are as equitable as they are ambitious. Drawing on my experience as a Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) volunteer, I plan to help the City Council bridge the gap between technical policy and real-world community impact. My goal is to advocate for low-cost, high-impact climate adaptation strategies—such as nature-based infrastructure—that protect public health and foster ecological stability for all residents without requiring excessive municipal spending.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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State CA

Zip code	94025
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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	
Current City Council district	District 1
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Community Meeting
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Application acknowledgement and submittal

I agree

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	2 April 2026, 12:41PM
Receipt number	214
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Gina Grega
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission
Advisory body preference	

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BA degree, PHR Human Resources, and relevant experience as I've navigated housing issues both as a market rate tenant and BMR tenant
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Nextdoor.com community reviewer, Meta Accessibility Panel member, Being Neighborly member, small business owner mainly serving Menlo Park residents
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I have personally navigated the challenges over the last 25 years related to affordable and safe rentals in our community. Likewise, as a house sitter in our community I have a unique perspective on issues that homeowners in our community are facing. My understanding of the responsibilities of this position is that the advisory body focuses on understanding community needs related to housing issues both anticipated and current ranging from issues of space/planning, environmental impact, affordability, and then making recommendations/working with other related city and state committees and commissions.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	As a nearly 25 year resident of this city and small business owner here, I've seen a lot of growth and change. I hope to add a perspective to Menlo Park's housing issue that considers the needs of our residents w disabilities and financial limitations

Planning Commission questionnaire

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State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	25
Current City Council district	District 1
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Nextdoor
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Application acknowledgement and submittal

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	24 February 2026, 6:47PM
Receipt number	197
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Robert Hubbell
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	Parks and Recreation Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BS UC Berkeley CPA License in California MBA U of Penn Wharton
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	- Neighborhood organizer for improving quality of life in the Willows neighborhood covering: safe routes to schools, sidewalk improvements & traffic calming measures - Long time patron of Menlo Aquatic Facilities - Little league baseball coach & scout master
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	- Provide support and recommendations to the city council on matters relating to city recreational facilities and programs - Provide support and recommendations to the city council on matters relating to city housing - I am a 30-year resident of Menlo Park and can bring that experience and perspective to the commission. I have been a business professional for over 40 years and have developed strong leadership skills in business strategy and planning, marketing and financial analysis and am ready to apply these skills to the commission.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	My family and I have enjoyed the wonderful parks, recreational facilities and programs that Menlo Park has offered. I would like to contribute to maintaining and improving the parks and recreational opportunities as a way of giving back to my community. Housing is also a great need in our area and I am interested helping to improve and increase our housing stock in a sustainable and affordable manner.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Current City Council district District 2

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 1:25AM
Receipt number	195
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Josh Leslie
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Housing Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.A. Cognitive Science, UC Berkeley MBA, Columbia University
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I've coached approximately 10 youth sports teams on a volunteer basis for various Menlo Park teams through Oak Knoll, Hillview, AYSO, and Alpine Little League. I've served on the Board of Directors of a non-profit summer camp (Camp Tawonga) I served as the Auction Chair for the Menlo-Atherton Auction for two years.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I understand my responsibility on the Housing Advisory Board would be to review and advise the City Council on all housing-related matters. I've spent most of my life in this community, growing up in the Bay Area and attending Menlo School. I've owned a home and lived in Menlo Park since 2004. I've sent three kids to Menlo Park public schools and have been involved in my community throughout this time as a coach, volunteer, and involved parent. I love this community and want to continue to see it prosper and grow.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I want to serve my community and give back to this community that has given so much to me. My hope is to help this community continue to grow in ways that make our community stronger, more inclusive, and to continue to be a wonderful place to live for all.

Planning Commission questionnaire

1. Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission and how your personal, community or professional experience relates to these responsibilities.	I understand my responsibility on the Housing Advisory Board would be to review and advise the City Council on all housing-related matters. I've spent most of my life in this community, growing up in the Bay Area and attending Menlo School. I've owned a home and lived in Menlo Park since 2004. I've sent three kids to Menlo Park public schools and have been involved in my community throughout this time as a coach, volunteer, and involved parent. I love this community and want to continue to see it prosper and grow.
2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship	I don't have any insight into these relationships at present.

with City staff?

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

My understanding is that the time commitment is one meeting per month. I assume I will need to spend hours each month on additional work, such as researching policy or reviewing proposals in advance of meetings.

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

As a longtime resident of Menlo Park, I am well aware of a multitude of Planning and housing-related issues that the Council has been considering. I would view my role as an informed advisor, helping the council make the best decision for our community.

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

I'm familiar with this plan, having followed the Council's progress over the last two decades in defining, refining, and executing it. I would reserve my opinion on implementation ideas until i had a deeper and more current understanding of the plan, and a chance to meet with and speak to more stakeholders.

What does success look like? That's easy to say (but perhaps harder to accomplish): residents feel the city is vibrant, safe, and thriving, developers believe the city is a predictable and fair partner, and the city itself can execute the plan in a financially attainable and predictable manner.

Contact and residency information

Email

Cell phone

Home phone

Business phone

Address 1

Address 2

City

Menlo Park

State

CA

Zip code

94025

Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

22

Current City Council district

District 5

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

Local newspaper

If I am appointed, the City is authorized to post the following information on the city website (please select at least one):

Cellphone: No

Business phone: No

Home phone: No

Email: Yes

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Yes

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	29 March 2026, 7:03PM
Receipt number	208
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Steven Switzer
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission
Advisory body preference	Housing Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Cornell University Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Studies Minor in Architecture
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Current Chair of Menlo Park Housing Commission Previous Planning Commissioner for the City of Port Angeles, Washington. Current Staff Liaison to the Palo Alto Historic Resources Board. Current Staff Liaison to the Palo Alto Architectural Review Board. Previous Staff Liaison to the County of Mendocino Historic Review Board.
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I currently serve as the Chair of the Housing Commission and have been a Housing Commissioner for approximately two years. In this role, I understand the Commission's responsibilities to include advising the City Council on housing policy, supporting strategies to increase housing supply and affordability, and addressing broader housing challenges through thoughtful public engagement.
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My experience as the staff liaison to two advisory boards in Palo Alto, combined with my time as a planning commissioner in Port Angeles, provides a strong understanding of both the administrative and community-facing aspects of housing issues. I have worked through complex housing policies and development review processes while facilitating discussions that reflect diverse perspectives. This background, along with my professional experience as a planner, allows me to effectively support the Commission's role in evaluating housing programs and providing informed, balanced recommendations.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member
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I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the past two years as a Housing Commissioner and wish to continue that service to the community I call home. Housing challenges remain constant, and I am motivated to advance practical, inclusive solutions.

With my experience on the Housing Commission, as an urban planner, and former Planning Commissioner, I bring a strong foundation for developing clear, well informed recommendations and fostering productive discussions. I will continue working to help the Commission provide recommendations to the City Council that drives meaningful progress on housing challenges.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

Contact and residency information

Email

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Business phone

Address 1

Address 2

City

Menlo Park

State

CA

Zip code

94025

Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

3

Current City Council district

District 3

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

City website

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Home phone: No

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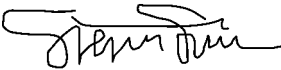
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Yes

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 10:21PM
Receipt number	198
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Maryam Veisi
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	Parks and Recreation Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Masters in geotechnical engineering
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

I understand that an advisory body is responsible for reviewing policies and projects, evaluating community impact, and providing balanced, well-informed recommendations to the City Council and staff. This requires careful consideration of safety, long-term sustainability, fiscal responsibility, and the needs of residents.

Through my experience working on diverse infrastructure projects as a geotechnical engineer, I built strong expertise in technical analysis, risk assessment, and cross-disciplinary collaboration. I later spent seven years in data engineering, further deepening my analytical and data-driven decision-making skills. Together, these experiences enable me to bring a practical, evidence-based perspective and a thoughtful, solution-oriented approach that aligns well with the responsibilities of an advisory role.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

Use my both experiences in civil engineering industry and tech in helping the city to make decisions that improves the life of residents

Planning Commission questionnaire

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meetings?

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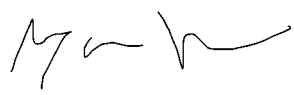
Contact and residency information

Email	
Cell phone	
Home phone	
Business phone	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	1.5
Current City Council district	District 5
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Neighborhood WhatsApp group
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	28 March 2026, 11:03AM
Receipt number	207
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Lusann Yang
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission
Advisory body preference	Housing Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	PhD in Applied Physics, Harvard University, 2014 BSE in Mechanical Engineering, Princeton University, 2006
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I've sat in on a few meetings with Menlo Together, and volunteered to help out at local elections, but otherwise this is my first exploration in civic engagement.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	At work, I'm a data analyst and I work in sustainability at Google, where I've come to understand that a big part of what Google can do for sustainability is support local governments in making policy decisions. I gather quantitative data and report on it to VPs, who then make decisions weighing the needs of many different groups. My strengths include an ability to bring a quantitative approach to messy problems, clearly communicating the nuances of my analyses, working in large organizations, and managing input from many stakeholders. Separately, I've been reading about housing policy and trying to attend local meetings of pro-housing groups. I'm interested in building a society that allows for people across the economic spectrum to live and thrive in California. As I understand it, the housing commission makes recommendations on housing policy - which is an area I'd like to learn about. I'm interested in understanding the housing element and what flexibility Menlo Park has in implementing state-wide mandates.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I think that serving on the housing commission will help me learn a lot about housing policy - what the state of it is, how it is implemented, and what I can do as a community member to help build a more affordable, equitable community for everyone.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Contact and residency information

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Address 1

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City

Menlo Park

State

CA

Zip code

94025

Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

8

Current City Council district

District 2

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

City website

Email

Other: Menlo Together email

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Business phone: No

Home phone: No

Email: Yes

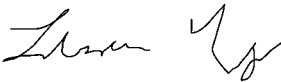
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No

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	25 September 2024, 9:22AM
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Related form version	14

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Chelsea Ye
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Finance and Audit Commission Housing Commission Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Housing Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Duke BS 2016 Stanford MS 2023
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Junior League Menlo Park
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the advisory body that you are applying for and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	This group ensures the city provides adequate, quality housing for all residents. They: Assess community housing needs with a focus on equity and addressing how social and economic factors impact housing. Evaluate and improve the city's housing stock. Manage federal housing programs and develop local housing policies. Analyze the impact of housing decisions on the environment. Advise the city on state and regional housing issues. Develop long-term housing strategies.
Describe why you want to serve on this advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I just moved into the neighborhood and am looking for ways to get more involved in the community

Planning Commission questionnaire

1. Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission and how your personal, community or professional experience relates to these responsibilities.	Currently I work as a program manager at a health tech company and believe these skills would be useful in this role
2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?	I understand that this commission is used as an advisory commission to city council and am interested in learning more
3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?	There are monthly meetings and additional followups
4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?	Affordable housing and how to keep the community safe and supported. The commission's role will be important to gather this information and provide feedback to the City Council

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

I understand this as an evolution of the previous plan and aims to address safety, vibrancy, accessibility etc for the community. Success for this plan I think should be considered on smaller goals and ensuring that the community can achieve goals

Contact and residency information

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Cell phone	
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Business phone	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	1
Current City Council district	District 4
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Instagram
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 12:06AM
Receipt number	217
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Patrick Ye
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	☒ Complete Streets Commission ☒ Environmental Quality Commission ☒ Housing Commission
Advisory body preference	Housing Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	PhD, bioengineering, Stanford University MS, bioengineering, Stanford University MS, medicine, Stanford University BS, biomedical engineering, Duke University
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I volunteered as a Spanish and Mandarin medical interpreter at the Pacific Free Clinic as a graduate student at Stanford. At Duke University, I lead a team to build a vehicular bridge in Bolivia over two summers with Engineers Without Borders.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I am most excited to serve on the housing commission, which I see as an opportunity to help keep the city on track with its housing goals, such as the total number of new units or the income breakdown of such housing units. I hope to learn about potential housing developments and should the city be off track, alert the city council and propose policy changes with the help, guidance, and expertise of city staff. Housing is particularly motivating for me because as a current renter who has lived in Palo Alto / Menlo Park for the past 16 years, I have personally experienced the financial burden of rent increases, especially now that I have two young kids. When I think about buying a house and wanting to stay in the area, I struggle to understand how homeownership in this area is feasible for young families establishing their careers and juggling child care expenses. I would also be excited to serve on the Environmental Quality Commission. With two young kids, I worry about the state of the planet that we are leaving to future generations. Menlo Park is quite progressive with respect to environmental initiatives, but more progress needs to be made, such as meeting the city's carbon neutral goal by 2030. As an environmentally-aware renter who does not have control over my apartment's infrastructure, I hope to motivate the commission and the city to more effectively ensure compliance from apartment owners and encourage them to make electrification upgrades. I would also be excited to serve on the Complete Streets commission. I bike almost every day to work through 3 districts of Menlo Park, and my biking

experience could help inform decisions on improving and expanding bike infrastructure with safety in mind, such as the proposed Middle Avenue bike / pedestrian undercrossing. Gathering community input and opinions about transportation upgrades, and voicing them in committee, is also an important responsibility of serving on the commission.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I am most interested in serving on the housing commission. The accumulated shortage of housing on the Peninsula over decades has resulted in an unaffordable housing market for a growing share of even our relatively well-off neighbors. My colleagues, who are highly educated young professionals, including residents and graduate students who aspire to be the next generation of doctors and researchers, struggle to afford to live in Menlo Park, let alone the teachers, police, and other essential service workers whose work makes the city function. Since having two young kids, I realized that I want my kids to grow up in a city that is more socioeconomically diverse, and housing is one way to encourage such diversity in our city.

I hope to add oversight on the city's housing progress as an informed resident, making sure that we are in compliance with the state's requirements and ensuring that the city is honest about whether we are on track to meeting our stated housing goals. If the city is falling short, I hope to speak with key stakeholders such as fellow commissioners, city council members, developers, and community members to brainstorm ways to unblock and accelerate housing development. Finally, I would be excited to give early feedback on housing development proposals to help make Menlo Park a more welcoming, sustainable, and vibrant place to live.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

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5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

Contact and residency information

Email [REDACTED]

Cell phone [REDACTED]

Home phone

Business phone	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	3
Current City Council district	District 3
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: friends and neighbors
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	1 August 2024, 7:37AM
Receipt number	123
Related form version	13

Applicant's full name (first and last)	KIM L. CROCKETT
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Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Library Commission
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Advisory body preference

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Boston University School of Law, JD Dartmouth College, BA
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Menlo Park City School District - Substitute Teacher 2022-Present; Classroom Volunteer, 2005-16 Ravenswood Education Foundation - active supporter 2014-present Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center - Volunteer Mediator; Sequoia Union School District Volunteer Mediator, 2023-Present The Riekes Center - Board Member, Vice Chair, Nominating Committee Chair 2015 - Present; Rally for Riekes Scholarship Committee member 2012-15 Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth College - Advisory Board, Building Committee, work supporting renovation of beloved campus arts and community center 2019-Present Baby Basics of the Peninsula - Founded and ran a 501(c)(3) diaper bank program serving enrolled low income families from Menlo Park and East Palo Alto with twice monthly diaper distributions and an ongoing, caring connection to a large referral network of social services providers 2006-2017 Legal Aid of San Mateo County - Pro Bono Attorney, Peninsula Family Advocacy Program, a medical-legal partnership formed to resolve legal issues that can adversely impact childrens' health. Worked with pediatricians at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Ravenswood Family Health Center and San Mateo Medical Center to provide legal services to low income families on range of issues, such as guardianship, health insurance, medical bills, housing and individualized education programs (IEPs) 2003-4, 2009-10 Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula - Volunteer, Community Meals (2020-21) and active supporter 2012-Present Oakland Lacrosse - active supporter, through its lacrosse and mentoring programs this nonprofit supports Oakland Public School students in becoming healthy, confident, and self-empowered youth 2018-Present Guild Theater - active and enthusiastic supporter 2019-Present https://www.linkedin.com/in/kimlessowcrockett/
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the advisory body that you are applying for and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

My understanding is that the Library Commission is tasked with providing the City Council key insights and recommendations gathered from its work identifying our community's needs and interests with regard to library services, systems, programs and facilities.

To learn more about the Library Commission's work, I've spoken to Carol Orton and Jennifer Wise, as well as a few other current Commission members. I also attended the most recent Commission meeting held at the new Belle Haven Community Campus. I am inspired by the Commission's ongoing efforts to listen and understand the evolving needs of our community to ensure that our library services, programs and facilities meet them into the future. I believe my background, skills and experiences, specifically my extensive community service work within our schools, nonprofits, legal and other community benefit organizations, translate well to this work. Throughout my career and most especially during my volunteer work, I have learned firsthand the vital importance

of working directly with people to understand multiple points of view. I believe these experiences will be helpful in this advisory role.
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/kimlessowcrockett/>

Describe why you want to serve on this advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I want to serve on the Library Commission because I believe in the incredible importance of free and accessible community hubs for education, social and cultural connection - especially now. I am extremely interested in exploring ways in which we can bring people together to build community in Menlo Park and see our libraries as central to this goal. As a Library Commission member, I hope to bring ideas, insights and actionable recommendations to the City Council to support this effort.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss our libraries further with you and how I can contribute as a member of the Library Commission.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Contact and residency information

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Cell phone

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Home phone

Business phone

Address 1

[REDACTED]

Address 2

City

MENLO PARK

State

CA

Zip code

94025

Business address

Self-employed

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

24 years

Current City Council district

District 5

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

City website

Email

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No

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I agree

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	28 January 2025, 8:52AM
Receipt number	147
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Ann Dawson
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Library Commission
Advisory body preference	Library Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Masters, Educational Psych; Program Mgt certificated Nonprofit management, certificate
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Worked as librarian at small, private school (6 yrs); Work with ESL students at Stanford (EIA) program; Helped with English learners (MP library; 1990s); Served on Graphic Arts Council as Board Chair (6 yrs) -donor events and pgm mgt; Peninsula Bridge (advisory board, 2008-2013). Volunteer, Nine Lives 18 yrs corporate management in areas of program and project management, strategic planning, as well as leading professional development endeavors. Effective June 1, 2025 - Appointed to board of CCIS (Community Committee for International Students), Stanford, Bechtel International Center; Director of Homestay program
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	Library: To continue to provide enriching activities, events, and resources to the community. I would bring my professional experience as well as personal interests to the commission and use towards collaborative work initiatives to further enhance and refine community offerings at the MPLs.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	To work on endeavors which I find of particular interest to me as well as being activity in giving back to the community. To assist with planning to offer engaging activities and resources for the community.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Address 1	
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City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	~18 yrs
Current City Council district	District 5
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Email
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	2 April 2026, 8:32PM
Receipt number	215
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Kaveri Gupta
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Library Commission Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	Library Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BS, Computer Science, India MS, Management Information systems, University of Arizona MBA, Kellogg School of Management
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Phoenix Center for the Arts | Board Vice Chair

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Current City Council district	District 2
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	1 April 2026, 5:14PM
Receipt number	210
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	James Rohr
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Library Commission
Advisory body preference	Library Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	I have an AA from De Anza College.
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I regularly attend meetings in the community with our local CBOs which include Belle Haven Empowered, Belle Haven Action, The Belle Haven Neighborhood Association, CRC (CCCT). These organizations allow the neighborhood to discuss items relevant to the people of our city.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I believe that the library commission oversees all aspects of the city's library system to ensure it provides valuable and relevant services to the community and I would like to assist with that so we can continue to have a wonderful library for our city.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I believe that I would be able to provide additional information about my community and its use and continued patronage of the library.

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State	CA
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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	4
Current City Council district	District 1
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	City website Other: We spoke about the opportunity in our COB meetings
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Application acknowledgement and submittal

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Advisory body application



Submitted on 22 March 2026, 1:49PM

Receipt number 202

Related form version 16

Applicant's full name (first and last) Brian Westcott

Desired advisory body (check all that apply) Library Commission

Advisory body preference

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education

Stanford Graduate School of Business Post Doctoral Fellow Business Strategy and Policy
 Became the first Post Doctoral Fellow in the Business School specializing in technology and new product business strategy focusing on managing technical innovation in manufacturing and product development. Published numerous case studies through Harvard and Stanford and related articles.
 Stanford University PhD in Management Science
 Focused on the areas of technology strategy, business transformation, organizational behavior, production systems, decision analysis and economics and finance. Teaching assistant for the course Engineering Economics. Received an EPRI Fellowship for 4 years to research the economics of innovation related to electric power production. Dissertation focused on Innovation: Organizational and Technical Factors that Influence Success
 Stanford University Masters of Science -- Mechanical Engineering / Information Control Systems
 Specialized in the areas of Control Systems and Thermo-fluid systems. Energy
 Lehigh University Bachelors of Science -- Mechanical Engineering
 Graduated with Honors – Award Best Senior Project and Union Carbide Award for Outstanding Engineer

Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees

- City of Menlo Park – Library Commission 2024-2026
- City of Menlo Park – Finance and Audit Committee 2019-2023
- Sacred Heart Preparatory – Water Polo and Football Team Parent
- St. Denis Church – Development Committee
- Lehigh University President's Leadership Council
- City of Menlo Park: Economic Vitality Task Force 1995
- Board Member and Youth Coach – Pop Warner Football, AYSO Soccer, Little League Baseball, ASA Softball

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

My responsibilities as a Library Commissioner are to act as a liaison to work with Library staff and advise the City Council on short-term operation and long-term initiatives that will maintain the Menlo Park Library as a valuable resource for the citizens of Menlo Park. As a commission we develop an annual work plan to define tasks related to maintenance and operation, security and social services, library programs, library materials including books, and digital information, work with other library systems and surveys of library performance by our citizens. The Library Commission also benchmarks performance against other libraries and has reviewed the needs for Library improvement by an ad-hoc subcommittee named the Library of the Future. The Library Commission reports formally in an annual update and periodically on issues to the City Council. In the end the Library Commission supports the creation of a thriving and dynamic resource that is enjoyed by all citizens in Menlo Park. My present role as Vice Chairman of the Library Commission and a member of the ad-hoc committee Library of the Future has prepared me for a continued role on this commission.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I would like to continue my role as a Library Commissioner, which I have been in for 2 years and extend my role for a full-term of four years. I presently act as Vice Chairman and am under consideration for Chairman for the 2026 – 2027 year. During the next 4 years I want to support library staff to enhance library programs, maintain a relevant set of materials, address how AI is affecting our library and advocate for short-term capital improvements for the main library. I would like to support more hours and utilization for some of the library resources of the Belle Haven campus and promote the combined activities to tie the Belle Haven campus with the Main Library to bring more unity to Menlo Park. I would also want to continue my work as a member of the Library of the Future sub-committee and work with the city council to support a new or rehabilitated library as part of the downtown city vibrancy initiative.

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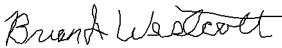
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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	40
Current City Council district	District 5
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	City website Email Other: Present member of Library Commission
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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 3:59AM
Receipt number	218
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Radhika Anne
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Finance and Audit Commission Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Masters in Engineering
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I was a Girl Scout mom and ran the science fair in our Menlo Park elementary School
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I have been a resident of Menlo Park for over 20 years raising as family with my husband. I work in tech and related to data centers. Due to seeing the impact of tech on environment I would like to do my part towards sustainable environment. I am here to give back to Menlo Park and would be interested in being on board for one or more memberships available
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I am to give back yo Menlo Park.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?	I don't know but I can put in as many hours as needed

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Road congestion planning, housing and I personally would be interred in a safe space for children to gather and play

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

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Current City Council district

District 4

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	25 March 2026, 3:48PM
Receipt number	205
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Brittany B. Goodwin
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission
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Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Associates Degree (AS) - Legal Studies (Paralegal) Cañada College Aug 2010 - May 2014
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Board Chair Climate Resilient Communities Sep 2025 - Present Outreach Assistant Belle Haven CDF Jul 2025 - Jan 2026
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

The Environmental Quality Commission
 As a Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) volunteer, I see the Environmental Quality Commission's primary mission as ensuring Menlo Park's climate goals are both ambitious and equitable. My understanding of the position is to help the City Council bridge the gap between technical policy and real-world community impact. I aim to leverage my background in community engagement to advocate for nature-based infrastructure and climate adaptation strategies that protect public health and foster ecological stability for every resident.

The Housing Commission
 As an applicant, I understand the Housing Commission's role as a vital advisory body that ensures our city's housing policies are both legislatively compliant and fiscally sound. My focus will be on the effective stewardship of the Below Market Rate (BMR) program and evaluating housing quality to protect our existing residential assets. I am committed to advising the City Council on how to navigate regional housing mandates and environmental issues efficiently, ensuring our local policies remain high-quality, sustainable, and aligned with our community's long-term interests.

Parks and Recreation Commission
 As an applicant, I understand this role to be a strategic advisory position focused on shaping the long-term vision of our city's community spaces. My focus is on partnering with the City Council to ensure recreation programs evolve alongside our residents' needs through diligent long-range planning and regional coordination. My background volunteering with Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) has given me a deep appreciation for the role

parks play in building equitable climate resilience—from managing urban heat to creating sustainable, nature-based solutions. I view this commission as the primary vehicle for maintaining our parks and playgrounds as vibrant, accessible, and resilient hubs that foster genuine connection for every neighbor.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

Driven by my passion for the environment, I want to join the Environmental Quality Commission to ensure Menlo Park’s climate goals are as equitable as they are ambitious. Drawing on my experience as a Climate Resilient Communities (CRC) volunteer, I plan to help the City Council bridge the gap between technical policy and real-world community impact. My goal is to advocate for low-cost, high-impact climate adaptation strategies—such as nature-based infrastructure—that protect public health and foster ecological stability for all residents without requiring excessive municipal spending.

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Related form version	16

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	10 March 2026, 10:57AM
Receipt number	201
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Sumi Hachmann
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	I hold an MBA and Masters in Environment and Resources from Stanford University, as well as a BS in Social Studies from Harvard University.
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I currently serve on the Site Design Committee at Laurel Elementary School, guiding decisions around the design of the new campus. I'm involved as a home room parent for my child's class, which I've done in previous years as well. I have also served as a parent coach for my children's AYSO soccer and school basketball teams.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	The Parks & Recreation commission is responsible for advising the City Council on issues related to programs and facilities for recreation. This includes operations, maintenance, staffing, programming, and long-term planning. The Environmental Quality commission is responsible for advising the City Council on issues related to sustainability and environmental impact. This includes programs such as: the Climate Action Plan, the Climate Resilience and Adaption plan, the Urban Canopy, and other sustainability initiatives. Serving on both of these commissions requires the ability to: - Evaluate complex tradeoffs, such as balancing short- and long-term priorities, budget and resource constraints, program impacts on resident wellbeing, and environmental considerations. - Understand and analyze resident needs through data such as surveys, usage patterns, and community engagement. - Communicate and collaborate effectively with fellow commissioners, City Council members, staff, and the public. My professional experience has prepared me well for these responsibilities. I've spent the last 10+ years leading product management teams at startups and most recently at Google. This involves end-to-end execution of large scale initiatives including initial product concept design, understanding customer needs, analyzing data, developing a spec with consideration for numerous tradeoffs, securing resources, aligning stakeholders amidst organizational complexity, executing projects on time, experimenting and adapting to changing circumstances, and evaluating outcomes. I also have experience leading long-term strategic planning initiatives that consider organizational goals, customer needs, and resource availability. Much of my work focuses on leading clear decision-making in environments

characterized by tradeoffs and diverse stakeholder perspectives. Earlier in my career, I worked in user research, where I gained direct experience in survey design, data analysis, and methods for understanding user needs. I began my career at McKinsey & Company, where I developed a strong foundation in strategy, analysis, and communication. My personal experience has also given me insight and a deep care and appreciation for the matters pertinent to these commissions.

Parks and Recreation: My family are very active users of programming and facilities in Menlo Park, including:
I and my husband are regular swimmers with the Menlo Masters swim team
My children take swim lessons and attend swim camp through Menlo Swim and Sport
Our children have also participated in the gymnastics program
We use both the Burgess and Belle Haven pools regularly throughout the year for our entire family
We frequently visit parks throughout the city with our family, and participate in City festivities like the Tree Lighting ceremony
Our children's sports teams use Menlo Park city parks, through Stanford Strikers and the youth basketball league

Environmental Quality: I am also personally committed to sustainability and climate action. Our household recently completed a full electrification project, including installing solar panels and transitioning to electric systems such as a heat pump and electric water heating. I deeply value the city's urban tree canopy and recognize the important role city policies and programs play in preserving Menlo Park's natural beauty. I have also volunteered in local cleanup efforts, including trash collection along San Francisquito Creek.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

My preferred advisory body is the Parks and Recreation Commission. As mentioned, I love our city's recreational facilities and programs and experience their direct impact on our family and community's quality of life on a daily basis. I want to help ensure the success of these facilities and programs. If appointed, I would hope to contribute by:

- Helping guide productive and sustainable partnerships with program providers, especially the operations of our city pools.
- Supporting thoughtful decisions about programming and facility use that balance resident needs, financial sustainability, and long-term planning.
- Bringing a data-driven and collaborative approach to evaluating programs and identifying opportunities to improve access and impact.

More broadly, I am interested in becoming more involved in public service as I enter the next phase of my career. Serving on a commission would give me valuable firsthand experience with how the City operates and allow me to contribute meaningfully to the community where my family lives. As a resident who benefits daily from Menlo Park's parks and recreation programs, I care deeply about their continued success. I would bring a thoughtful, data-driven, and collaborative approach to the work of the commission, with the goal of helping ensure that the city's recreational facilities and programs remain vibrant, accessible, and sustainable for years to come. I would be honored for the opportunity to contribute my experience and perspective in service of the community through the City of Menlo Park.

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	16
Current City Council district	District 2
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Email Local newspaper
If I am appointed, the City is authorized to post the following information on the city website (please select at least one):	Cellphone: No Business phone: No Home phone: No Email: Yes
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Application acknowledgement and submittal

I agree

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	24 February 2026, 6:47PM
Receipt number	197
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Robert Hubbell
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	Parks and Recreation Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BS UC Berkeley CPA License in California MBA U of Penn Wharton
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	- Neighborhood organizer for improving quality of life in the Willows neighborhood covering: safe routes to schools, sidewalk improvements & traffic calming measures - Long time patron of Menlo Aquatic Facilities - Little league baseball coach & scout master
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	- Provide support and recommendations to the city council on matters relating to city recreational facilities and programs - Provide support and recommendations to the city council on matters relating to city housing - I am a 30-year resident of Menlo Park and can bring that experience and perspective to the commission. I have been a business professional for over 40 years and have developed strong leadership skills in business strategy and planning, marketing and financial analysis and am ready to apply these skills to the commission.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	My family and I have enjoyed the wonderful parks, recreational facilities and programs that Menlo Park has offered. I would like to contribute to maintaining and improving the parks and recreational opportunities as a way of giving back to my community. Housing is also a great need in our area and I am interested helping to improve and increase our housing stock in a sustainable and affordable manner.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

Contact and residency information

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Business phone

Address 1

Address 2

City

Menlo Park

State

CA

Zip code

94025

Business address

Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

30

Current City Council district

District 2

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

City website

Email

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Cellphone: Yes

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Email: Yes

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Yes

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I agree

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	1 April 2026, 7:30PM
Receipt number	212
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Justin Van Buren
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	Parks and Recreation Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	MA - International Commerce & Policy; George Mason University BA - Economics; University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Parks & Recreation Commission; City of Menlo Park - Aug 2024-Present Community Foundation of Howard County, Scholarships and Grants committees; Howard County, MD - 2017-2019 President, Graduate and Professional Student Assoc.; George Mason University - May2015-May2016
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	The responsibilities of Parks & Recreation commissioners include providing analytical and advisory expertise during the review of Parks and Recreation programs, policies, facilities, and long-range planning.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I was only appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission in August 2024 and I feel that I have much more work to accomplish. Aside from participating in our normal capacity (only missing one meeting over the past 20 months due to food poisoning) I have been pushing the investigation into creating community gardens throughout the city, serving on the 6K fun run ad hoc committee, and look forward to working on the establishment of a Friends of Parks & Rec in my next term.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Address 1	
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City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	4
Current City Council district	District 4
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Currently serving
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Application acknowledgement and submittal

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	27 February 2026, 10:21PM
Receipt number	198
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Maryam Veisi
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	Parks and Recreation Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Masters in geotechnical engineering
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

I understand that an advisory body is responsible for reviewing policies and projects, evaluating community impact, and providing balanced, well-informed recommendations to the City Council and staff. This requires careful consideration of safety, long-term sustainability, fiscal responsibility, and the needs of residents.

Through my experience working on diverse infrastructure projects as a geotechnical engineer, I built strong expertise in technical analysis, risk assessment, and cross-disciplinary collaboration. I later spent seven years in data engineering, further deepening my analytical and data-driven decision-making skills. Together, these experiences enable me to bring a practical, evidence-based perspective and a thoughtful, solution-oriented approach that aligns well with the responsibilities of an advisory role.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

Use my both experiences in civil engineering industry and tech in helping the city to make decisions that improves the life of residents

Planning Commission questionnaire

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2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?

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meetings?

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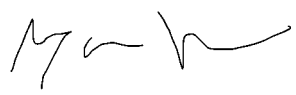
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Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	1.5
Current City Council district	District 5
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Neighborhood WhatsApp group
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Application acknowledgement and submittal

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	12 January 2026, 11:09AM
Receipt number	192
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Thomas J. Wandless
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Complete Streets Commission Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	Complete Streets Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.S., Biochemistry 1988, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX Ph.D., Chemistry 1993, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	My wife and I bought our home in Menlo Park in 1998 and raised our two children (now 22 and 20) through the Menlo Park City School District. My principal involvement in the community has been as a coach for my childrens' soccer teams through the AYSO organization. We are members of St. Denis church, and I served as a member of the parish council from 2018 through 2022. I have served on the scientific advisory boards of several biotechnology companies, but I have not advised any city- or county-related commissions or committees. My wife and I are both members of the Stanford faculty, and I have commuted to work by bicycle or walking for the past 20 years. I will retire from Stanford as on 31 Jan 2026.
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	My primary interest is to join the Complete Streets Commission, although I would also be happy to be a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission. From the outside, it appears to me that the Complete Streets Commissions (CSC) advises the City Council on all matters relating to transportation in Menlo Park. The CSC recognizes that the transportation infrastructure exists not only for cars, trucks, and buses but also for pedestrian, bicyclists and other means of "alternative" transport on our streets. The CSC approaches these issues keeping in mind both the City's transportation master plan and the climate action plan. Significant development projects always include impacts to transportation issues, so the CSC would likely be involved in making recommendations in these situations. My professional experience as a biomedical scientist does not directly inform the subject matter of either of these commissions. However, my training as a data-driven researcher would help me understand the studies and datasets that are used as the basis for decisions in these committees.
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Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	My wife and I bought our home in Menlo Park in 1998 and we treasure our local community. As a long-time bicycle commuter and parent of two children who used their bicycles to commute to/from school each day I am acutely aware of the strengths and occasional weaknesses of our transportation infrastructure. I am hoping to contribute my time and expertise to ensure that the strategic decisions that Menlo Park makes about
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transportation issues benefit the entire community, especially as these decisions affect safety and our stewardship of the environment.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Zip code	94025
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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	28
Current City Council district	District 4
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	City website Other: conversations with Rich Cline, former member of the MP city council

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Home phone: No
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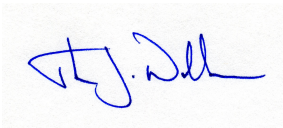
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Yes

Application acknowledgement and submittal

I agree

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	28 February 2026, 4:15PM
Receipt number	199
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Djuna Woods
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Parks and Recreation Commission
Advisory body preference	

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.A. English from U.C. Irvine
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

While I do not have any formal professional experience in parks administration, I do bring meaningful community based experience as an active and engaged user of Menlo Park's recreational facilities. Through regular participation in pickleball and other community activities, I have firsthand insight into how programming, court allocation, facility quality and scheduling impact residents. I understand the importance of creating spaces that feel welcoming to all.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I am interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission because I have experienced firsthand how important public recreational spaces are to the health and connection of a community. Parks and programs are not just amenities. They are gathering places where people of different ages, backgrounds and abilities come together. They support physical health, mental well being and social connection.

If appointed I hope to support balanced decision making around the use of public spaces. I would work to ensure that our parks and programs remain welcoming and accessible while planning responsibly for future growth.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	25
Current City Council district	District 4
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: I met two people who serve on other committees. They told me about the opening and thought I'd be a great fit.
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Application acknowledgement and submittal

I agree

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Dina Woods

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	3 April 2026, 3:59AM
Receipt number	218
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Radhika Anne
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Environmental Quality Commission Finance and Audit Commission Housing Commission Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Environmental Quality Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Masters in Engineering
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I was a Girl Scout mom and ran the science fair in our Menlo Park elementary School
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I have been a resident of Menlo Park for over 20 years raising as family with my husband. I work in tech and related to data centers. Due to seeing the impact of tech on environment I would like to do my part towards sustainable environment. I am here to give back to Menlo Park and would be interested in being on board for one or more memberships available
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I am to give back yo Menlo Park.

Planning Commission questionnaire

1. Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission and how your personal, community or professional experience relates to these responsibilities.	Planning committee reviews the impact of proposed plans with respect to Menlo Park city development
2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?	I don't have any However collaboration is the key
3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?	I don't know but I can put in as many hours as needed

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?	Road congestion planning, housing and I personally would be interred in a safe space for children to gather and play
5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.	City thriving will be success of any plan that is implemented

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Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	25
Current City Council district	District 4
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Nextdoor
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Application acknowledgement and submittal

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	22 March 2026, 10:12PM
Receipt number	203
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Jeffrey Berkes
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Planning Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	BS, Real Estate Finance, University of Denver, 1985 MBA, International Finance, The George Washington University, 1993
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Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Member, Policy Advisory Board, Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics, University of California-Berkeley Full Member, Urban Land Institute Member, ICSC (formerly International Council of Shopping Centers)
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Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	The Planning Commission is responsible for ensuring compliance with local zoning ordinances; reviewing and approving or denying applications requiring certain approvals (use permits, zoning variances, etc.); recommending planning-related actions to City Council, such as rezoning, General Plan amendments, and below market-rate housing agreements; and assists City Council with special projects. The Housing Commission is responsible for advising City Council on housing related matters, including housing supply and recommendations on the Housing Element of the General Plan. The Planning Commission makes decisions; the Housing Commission provides advice to City Council.
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My education and career in commercial real estate has spanned 45 years. I am currently the Chief Investment Officer of Paragon Commercial Group, a private real estate investment company that acquires, developed and redevelops open-air retail properties in the West Coast and Mountain West states. Prior to going PGC in early 2026, I spent 25 years at Federal Realty Investment Trust, a S&P 500 publicly-traded Real Estate Investment Trust (NYSE: FRT) where I served successively as Chief Investment Officer, President - West Coast, and President and Chief Operating Officer. For 21 of the 25 years, my office was at Santana Row in San Jose, which Federal Realty developed and operates today. In addition to Santana Row, Federal Realty owns and operates over 100 properties and specializes in the acquisition, development and redevelopment of high-quality, open-air retail and retail-driven mixed-use properties. In my roles at Federal Realty, I was both closely involved and responsible for the development teams which acquired, developed and redeveloped several billion dollars of commercial property and am intimately familiar with the development process, and the financial requirements of a successful development/redevelopment project. I am also acutely aware of the importance of engaging the community and elected officials and City staff in an honest, transparent way to ensure a

successful outcome for the long-term benefit of all stakeholders.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

Simply, Menlo Park is my home, and I want my City to be the best that it can be. I hope to bring to the Commission a heightened understanding of the implications of City development rules and policies on the private market participants...both property owners and the occupants thereof.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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The Planning Commission is responsible for ensuring compliance with local zoning ordinances; reviewing and approving or denying applications requiring certain approvals (use permits, zoning variances, etc.); recommending planning-related actions to City Council, such as rezoning, General Plan amendments, and below market-rate housing agreements; and assists City Council with special projects. The Planning Commission is a decision-making body.

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More specifically, while the backbone of the mixed-use properties I've worked on in my career have had a strong ground level component with a curated mix of shops, restaurants and services, they have also included significant public spaces and parks and upper floor office and residential (both for sale and for rent) uses as well as hotels. In addition, through the operation of these properties, I've learned a great deal about the marketability of the ground level space and what is required to activate the developed area throughout the week as well as what is important to the occupants (tenants) of these space to help ensure that they have all the tools required to operate successful, vibrant businesses.

My work experience is broad and is always been focused on the long-term impacts and benefits of physical real estate to the community in which it is located, married with a deep understanding of how to determine the financial feasibility, and therefore the likely success of implementing, a development or redevelopment. I believe my experience in these aspects of commercial real estate will be valuable in helping other members of the Planning Commission and City Council understand and evaluate how changes to the General Plan and Zoning (variances or otherwise) can improve the built environment in our City.

2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?

The Planning Commission, City Staff and City Council should work together cooperatively and productively to enhance the long-term, responsible improvement of public and private land for benefit of the residents of Menlo Park. The Planning Commission's role in this triumvirate is to develop and advise City Council on an achievable General Plan and Housing Element and

ensure compliance with zoning while establishing consistency when granting variances thereto.

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

I would expect the time commitment to be variable, depending on whether or not work is being undertaken on City Council special projects or larger items such as the Housing Element/General Plan. Outside of this work, I would expect approximately 6-8 hours of preparation time for each Planning Commission meeting

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

I foresee the Planning Commission being involved in addressing any updates required to the Housing Element and General Plan as well as any BMR agreements. The Planning Commission has an advisory role in these activities.

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

I am generally familiar with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan but not intimately familiar. That said, the framework of the Specific Plan must be market-based to allow the owners of the buildings to attract capital for necessary improvements to the built environment and occupants of the building to operate successfully to open and stay in business, while ensuring that the environmental impacts do not materially, adversely impact our community. Success would be measured by execution of the Plan by market participants, creating a vibrant and active downtown; increased utilization of public transportation, primarily Caltrain); and by increasing the supply of housing, especially affordable housing.

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident

21

Current City Council district

District 4

How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)

Email

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Cellphone: No
Business phone: No
Home phone: No
Email: Yes

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No

Application acknowledgement and submittal

I agree

Signature



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Advisory body application



Submitted on	2 April 2026, 9:58PM
Receipt number	216
Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Nancy Larocca Hedley
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.S. CSU, Chico - Cum Laude. Major: Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance and a minor in Management.
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I am completing my four-year term (2022-2026) with our City's Environmental Quality Commission where I served as the Chair and Vice Chair. Additionally, I serve on the Advisory Board of Menlo Spark and have been involved with the 350 Menlo Park Climate Team and a local Indivisible chapter. Prior to that, I was co-lead of the local chapter of Solidarity Sundays and volunteered as a room parent at Oak Knoll and the M-A Co-Op when my daughter was in attendance and have served as a Challenge Day volunteer at M-A over the past few years to support the social-emotional learning of our teens.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I understand that the Planning Commission reviews development proposals and makes decisions around land use and recommends updates and amendments to the General Plan etc. to City Council. It also seems that the Planning Commission plays a role in ensuring our city understands and is compliant with changing laws at the state level. As a 20+ year resident of Menlo Park, I care deeply about this community and want to continue bringing the vision we collectively have for our city into form. It has been an honor to serve on the EQC the past four years and in that role, I have become extremely familiar with both our Climate Action Plan and our Environmental Justice Element. It's been gratifying to work with other commission members, city staff, and members of the community to advance these initiatives. Insight into how our city government operates, and my experience with sustainability initiatives will help me hit the ground running with the Planning Commission. Professionally, I serve as a leadership coach and team development consultant, working with clients to successfully navigate change, resolve conflict, and find creative ways to meet their goals. I believe these professional skills can be useful to the Planning Commission and the City as we navigate meeting our housing commitments to the state while also supporting our local businesses and residents, amongst other opportunities and challenges that may arise.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

I am keen to serve on the Planning Commission because it plays a key role in how Menlo Park evolves. We are living through a period in history where the world is changing rapidly, and I want to be a part of building the future of our city where current and future residents can thrive.

I am inspired by the Guiding Principles of our General Plan and look forward to integrating these principles into the decisions and opportunities for recommendations that come before the Planning Commission.

Thank you for considering my application.

Planning Commission questionnaire

1. Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission and how your personal, community or professional experience relates to these responsibilities.

(note: same answer as above)

I understand that the Planning Commission reviews development proposals and makes decisions around land use and recommends updates and amendments to the General Plan etc. to City Council. It also seems that the Planning Commission plays a role in ensuring our city understands and is compliant with changing laws at the state level.

As a 20+ year resident of Menlo Park, I care deeply about this community and want to continue bringing the vision we collectively have for our city into form. It has been an honor to serve on the EQC the past four years and in that role, I have become extremely familiar with both our Climate Action Plan and our Environmental Justice Element. It's been gratifying to work with other commission members, city staff, and members of the community to advance these initiatives. Insight into how our city government operates, and my experience with sustainability initiatives will help me hit the ground running with the Planning Commission.

Professionally, I serve as a leadership coach and team development consultant, working with clients to successfully navigate change, resolve conflict, and find creative ways to meet their goals. I believe these professional skills can be useful to the Planning Commission and the City as we navigate meeting our housing commitments to the state while also supporting our local businesses and residents, amongst other opportunities and challenges that may arise.

2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?

I believe that the best work is done in an atmosphere of respect and collaboration, and I would strive to live these principles in my relationships with the other Commissioners, City Council, and City staff. While that is the ideal, I know that community members feel strongly about how our city evolves and that could cause friction amongst the various players. I would do my best to support everyone in finding a path forward that will bring the most benefit to our city.

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

I imagine it would take 1-2 hours (at least) to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings, more time if a big project or important plan update is on the agenda.

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

There are three big issues/opportunities I see: 1) the Housing Element update, 2) reviewing big projects as they come into development, and 3) the downtown parking lot ballot measure and its impact on our housing commitments.

The Commission's role is an important forum to consider development proposals, to hear public feedback on matters before the Commission, and to weigh in on how the proposals align with our General Plan, any specific plans, and Guiding Principles. From what I understand, the Commission often helps to shape large development proposals before they go to City Council for final review.

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation

I am familiar with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and remember being a part of initial community meetings and surveys that

can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

informed the plan. It's incredible to see how much this area has evolved since the plan was put into place (e.g. housing along El Camino Real south of Middle Ave, the Springline development north of Santa Cruz Ave, and the activation around the train station (e.g. Philz and Little Sky Bakery).

In terms of further implementation, I would love to see safe, protected bicycle routes along El Camino Real which connect with Palo Alto, Atherton, Redwood City, and beyond. Supporting multi-modal transit will be essential as our city continues to grow – this approach is healthier for residents, saves money for them, is better for the environment, and supports the village character and downtown vibrancy that we all appreciate.

Additionally, I would love to see our community and local businesses align around an answer for downtown vibrancy: business success + increased housing. Given that local business owners have concerns about the impact of removing parking spaces, I would love to see us first build 1-2 parking garages downtown, then build housing on the downtown parking lots provided this is supported by the ballot measure this fall. I would hope that this type of creative response would ensure businesses are supported and that housing near services and transit is built. Critically, if we do not meet our housing goals, we are subject to Builder's Remedy and lose control over what gets built in our city. I think we all agree that this is an outcome that must be avoided at all costs.

I would also like to see our city invite specific kinds of businesses to provide services to residents who visit downtown. Perhaps we could survey residents about what they'd like to see and then find local businesses to invite in. On my list would include a plastic-free refill station and a salad bar providing organic, locally grown, hearty salads.

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City	Menlo Park
State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	22
Current City Council district	District 4
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	☒ City website ☒ Email ☒ Local newspaper

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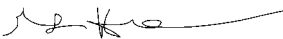
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Yes

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Advisory body application



Submitted on	23 February 2026, 1:25AM
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Applicant's full name (first and last)	Josh Leslie
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Housing Commission Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Housing Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	B.A. Cognitive Science, UC Berkeley MBA, Columbia University
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	I've coached approximately 10 youth sports teams on a volunteer basis for various Menlo Park teams through Oak Knoll, Hillview, AYSO, and Alpine Little League. I've served on the Board of Directors of a non-profit summer camp (Camp Tawonga) I served as the Auction Chair for the Menlo-Atherton Auction for two years.
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	I understand my responsibility on the Housing Advisory Board would be to review and advise the City Council on all housing-related matters. I've spent most of my life in this community, growing up in the Bay Area and attending Menlo School. I've owned a home and lived in Menlo Park since 2004. I've sent three kids to Menlo Park public schools and have been involved in my community throughout this time as a coach, volunteer, and involved parent. I love this community and want to continue to see it prosper and grow.
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	I want to serve my community and give back to this community that has given so much to me. My hope is to help this community continue to grow in ways that make our community stronger, more inclusive, and to continue to be a wonderful place to live for all.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship	I don't have any insight into these relationships at present.

with City staff?

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

My understanding is that the time commitment is one meeting per month. I assume I will need to spend hours each month on additional work, such as researching policy or reviewing proposals in advance of meetings.

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

As a longtime resident of Menlo Park, I am well aware of a multitude of Planning and housing-related issues that the Council has been considering. I would view my role as an informed advisor, helping the council make the best decision for our community.

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

I'm familiar with this plan, having followed the Council's progress over the last two decades in defining, refining, and executing it. I would reserve my opinion on implementation ideas until i had a deeper and more current understanding of the plan, and a chance to meet with and speak to more stakeholders.

What does success look like? That's easy to say (but perhaps harder to accomplish): residents feel the city is vibrant, safe, and thriving, developers believe the city is a predictable and fair partner, and the city itself can execute the plan in a financially attainable and predictable manner.

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Current City Council district

District 5

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Advisory body application



Submitted on 3 April 2026, 4:55PM

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Applicant's full name (first and last) Ronald Renwick

Desired advisory body (check all that apply) Planning Commission

Advisory body preference

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education MBA: Santa Clara University
BS Mechanical Engineering: University of California, Berkeley

Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees I am not serving on other committees at this time.

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities

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My life experience, both professionally and personally, has been to listen carefully, research thoroughly, and provide decisions that align with strategic directions. More importantly, I've learned that communication to diverse audiences must include not only what decision was made, but also why it was made and how it was made. As a head of product for many years, critical decisions need to be made across many vectors. For example: what resources are available? what is legally required? who will be impacted? do the requested changes align with the scope of our plans?

I would like to add that Menlo Park is, simply stated, a great place to live. I moved here to be in a walkable, accessible community, and Menlo Park has more than delivered on that front. I would love to help the City continue to maintain its incredible tone as it grows into the future.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member

Being completely transparent, I really like Menlo Park, want it to continue being a great place to live, and I am in a position in my life to help with my time and effort. As a more recent resident it is possible that I bring a slightly different viewpoint on why this city is fun and interesting, and, after many decades as a homeowner in San Jose, being a renter in Menlo Park brings me

Planning Commission questionnaire

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2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?

With respect to the City Council, I see the Commission as serving both an advisory and regulatory role, fulfilling its established functions while supporting the City Council with an understanding of impact and value for items that affect the City now and into the General Plan future. As noted in Question 1, the Commission reviews land use and development matters, applies adopted city policies and ordinances in matters within its authority, and provides recommendations to the City Council on broader planning and policy issues. The City Council, as the elected body, sets overall policy direction and makes final decisions on larger legislative matters.

Given what I have read from published agendas, meeting minutes, and videos of proceedings, City Staff provides the Commission with technical and legal analysis, procedural guidance, and insight into Council priorities and applicable regulations. Commissioners, in turn, assess the information provided by City experts, review carefully, ask questions as needed, and make independent judgments while respecting that staff works within the priorities and management structure established by the City Council. To me, an effective Commission works best when there is mutual respect, clear roles, and a shared commitment to fair, transparent, and well-reasoned decision-making. I also understand that the Commission's relationship with City staff should be professional, collaborative, and respectful of clear boundaries.

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

My understanding that the Planning Commission meetings constitute the most public facing time commitment for the Commission, however my assumption is that the real work occurs outside of meetings. Commission members must review the proposals to have a strong understanding of them prior to the meeting, as well as having any questions answered by City staff should the Commission member see a need for clarification on any item. Perhaps more importantly, there will be time invested on General Plan discussions and, I hope, listening sessions on the Downtown Specific Plan.

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

I believe the Menlo Park Planning Commission will be dealing with major issues including housing production and affordability, implementation of the state's housing requirements, the Downtown Specific Plan, future change in the downtown and El Camino Real areas, and updates to local rules needed

to stay consistent with state housing law. I also expect environmental justice, anti-displacement, design quality, traffic and parking impacts, and neighborhood compatibility to remain important considerations. The biggest challenge, in my eyes, is to balance somewhat competing needs for resources and space and the Commission can help the Council in this. The Commission's role is to review projects for consistency with the General Plan, zoning ordinance, and environmental requirements; make decisions on matters within its authority; and provide thoughtful recommendations to the City Council on broader policy questions. In my view, the Commission should help Menlo Park balance needed housing and economic vitality with neighborhood livability, fairness, and long-term planning goals.

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

Having read the Plan, watched committee and council meetings and reviewed articles written about it, my understanding of the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan is that it is one of Menlo Park's key tools for shaping growth, design, land use, parking, circulation, and the public realm in the city's downtown and along El Camino Real. I also understand that the plan has evolved over time, including amendments made to help implement the Housing Element and expand housing opportunities in the Specific Plan area. I see the plan as an effort to balance several important goals at once: encouraging housing and reinvestment, strengthening downtown vitality, improving walkability and the pedestrian environment, and preserving Menlo Park's character.

I would define successful implementation as producing visible, balanced results on the ground. Success means adding needed housing, including affordable housing, while also creating a downtown that is active, attractive, safe, and supportive of local businesses. It means projects should be well designed, fit their context, improve the public realm, and work well in terms of parking and circulation. With all of that said, the most important element of the plan is consistent and varied communication with the most important group - the citizens of Menlo Park. The Plan will cause disruption and change. That is inevitable. The key is how the Commission supports the Council in implementing the plan in a way that citizens understand why things are occurring and, perhaps most importantly, when they will be done.

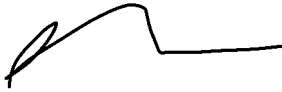
I believe implementation can be most successful if the city applies the plan consistently, prioritizes projects that provide clear public benefits, manages tradeoffs transparently, and keeps public trust by making

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City	Menlo Park
State	CA

Zip code	94025
Business address	N/A
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	3
Current City Council district	District 3
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	City website
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Advisory body application



Submitted on 3 April 2026, 11:12AM

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Applicant's full name (first and last) Meredith Rohr

Desired advisory body (check all that apply) Planning Commission

Advisory body preference

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law.
B.A. in Communications, Minor in Sociology, University of San Francisco.

Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees Active Participant of Belle Haven Empowered ("BH Empowered") and Belle Haven Neighborhood Association ("BHNA"), and Climate Resilient Communities/CCCT meetings and events.
Volunteer Swim Coach for Race Swami, Belle Haven
Lead community liaison for swimming pool initiatives in Belle Haven
Member of the CA BAR (RIHC)
Competitive swimmer for Menlo Masters

Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities (Same answer to Question 1 of "Planning Commission Questionnaire" below)

The Planning Commission (PC) significantly impacts residents' lives through its decisions on zoning, infrastructure development, environmental sustainability, economic growth, community engagement, and urban design. Well-planned initiatives—such as mixed-use zoning, public transit expansions, green spaces, and inclusive development—can enhance quality of life by fostering walkability, affordability, and equitable access to resources. Poorly managed projects may lead to negative outcomes like displacement, environmental degradation, or socioeconomic inequalities. The balance between competing priorities—such as economic development versus affordable housing, or infrastructure expansion versus community preservation—shapes the physical and social fabric of neighborhoods, directly influencing residents' safety, mobility, access to services, and long-term well-being. Effective planning requires prioritizing sustainability, inclusivity, and community input to maximize benefits while mitigating harm.

As a tech contracts attorney I offer expertise in negotiation, compliance, and risk mitigation that can enable the PC to deliver strategic assessments and tee up issues to build consensus within the PC and facilitate review/approval by the City Attorney and City Council. As an active resident of Belle Haven, I will strive to align my contributions with my neighborhood's needs and priorities.

Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member I want to serve on the Planning Commission to ensure Belle Haven residents' perspectives directly shape planning decisions that impact our neighborhood. As a Belle Haven resident with hands-on engagement

through BHNA, BH Empowered, CRC/CCCT, and a volunteer swim coach for Race Swami, I am uniquely positioned to act as a direct channel for communicating the needs and concerns of my neighbors and to advocate for proposals and positions that further the objectives of the Environmental Justice Element pursuant to CA Senate Bill 1000.

Planning Commission questionnaire

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2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?

I believe that an ideal relationship between the Planning Commission (PC), City Staff, and City Council is built on the following core principles: (1) clear understanding of roles – the City Council holds legislative authority, the PC provides expert technical recommendations (not lawmaking or legal advice) and approves certain development proposals, and City Staff delivers actionable data and analysis support; (2) collaborative relationship that integrates public input into work product, with PC and City Staff jointly preparing evidence-based and legally supported analyses for City Council's review; (3) transparency and accountability through clear reporting and rationales for recommendations—ensuring citizens understand how outcomes are reached, not just what they are; and (4) practical adaptability that prioritizes real-world constraints (budgets, timelines, community impact) over rigid processes, avoiding gridlock by focusing on solutions rather than politics.

The objective is to ensure decisions and outcomes are efficient and trusted by the public without sacrificing democratic principles and by allowing each body to excel at its defined function: City Council decides, PC advises, Staff executes.

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

Preparing for Planning Commission meetings requires a significant time commitment to research proposals, review documents, and prepare statements to ensure effective input and participation. As someone who prioritizes structured meetings and efficient agendas, I recognize the importance of dedicated time to ensure my contributions support the Commissions' ability to complete critical tasks — such as approvals, assessments, and proposal reviews—for City Staff and City Council. To sum up, I am applying with the understanding that there is extensive work to be done outside of Planning Commission meetings.

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

The Planning Commission (PC) currently faces critical challenges in advancing affordable housing, preventing legacy resident displacement, addressing homelessness and NIMBY'ism, protecting land and historical landmarks from harmful development, reducing pollution to safeguard public health, and revitalizing downtown Menlo Park—all amid systemic underfunding from federal and state governments.

I believe the PC can effectively address these interconnected priorities not as a decision-maker, but as a catalyst for collaboration. By actively engaging with community-based organizations (CBOs), non-profits, large corporations, and small businesses through structured dialogue and transparent data sharing, the PC can amplify grassroots insights, establish realistic timelines and budgets, and strategically leverage existing tools—such as zoning frameworks, land-use plans, and public hearings—to drive tangible, community-led solutions.

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

I believe true downtown success requires revitalizing Menlo Park’s parcels while preserving existing architectural character, enhancing pedestrian accessibility and safety, expanding community services and residential opportunities, integrating pedestrian and bike networks, and managing parking to avoid conflicts with Santa Cruz Avenue businesses.

To revitalize downtown and ensure sustainable growth, Menlo Park must prioritize housing developments required by California law in a manner that honors our community’s historic character using targeted incentives (i.e. tax credits, public benefit bonuses) while rigorously protecting local landmarks, small businesses, and neighborhood integrity. This requires deep community involvement, partnerships with local stakeholders (businesses, nonprofits, and neighborhood groups), and coordination with developers, City Commissions, staff, and Council to advance projects that balance preservation with progress.

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Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	4
Current City Council district	District 1
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Community leaders in Belle Haven, Belle Haven Empowered

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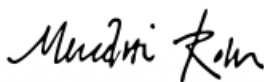
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Yes

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Advisory body application



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Related form version	16

Applicant's full name (first and last)	Jennifer Schindler
Desired advisory body (check all that apply)	Planning Commission
Advisory body preference	Planning Commission

Applicant interest, experience and qualifications

Education	Dartmouth College, AB - Economics, Magna Cum Laude
Civic affiliations and community activities, including service on other advisory bodies, commissions or committees	Menlo Park Planning Commission, Nov 2022- April 2026 > Chair, one term > Vice-chair, one term Menlo-Atherton High School PTA > Prom Closet co-chair (2025, 2026), providing prom attire to all M-A students who want it > Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, co-chair (2024) No on Measure V Campaign, 2022 - organizing team member > Canvassing & community discussion - outreach to hundreds of residents about the details and impacts of Measure V > Created scaled messaging to educate team members & residents Peninsula College Fund, 2023-2026 > support local college student, who is first in their family to attend college
Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of each advisory body you are applying to and how your personal community or professional experience relate to these responsibilities	Please see Question #1 in Planning Commission questionnaire (below)
Describe why you want to serve on your preferred advisory body and what you hope to accomplish as a member	Being a Planning Commissioner has deepened my sense of connection to my community and allowed me to give back to a city that has been a wonderful home for me and my family for over 20 years. I plan to continue making recommendations that will help Menlo Park grow and thrive.

Planning Commission questionnaire

1. Describe your understanding of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission and how your personal, community or professional experience relates to these responsibilities.	I have served as a Planning Commissioner since the fall of 2022, including a term as Vice Chair and a term as Chair. I have invested deeply in studying and giving input on major projects that will shape the future of the city: the 2023-2031 Housing Element update, the Environmental Justice element and their associated zoning updates, the Parkline project/ SRI redevelopment, the CitizenM hotel, Hotel Moxy, 123
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Independence Drive, 320 Sheridan Drive, and 3705 Haven Avenue.

As a commissioner, I also studied and provided feedback on dozens of residential projects and smaller commercial projects. My feedback is always intended to align with our city's zoning regulations, the principles of our General Plan and the specific objectives of our Housing Element, such as adding housing units, supporting local businesses, protecting our natural resources and ensuring connection and community for our residents.

2. Please tell us about your views of the Planning Commissions relationship with the City Council and the Commission's relationship with City staff?

The Planning Commission reviews and makes recommendations on significant development projects for which City Council is the final decision-making body. In my experience, roughly one third to one half of the Planning Commission efforts are on projects that will eventually be voted on by Council. When commissioners review such projects, they should surface issues and make recommendations that could eventually be useful to Council. I do this by asking probing questions of developers and staff and by recommending specific ways projects could be improved.

I have tremendous respect and appreciation for the work that city staff do with the Planning Commission. City staff provide most of the information commissioners receive about a project and typically include a recommended action for each project. Staff have a deep understanding of each project and of the relevant city and state regulations. I use all the content in the staff report to help me understand a project and then use discussions with city planners, the city's attorneys and developers to learn more.

3. What is your understanding of the time commitment that is necessary in order to be well prepared for Planning Commission meetings?

Preparing for Planning Commission meetings requires reviewing the full staff report, identifying questions to address during the commission meeting and occasionally engaging with staff ahead of the meetings on specific concerns. This could take anywhere from 3 to 30 hours, depending on the projects being reviewed.

To provide more valuable and comprehensive recommendations, commissioners should stay current on the priorities and preferences of the City Council. Commissioners should have a broader awareness of state housing regulations and regional development trends. Commissioners should also be involved community members with lots of ways to learn about the values and priorities of other Menlo Park residents.

4. What major issues do you foresee the Planning Commission dealing with and what would the Commission's role be in dealing with these issues?

I would expect the Planning Commission to review nearly all of the projects listed as "Under Review" on the Community Development department site, plus the anticipated revisions to the Springline Development Agreement and potentially revisions to other previously approved projects. I also expect the Planning Commission to eventually review proposals for developing affordable housing on the downtown parking lots.

The Commission's role would be to make recommendations that align with the city's Housing Element and General plan and do so with transparency and public input, as much as possible.

I'd also expect the Planning Commission to give input into the next update of the Housing Element, starting in 2029, if not earlier.

5. What is your familiarity with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan and what are your ideas about how the implementation can be a success? Please include an explanation of what you define as success.

As a Planning Commissioner, I worked on updates to the El Camino Real/ Downtown Specific Plan that reflected the 2023-2031 Housing Element. I voted for modifications to zoning that could lead to denser infill in this high-resource area adjacent to the best public transportation options in our city. Successful development downtown and along El Camino would balance the city's need for much more housing, especially affordable housing, an economically vibrant downtown, better and more options for connectivity and attractive public spaces.

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State	CA
Zip code	94025
Business address	[REDACTED]
Number of years as a Menlo Park resident	20.5
Current City Council district	District 5
How did you hear about this opportunity (check all that apply)	Other: Knowing when my current term expires
If I am appointed, the City is authorized to post the following information on the city website (please select at least one):	Cellphone: No Business phone: No Home phone: No Email: Yes
The City Council often makes appointments to various bodies during the same meeting. Are you willing to be appointed to a body other than the ones you have chosen?	No

Application acknowledgement and submittal

I agree
Signature

Link to signature

Table 1: Complete Streets Commission by District

Applicant	District	Notes
Jessica Beeli	4	currently serving on HC, term expires 2028
Leonard Chang	5	also applied to HC, CSC preferred
Sally Cole	5	incumbent
Federico De Giuli	4	also applied to EQC and HC, HC preferred
Ethan Ebinger	3	
Athena Ierokomos	4	incumbent
Tim Rochte	2	
Holly Ubellacker	3	also applied to EQC, CSC preferred
Thomas Wandless	4	also applied to PRC, CSC preferred
Patrick Ye	3	also applied to EQC and HC, HC preferred

Table 2: Environmental Quality Commission by District

Applicant	District	Notes
Radhika Anne	4	also applied to HC, PRC and PC, EQC preferred
Federico De Giuli	4	also applied to CSC and HC, HC preferred
Lesley Feldman	2	
Brittany B. Goodwin	1	also applied to HC and PRC, EQC preferred
Sumi Hachmann	2	also applied to PRC, no preference indicated
Eduardo Lopez Hernandez	1	incumbent
Dorene Martinez	2	
Nabil Saad	4	
Paul Studemeister	5	
Holly Ubellacker	3	also applied to CSC, CSC preferred
Patrick Ye	3	also applied to CSC and HC, HC preferred

Table 3: Housing Commission by District

Applicant	District	Notes
Radhika Anne	4	also applied to EQC, PRC and PC, EQC preferred
Jeffrey Berkes	4	also applied to PC, PC preferred
Leonard Chang	5	also applied to CSC, CSC preferred
Federico De Giuli	4	also applied to CSC and EQC, HC preferred
Jared Duke	4	
Brittany B. Goodwin	1	also applied to EQC and PRC, EQC preferred
Gina Grega	1	
Robert Hubbell	2	also applied to PRC, PRC preferred
Josh Leslie	5	also applied to PC, HC preferred
Steven Switzer	3	incumbent
Maryam Veisi	5	also applied to PRC, PRC preferred
Lusann Yang	2	
Chelsea Ye	4	
Patrick Ye	3	also applied to CSC and EQC, HC preferred

Table 4: Library Commission by District

Applicant	District	Notes
Kim Crockett	5	incumbent
Ann Dawson	5	
Kaveri Gupta	2	also applied to PRC, LC preferred
James Rohr	1	
Brian Westcott	5	incumbent

Table 5: Parks and Recreation Commission by District

Applicant	District	Notes
Radhika Anne	4	also applied to EQC, HC and PC, EQC preferred
Brittany B. Goodwin	1	also applied to EQC and HC, EQC preferred
Kaveri Gupta	2	also applied to LC, LC preferred
Sumi Hachmann	2	also applied to EQC, no preference indicated
Robert Hubbell	2	also applied to HC, PRC preferred
Justin Van Buren	4	incumbent
Maryam Veisi	4	also applied to HC, PRC preferred
Thomas Wandless	4	also applied to CSC, CSC preferred
Djuna Woods	4	

Table 6: Planning Commission by District

Applicant	District	Notes
Radhika Anne	4	also applied to EQC, HC and PRC, EQC preferred
Jeffrey Berkes	4	also applied to HC, PC preferred
Nancy Larocca Hedley	4	
Josh Leslie	5	also applied to HC, HC preferred
Ronald Renwick	3	
Meredith Rohr	1	
Jennifer Schindler	5	incumbent

Table 1: Complete Streets Commission by District

Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Meredith Bergin Bailey	2	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Jacqueline Cebrian	1	4/30/2023	4/30/2027
Sally Cole	5	4/30/2022	4/30/2026
Scott Herscher	4	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Athena Ierokomos	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2026
Matthew Rascoff	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Kevin Rennie	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029

Table 2: Environmental Quality Commission by District

Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Nicole Angiel	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Eduardo Lopez Hernandez	1	2/25/2025	4/30/2026
Susannah Hill	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2027
Brian Kissel	5	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Nancy Larocca Hedley	4	4/26/2022	4/30/2026
John McKenna	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Zachary Meyer	2	4/16/2024	4/30/2028

Table 3: Finance and Audit Commission by District

Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Colin Albright	2	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Brian Altman	4	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Jayanta Dey	1	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
David Emery	2	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Jackson Garton	5	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Laura Melahn	4	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Vamsi Velagapudi	2	4/29/2025	4/30/2029

Table 4: Housing Commission by District

Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Jessica Beeli	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Charles Chapa	1	8/12/2025	4/30/2027
Katherine Dumont	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Kevin Kranen	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
William Oursler	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Steven Switzer	3	10/8/2024	4/30/2026
Carol Wong	4	4/29/2025	4/30/2029

Table 5: Library Commission by District

Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Leith Abdulla	4	10/21/2025	4/30/2028
Kim Crockett	5	8/13/2024	4/30/2026
Carol Orton	5	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Scott Shafer	3	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Sarah Sisbot	4	2/25/2025	4/30/2027
Brian Westcott	5	4/16/2024	4/30/2026
Daniel Yule	1	4/29/2025	4/30/2029

Table 6: Parks and Recreation Commission by District

Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Yongdan Chunyu	5	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Kevin Dawkins	3	8/13/2024	4/30/2027
Joseph Grass	3	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Wonman Lee	1	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Shilpa Patel	4	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Michele Sherman	3	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Justin Van Buren	4	8/13/2024	4/30/2026

Table 7: Planning Commission by District

Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Katie Behrooz	2	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Linh Dan Do	3	4/26/2022	4/30/2026
Andrew Ehrich	2	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Katie Ferrick	2	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Jennifer Schindler	5	11/1/2022	4/30/2026
Misha Silin	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Ross Silverstein	2	1/23/2024	4/30/2029

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Table 1: CSC		CSC	EQC	HC	LC	PRC	PC
Applicant	District						
Jessica Beeli	4	sole application					
Leonard Chang	5	preferred		applied			
Sally Cole	5	incumbent					
Federico De Giuli	4	applied	applied	preferred			
Ethan Ebinger	3	sole application					
Athena Ierokomos	4	incumbent					
Tim Rochte	2	sole application					
Holly Ubellacker	3	preferred	applied				
Thomas Wandless	4	preferred				applied	
Patrick Ye	3	applied	applied	preferred			

Table 2: EQC		EQC	HC	LC	PRC	PC	CSC
Applicant	District						
Radhika Anne	4	preferred	applied		applied	applied	
Federico De Giuli	4	applied	preferred				applied
Lesley Feldman	2	sole application					
Brittany B. Goodwin	1	preferred	applied		applied		
Sumi Hachmann	2	applied			applied		
Eduardo Lopez Hernai	1	incumbent					
Dorene Martinez	2	sole application					
Nabil Saad	4	sole application					
Paul Studemeister	5	sole application					
Holly Ubellacker	3	applied					preferred
Patrick Ye	3	applied	preferred				applied

Table 3: HC		HC	LC	PRC	PC	CSC	EQC
Applicant	District						
Radhika Anne	4	applied		applied	applied		preferred
Jeffrey Berkes	4	applied			preferred		
Leonard Chang	5	applied				preferred	
Federico De Giuli	4	preferred				applied	applied
Jared Duke	4	sole application					
Brittany B. Goodwin	1	applied		applied			preferred
Gina Grega	1	sole application					
Robert Hubbell	2	applied		preferred			
Josh Leslie	5	preferred			applied		
Steven Switzer	3	incumbent					
Maryam Veisi	5	applied		preferred			
Lusann Yang	2	sole application					
Chelsea Ye	4	sole application					
Patrick Ye	3	preferred				applied	applied

Table 4: LC		LC	PRC	PC	CSC	EQC	HC
Applicant	District						
Kim Crockett	5	incumbent					
Ann Dawson	5	sole application					
Kaveri Gupta	2	preferred	applied				
James Rohr	1	sole application					
Brian Westcott	5	incumbent					

Table 5: PRC		PRC	PC	CSC	EQC	HC	LC
Applicant	District						
Radhika Anne	4	applied	applied		preferred	applied	
Brittany B. Goodwin	1	applied			preferred	applied	
Kaveri Gupta	2	applied					preferred
Sumi Hachmann	2	applied			applied		
Robert Hubbell	2	preferred				applied	
Justin Van Buren	4	incumbent					
Maryam Veisi	4	preferred				applied	
Thomas Wandless	4	applied		preferred			
Djuna Woods	4	sole application					

Table 6: PC		PC	CSC	EQC	HC	LC	PRC
Applicant	District						
Radhika Anne	4	applied		preferred	applied		applied
Jeffrey Berkes	4	preferred			applied		
Nancy Larocca Hedley	4	sole application					
Josh Leslie	5	applied			preferred		
Ronald Renwick	3	sole application					
Meredith Rohr	1	sole application					
Jennifer Schindler	5	incumbent					

Table 1: Complete Streets Commission by District			
Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Meredith Bergin Bailey	2	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Jacqueline Cebrian	1	4/30/2023	4/30/2027
Sally Cole	5	4/30/2022	4/30/2026
Scott Herscher	4	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Athena Ierokomos	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2026
Matthew Rascoff	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Kevin Rennie	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029

Table 2: Complete Streets Commission by District		
Applicant	District	Notes
Jessica Beeli	4	currently serving on HC, term expires 2028
Leonard Chang	5	also applied to HC, CSC preferred
Sally Cole	5	incumbent
Federico De Giuli	4	also applied to EQC and HC, HC preferred
Ethan Ebinger	3	
Athena Ierokomos	4	incumbent
Tim Rochte	2	
Holly Ubellacker	3	also applied to EQC, CSC preferred
Thomas Wandless	4	also applied to PRC, CSC preferred
Patrick Ye	3	also applied to EQC and HC, HC preferred

Table 3: Environmental Quality Commission by District			
Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Nicole Angiel	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Eduardo Lopez Hernandez	1	2/25/2025	4/30/2026
Susannah Hill	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2027
Brian Kissel	5	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Nancy Larocca Hedley	4	4/26/2022	4/30/2026
John McKenna	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Zachary Meyer	2	4/16/2024	4/30/2028

Table 4: Environmental Quality Commission by District		
Applicant	District	Notes
Radhika Anne	4	also applied to HC, PRC and PC, EQC preferred
Federico De Giuli	4	also applied to CSC and HC, HC preferred
Lesley Feldman	2	
Brittany B. Goodwin	1	also applied to HC and PRC, EQC preferred
Sumi Hachmann	2	also applied to PRC, no preference indicated
Eduardo Lopez Hernandez	1	incumbent
Dorene Martinez	2	
Nabil Saad	4	
Paul Studemeister	5	
Holly Ubellacker	3	also applied to CSC, CSC preferred
Patrick Ye	3	also applied to CSC and HC, HC preferred

Table 5: Housing Commission by District			
Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Jessica Beeli	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Charles Chapa	1	8/12/2025	4/30/2027
Katherine Dumont	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Kevin Kranen	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
William Oursler	3	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Steven Switzer	3	10/8/2024	4/30/2026
Carol Wong	4	4/29/2025	4/30/2029

Table 6: Housing Commission by District		
Applicant	District	Notes
Radhika Anne	4	also applied to EQC, PRC and PC, EQC preferred
Jeffrey Berkes	4	also applied to PC, PC preferred
Leonard Chang	5	also applied to CSC, CSC preferred
Federico De Giuli	4	also applied to CSC and EQC, HC preferred
Jared Duke	4	
Brittany B. Goodwin	1	also applied to EQC and PRC, EQC preferred
Gina Grega	1	
Robert Hubbell	2	also applied to PRC, PRC preferred
Josh Leslie	5	also applied to PC, HC preferred
Steven Switzer	3	incumbent
Maryam Veisi	5	also applied to PRC, PRC preferred
Lusann Yang	2	
Chelsea Ye	4	
Patrick Ye	3	also applied to CSC and EQC, HC preferred

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Current advisory body members and applicants by District

Table 7: Library Commission by District			
Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Leith Abdulla	4	10/21/2025	4/30/2028
Kim Crockett	5	8/13/2024	4/30/2026
Carol Orton	5	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Scott Shafer	3	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Sarah Sisbot	4	2/25/2025	4/30/2027
Brian Westcott	5	4/16/2024	4/30/2026
Daniel Yule	1	4/29/2025	4/30/2029

Table 8: Library Commission by District		
Applicant	District	Notes
Kim Crockett	5	incumbent
Ann Dawson	5	
Kaveri Gupta	2	also applied to PRC, LC preferred
James Rohr	1	
Brian Westcott	5	incumbent

Table 9: Parks and Recreation Commission by District			
Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Yongdan Chunyu	5	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Kevin Dawkins	3	8/13/2024	4/30/2027
Joseph Grass	3	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Wonman Lee	1	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Shilpa Patel	4	4/29/2025	4/30/2029
Michele Sherman	3	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Justin Van Buren	4	8/13/2024	4/30/2026

Table 10: Parks and Recreation Commission by District		
Applicant	District	Notes
Radhika Anne	4	also applied to EQC, HC and PC, EQC preferred
Brittany B. Goodwin	1	also applied to EQC and HC, EQC preferred
Kaveri Gupta	2	also applied to LC, LC preferred
Sumi Hachmann	2	also applied to EQC, no preference indicated
Robert Hubbell	2	also applied to HC, PRC preferred
Justin Van Buren	4	incumbent
Maryam Veisi	4	also applied to HC, PRC preferred
Thomas Wandless	4	also applied to CSC, CSC preferred
Djuna Woods	4	

Table 11: Planning Commission by District			
Commissioner	District	Last appointment date	Expiration date
Katie Behroozi	2	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Linh Dan Do	3	4/26/2022	4/30/2026
Andrew Ehrich	2	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Katie Ferrick	2	4/25/2023	4/30/2027
Jennifer Schindler	5	11/1/2022	4/30/2026
Misha Silin	4	4/16/2024	4/30/2028
Ross Silverstein	2	1/23/2024	4/30/2029

Table 12: Planning Commission by District		
Applicant	District	Notes
Radhika Anne	4	also applied to EQC, HC and PRC, EQC preferred
Jeffrey Berkes	4	also applied to HC, PC preferred
Nancy Larocca Hedley	4	
Josh Leslie	5	also applied to HC, HC preferred
Ronald Renwick	3	
Meredith Rohr	1	
Jennifer Schindler	5	incumbent

Expiring 2026