

## Board / Committee / Commission Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:\*

Samuel Feldman

Email Address:\*

[REDACTED]

Gender:

Male

Specify the Board, Commission or Committee you are applying for:\*

Planning Commission

Are you currently a member of the Committee?\*

☐ Yes

☒ No

Home Address:\*

[REDACTED]

City:\*

[REDACTED]

State:\*

[REDACTED]

Zip Code:\*

[REDACTED]

Home / Cell Phone Number:\*

[REDACTED]

How long have you lived in Emeryville?

1 year, 9 months

Place of Employment:

East Bay Municipal Utility District

Occupation:

Manager of Budget

Business Address:

375 11th St

City:

Oakland

State:

CA

Zip Code:

94608

Business Phone Number:

510-278-0441

How long have you worked in Emeryville?

[REDACTED]

Upload Your Résumé:

No file chosen

What race/ethnicity do you most closely identify with? Select all that apply.

☒ White

☐ Black or African American

☐ Hispanic or Latino

☐ Asian or Asian American

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

☐ Middle Eastern or North African

☐ Not listed.

If not listed above, please specify:

[REDACTED]

Select Your Age Group:

20-44 Years

Select Your Household Annual Income Level:

\$200,000 or More

Are there children under the age of 18 in your household?

☐ Yes ☒ No

### EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

High School:

Phoenix, AZ

College:

Arizona State University, BA in Urban an

Trade or Business School(s):

[REDACTED]

Other Interests:

As someone with muscular dystrophy (FSHD), I am interested in ensuring we have buildings, public spaces, and infrastructure designed to be easily accessible to all. The Bay Area has a strong history of advocacy for disability rights, and I want to ensure we maintain or enhance that legacy.

### ADVISORY BODY EXPERIENCE / INFORMATION

Are you currently serving on other Boards, Commissions or Committees?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Have you served on a Board, Commission or Committee before?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please list all past and current City of Emeryville advisory boards.

Currently serve as Vice Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee

Please list any past and current board, commission or committee memberships outside of Emeryville.

Board President, Utility District Credit Union, Oakland, CA

Youth and Education Commission, City of Phoenix, Arizona (in high school, >20 years ago)

Please list all organization memberships and positions held.

Board President, Utility District Credit Union, Oakland, CA

**Please list any relevant work and volunteer experience.**

I am currently the Manager of Budget for EBMUD (however, I am seeking appointment as a resident, not a business representative, as I will not be representing the views of EBMUD). In this role, I am part of the long-range financial planning, including overseeing the capital improvement program (CIP) for both the Water and Wastewater Systems. This role gives me experience in the below-ground view and experience of our city. Additionally, my past education and experience has all been focused around cities, and the efficient and effective management of our urban environments. With finance, management, and city development backgrounds, I can be an informed, effective, and fair Planning Commission member.

**Why are you interested in serving on this Board, Commission or Committee?**

I am interested in serving on the Planning Commission for three reasons. First, the reason I bought a home in Emeryville is that it is a city that has embraced growth and development and meeting the needs for housing and commercial investments. I believe we are better as a community when we look forward, to our best days ahead, and ensure we are bringing all of our community along. That does not mean the pejorative "gentrification" - there are ways, if we are smart, deliberate, and careful, to enhance the community for current and future residents. Second, as someone with a progressive muscular disease, FSHD, I am keenly aware that I may not always be able to walk or bike around the City, so I want to make sure that we are encouraging accessible development. That balance is not always easy, but I think my voice can help find solutions. And third, I want to continue to bring my positive, solutions-based approach and prior experience and education to Emeryville, home.

**How do you think your unique lived experience will benefit or inform the Committee's recommendations?**

As I mention, I have FSHD, a form of muscular dystrophy that means over time I am losing muscle strength and function in my face, arms and shoulders, hips and legs, and more. Some people with FSHD end up in a wheelchair and that could happen for me. I also live alone and plan to continue living in my home by myself. Those concerns are top of mind for me all the time, and can be challenging. I want to make sure we have a city that embraces all of our residents - where they are today, and where they could be in the future, for better or worse.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS ONLY**

**Please provide a short (300 words or less) statement discussing your ideas and attitudes about planning in Emeryville. Please consider issues such as traffic, industrial and commercial development density, affordable housing, maintaining community diversity and jobs/housing balance.**

I believe deliberate, balanced planning decisions are essential to preserving our Emeryville, while embracing a future that is inclusive, equitable, and resilient. To maintain community diversity – including people with disabilities, like myself – we need to plan deliberately for affordability, access, and opportunity.

That means more housing of all types, from deeply affordable to market rate, so we can reduce displacement and support a range of incomes. I want us to move away from car-centered development – while acknowledging the value it brings for people with disabilities – and toward more accessible transit. And we should continue to embrace density, especially near transit corridors. That's not a sacrifice; it's how we build a city where people of all backgrounds and abilities can thrive.

Emeryville has already become a hub for bioscience and is growing rapidly in healthcare, two sectors that provide high-wage, in-person jobs. We should actively support these industries, along with technology manufacturing and skilled trades. Not every great job requires a college degree, and our planning choices should reflect that. We've seen that office development alone is a risky bet in the current Bay Area market; diversifying the types of jobs we encourage is not just smart, it's necessary.

We must also manage traffic and infrastructure wisely, investing in bike, pedestrian, and transit improvements that connect people to homes and jobs without forcing them into a car. That's good planning for the climate, for affordability, and for equity.

With a background in urban management and public finance, and experience at the City of Phoenix, Moody's, and EBMUD, I bring both technical knowledge and lived experience to the role. An adage says, "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu." I'm interested in the Planning Commission to make sure everyone in Emeryville has a seat and is ready to eat.

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## Board / Committee / Commission Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:\*

Rodney Henmi

Email Address:\*

[REDACTED]

Gender:

Male

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Planning Commission

Are you currently a member of the Committee?\*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Home Address:\*

[REDACTED]

City:\*

[REDACTED]

State:\*

[REDACTED]

Zip Code:\*

[REDACTED]

Home / Cell Phone Number:\*

[REDACTED]

How long have you lived in Emeryville?

23 years

Place of Employment:

HKIT Architects

Occupation:

Architect

Business Address:

538 Ninth St., Suite 240

City:

Oakland

State:

CA

Zip Code:

94607

Business Phone Number:

5105993761

How long have you worked in Emeryville?

Upload Your Résumé:

What race/ethnicity do you most closely identify with? Select all that apply.

☐ White

☐ Black or African American

☐ Hispanic or Latino

☒ Asian or Asian American

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

☐ Middle Eastern or North African

☐ Not listed.

If not listed above, please specify:

Select Your Age Group:

65 Years or Older

Select Your Household Annual Income Level:

\$100,000 - \$149,999

Are there children under the age of 18 in your household?

☐ Yes ☒ No

### EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

High School:

Kirkwood High School

College:

Univ. of Minnesota, Washington Univ.

Trade or Business School(s):

Other Interests:

Involvement with National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMAC)

### ADVISORY BODY EXPERIENCE / INFORMATION

Are you currently serving on other Boards, Commissions or Committees?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Have you served on a Board, Commission or Committee before?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please list all past and current City of Emeryville advisory boards.

Planning Commission

Please list any past and current board, commission or committee memberships outside of Emeryville.

Board of Kimochi, Japanese American non-profit, chair of board for 5 years

Board of GEDC, Glide Economic Development Corporation

Board of the Museum of Craft Art

Please list all organization memberships and positions held.

National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA), national vice-president and national council (NOMAC)  
American Institute of Architects (AIA), fellowship (FAIA)

**Please list any relevant work and volunteer experience.**

Architect heavily involved in affordable housing, public schools and senior housing. My work involves close community input and process.

**Why are you interested in serving on this Board, Commission or Committee?**

I am interested to serve on the planning commission as a means to improve the Emeryville community environment, contribute to design quality and help to ensure a close-knit, walkable and humane community.

**How do you think your unique lived experience will benefit or inform the Committee's recommendations?**

As a long-term Emeryville resident I have seen the huge changes to this city and before joining the planning commission contributed input to several of the developments. My experience both as an architect and resident provides me with a unique viewpoint that can enrich the commission.

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As an architect who has completed thousands of affordable housing and senior units, I am acutely aware of the importance of adding housing to our communities. I support the Emeryville efforts to add affordable housing, such as along Christie Avenue, as well as other sites and will work as a commissioner to maximize these possibilities. Secondly, I have seen how the greenway and other improvements have made our city more walkable and connected and will work to continue and strengthen these efforts. I also support our light industrial areas as it is important to provide such areas to diversify our economy and strengthen the work force. I will work to improve the traffic patterns as there are problematic areas, such as the Shellmound/Christie interchange. Finally, as a long-term resident I have a strong loyalty to the city and will work as a commissioner to make sure we retain the best qualities while addressing the shortfalls.

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## **ROD HENMI: Resume**

Rod Henmi has compiled a distinguished career as architect, educator and social advocate over five decades. He is an award-winning designer, having completed more than 5000 units of housing, multiple schools and infrastructure buildings. As a result of his career achievements and influence on the profession, he was invested in 2011 into the elite College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

He is an experienced educator and is extensively involved in mentoring and advancing opportunities for minority design professionals through his involvement with NOMA (National Organization of Minority Architects) for which he served on the national board and was selected for the honorary council in 2023. He also has extensive experience with non-profits as he was the Chairperson of the board of directors of Kimochi, Inc., an organization serving senior citizens with a focus on Japantown and currently serves on their board as well as the board of Glide Economic Development Corporation.

### **Education:**

MAUD, Washington University in St. Louis  
BArch, University of Minnesota

### **Professional:**

Director of Design, HKIT Architects, 2009 -  
Director of Design and Principal, MWA Architects, 1994 - 2008  
Architect, Henmi and Associates, Inc., 1980 - 1985  
Adjunct Associate Professor, Washington University in St. Louis, 1982 - 1994

## Board / Committee / Commission Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Full Name:\***

Dianne Martinez

**Email Address:\***

[REDACTED]

**Gender:**

F

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Planning Commission

**Are you currently a member of the Committee?\***

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Home Address:\***

[REDACTED]

**City:\***

[REDACTED]

**State:\***

[REDACTED]

**Zip Code:\***

[REDACTED]

**Home / Cell Phone Number:\***

[REDACTED]

**How long have you lived in Emeryville?**

15 years

**Place of Employment:**

Garfield Foundation

**Occupation:**

Director

**Business Address:**

1111 Broadway, Floor 3

**City:**

Oakland

**State:**

CA

**Zip Code:**

94607

**Business Phone Number:**

5104549000

**How long have you worked in Emeryville?**

**Upload Your Résumé:**

No file chosen

**What race/ethnicity do you most closely identify with? Select all that apply.**

☐ White

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☐ Middle Eastern or North African

☐ Not listed.

If not listed above, please specify:

**Select Your Age Group:**

45-64 Years

**Select Your Household Annual Income Level:**

\$200,000 or More

**Are there children under the age of 18 in your household?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

### EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

**High School:**

Van Nuys High School

**College:**

University of Southern California

**Trade or Business School(s):**

**Other Interests:**

### ADVISORY BODY EXPERIENCE / INFORMATION

**Are you currently serving on other Boards, Commissions or Committees?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Have you served on a Board, Commission or Committee before?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Please list all past and current City of Emeryville advisory boards.**

Planning Commission, Budget and Governance Committee, Community Services Committee, Successor Agency, Sustainability Committee, Commission on Aging, Housing Committee.

**Please list any past and current board, commission or committee memberships outside of Emeryville.**

Alameda County Fire Advisory Commission, Chair of AVA Community Energy (formerly East Bay Community Energy), President of StopWaste

**Please list all organization memberships and positions held.**

Board Member -Veloz  
Advisor - Emeryville Commerce Connection

**Please list any relevant work and volunteer experience.**

City Councilmember 2014-2022  
Mayor 2016, 2021

**Why are you interested in serving on this Board, Commission or Committee?**

As a long-time community member, I have a continued interest in the success of this City.

**How do you think your unique lived experience will benefit or inform the Committee's recommendations?**

I have been a renter, a homeowner, a parent and a child of an aging parent in my time here. As someone who works from home, I spend most of my days and my nights right here. My time on Emeryville City Council impressed upon me the value of each resident's contribution, and I would like to continue to serve my community in this capacity.

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I have spent time considering a vision of a city that balances a vibrant business, abundant (and affordable) housing, accessibility and inclusivity. I am a firm believer that safe passage for pedestrians, cyclists, and the disabled should be prioritized over the comfort of single-occupancy vehicles. I believe in a "housing first" approach to support our unhoused neighbors. I believe in preventing displacement as frontline measure against homelessness. I believe that adding homes for all income levels relieves pressure on our poorest residents. I believe that commercial development should add to the established fabric of a well-connected city, rather than be created in silos.

I hope you will allow me to continue my work on the Planning Commission.

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## Board / Committee / Commission Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:\*

Isiah Phillips

Email Address:\*

[REDACTED]

Gender:

Male

Specify the Board, Commission or Committee you are applying for:\*

Planning Commission

Are you currently a member of the Committee?\*

☐ Yes

☒ No

Home Address:\*

[REDACTED]

City:\*

[REDACTED]

State:\*

[REDACTED]

Zip Code:\*

[REDACTED]

Home / Cell Phone Number:\*

[REDACTED]

How long have you lived in Emeryville?

1.5 Years

Place of Employment:

Alameda Health System

Occupation:

Healthcare Administrator

Business Address:

[REDACTED]

City:

[REDACTED]

State:

[REDACTED]

Zip Code:

[REDACTED]

Business Phone Number:

[REDACTED]

How long have you worked in Emeryville?

[REDACTED]

Upload Your Résumé:

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If not listed above, please specify:

[REDACTED]

Select Your Age Group:

20-44 Years

Select Your Household Annual Income Level:

\$100,000 - \$149,999

Are there children under the age of 18 in your household?

☐ Yes ☒ No

### EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

High School:

Timberline High School

College:

Cal State East Bay

Trade or Business School(s):

[REDACTED]

Other Interests:

[REDACTED]

### ADVISORY BODY EXPERIENCE / INFORMATION

Are you currently serving on other Boards, Commissions or Committees?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Have you served on a Board, Commission or Committee before?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please list all past and current City of Emeryville advisory boards.

NA

Please list any past and current board, commission or committee memberships outside of Emeryville.

NA

Please list all organization memberships and positions held.

Team Rubicon- Disaster assistance volunteer  
Compassion in Oakland- Chaperone

**Please list any relevant work and volunteer experience.**

Alameda Health System – Oakland, CA

Administrative Medical Coordinator, Emergency Medicine (July 2020 – Present)

Coordinated operational planning for emergency medical services, including staffing, compliance, and facilities oversight.

Collaborated on the development and implementation of the Disaster Action Response Team (DART).

Partnered with Environmental Health & Safety to plan and execute Active Shooter training drills.

Analyzed data and created reports to inform department planning and decision-making.

Cardea Health – Oakland, CA

Director of Operations (August 2024 – December 2024)

Directed safety initiatives, developed emergency preparedness policies, and enforced compliance with health and safety regulations.

Led environmental rounding to proactively identify and address safety hazards in healthcare environments.

Stanford Healthcare & Stanford Children's Health – Palo Alto, CA

Project Coordinator, Office of Emergency Management (June 2018 – December 2018)

Facilitated emergency preparedness programs and regulatory compliance efforts.

Led trainings aligned with local, state, and federal emergency protocols (HICS, SEMS, NIMS).

Supported hospital inspections and emergency planning activities.

MultiCare Health System – Puyallup, WA

Patient Financial Navigator / Access Technician (November 2014 – August 2017)

Served on the system-wide Emergency Management Committee, helping develop response protocols and safety initiatives.

Providence St. Peter's Hospital – Olympia, WA

Lead Admitting Representative (February 2009 – November 2014)

Assisted in hospital-wide emergency preparedness efforts, drills, and interdepartmental coordination.

**Why are you interested in serving on this Board, Commission or Committee?**

As a healthcare operations professional with deep experience in emergency management, regulatory compliance, and public safety, I'm passionate about contributing to systems that directly impact community well-being. Living in Emeryville, I've seen firsthand how thoughtful planning and strategic decision-making shape our city's growth, resilience, and quality of life. I want to bring my expertise in preparedness, data-driven analysis, and stakeholder collaboration to support smart, sustainable planning that reflects both current needs and future opportunities. Serving on this committee is an opportunity to give back to the community I call home and help ensure Emeryville remains a safe, accessible, and forward-thinking city for all residents.

**How do you think your unique lived experience will benefit or inform the Committee's recommendations?**

I bring a practical, equity-focused perspective to planning—especially in areas that intersect with public safety, emergency response, and community access. My lived experience includes navigating complex urban systems as both a professional and resident, which helps me recognize how planning decisions can either uplift or unintentionally exclude vulnerable populations. I’ve led initiatives that required balancing regulatory compliance with real-world constraints, and I understand how data, communication, and inclusive engagement can shape more resilient, community-centered outcomes. I’m committed to helping the Committee make informed, empathetic, and effective recommendations that serve all Emeryville residents.

### PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS ONLY

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I view city planning as a tool to create healthy, inclusive, and balanced communities. Emeryville has grown rapidly in recent years, and with that growth comes an important responsibility to ensure that development serves both current and future residents equitably.

Traffic congestion and mobility are major concerns. I support continued investment in multimodal transportation—such as pedestrian-friendly design, bike infrastructure, and accessible public transit—to reduce car dependence and promote sustainability. As someone with experience in operations and emergency preparedness, I also see the need for planning that ensures safe, clear evacuation routes and resilience in emergencies.

When it comes to commercial and industrial development, I believe density must be balanced with livability. Strategic zoning and design can protect neighborhood character, reduce environmental impact, and create walkable mixed-use areas that foster small business growth and job opportunities. Equally important is the integration of green space and community gathering areas within those developments.

Affordable housing is essential for maintaining the socio-economic diversity that makes Emeryville vibrant. I support inclusive housing policies that ensure working families, seniors, and essential workers can afford to live and thrive here. Preserving and expanding affordable housing must go hand-in-hand with thoughtful development.

Lastly, I believe planning must always strive to balance jobs and housing—supporting both economic growth and quality of life. My professional experience has taught me that data-driven, community-centered decision-making leads to the most effective outcomes. I am committed to contributing that perspective to help ensure Emeryville remains a livable, diverse, and forward-thinking city.

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## Isiah L. Phillips

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### Professional Summary

*Dedicated healthcare operations professional with a proven track record in optimizing operational efficiency, improving patient outcomes, and ensuring regulatory compliance. Skilled in leveraging data-driven insights to enhance decision-making, streamline processes, and implement effective strategies. Seeking a challenging leadership role to utilize expertise in administration, emergency management, and process improvement to drive strategic initiatives. Passionate about fostering innovation, achieving measurable outcomes, and delivering efficient, exceptional results that align with organizational goals.*

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### Education

**California State University East Bay** – Hayward, CA  
Master of Business Administration, 2024

**Pierce College** – Tacoma, WA  
Bachelor of Applied Science, Homeland Security/Emergency Management, 2018  
Associate of Technology, Homeland Security/Emergency Management, 2016  
Certificate, Homeland Security/Emergency Management, 2016

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### Certifications & Training

- **FEMA Professional Development Series** (IS-100, 200, 300, 700, 800b, 366, 120A, 130)
  - **Hospital Emergency Response Team Trainer**– Center for Domestic Preparedness
  - **Health Care Leadership for Mass Casualty Incident** – Center for Domestic Preparedness
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### Professional Experience

**Alameda Health System** – Oakland, CA

**Administrative Medical Coordinator, Emergency Medicine (July 2020 – Present)**

- Coordinate staffing and scheduling needs for emergency medicine departments and generate reports on operations, staff changes, and regulatory compliance.
- Act as an administrative liaison for purchasing, personnel, facilities, and operational matters, ensuring compliance with EHS regulations.
- Compile and analyze narrative and statistical reports, researching industry best practices and ensuring proper data collection and documentation.
- Partnered with EH&S Director to develop and implement Active Shooter Drill training, ensuring staff readiness and response effectiveness.

- Worked with physician and nursing leaders to establish, maintain, and expand Disaster Action Response Team (DART) initiatives.
- Led personal emergency preparedness initiatives, developing training programs and conducting workshops to enhance employee safety awareness.

## **Cardea Health – Oakland, CA**

### **Director of Operations (August 2024 – December 2024)**

- Led workplace safety programs, ensuring compliance with all health, safety, and regulatory standards.
- Developed and enforced emergency preparedness policies and training programs.
- Oversaw environmental rounding to identify and mitigate potential safety hazards.
- Conducted safety audits and collaborated with teams to implement corrective actions.

## **Stanford Healthcare & Stanford Children’s Health – Palo Alto, CA**

### **Office of Emergency Management Project Coordinator (June 2018 – December 2018)**

- Developed and coordinated hospital-wide emergency preparedness programs.
- Led emergency response training sessions, including HICS, SEMS, and NIMS protocols.
- Assisted in regulatory inspections and compliance reporting for hospital safety programs.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to improve disaster response strategies and mitigation efforts.

## **MultiCare Health System – Puyallup, WA**

### **Patient Access Technician / Patient Financial Navigator (November 2014 – August 2017)**

- Participated in system-wide emergency management committee to improve safety preparedness.
- Assisted in the implementation of standardized emergency response protocols.
- Worked closely with emergency department teams to enhance patient safety measures.
- Help self-pay patients seek means of health insurance and or provide resources for applying for financial aid.

## **Providence St. Peter’s Hospital – Olympia, WA**

### **Lead Admitting Representative (February 2009 - November 2014)**

- Supported hospital emergency preparedness initiatives, including staff training and compliance audits.
  - Conducted drills and provided feedback to enhance emergency response protocols.
  - Ensure that admitting was run according to policy and procedures in tandem with other departments.
  - Collaborate with all hospital staff in various departments to quickly and accurately assist patients with their admitting needs.
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## **Key Skills & Competencies**

- **Workplace Safety & Occupational Health**
  - **Emergency Management & Disaster Preparedness**
  - **Regulatory Compliance**
  - **Incident Investigation & Risk Mitigation**
  - **Environmental Rounding & Performance Audits**
  - **Training & Policy Development**
  - **Data Analysis & Performance Reporting**
  - **Stakeholder Engagement & Collaboration**
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## **Technical Proficiency**

- Epic, UKG, Kronos, Paycom
  - Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, SharePoint)
  - Conversational Spanish
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## **References**

Available upon request.

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:\*

Jordan D Wax

Email Address:\*

[REDACTED]

Gender:

NB

Specify the Board, Commission or Committee you are applying for:\*

Planning Commission

Are you currently a member of the Committee?\*

☒ Yes

☐ No

Home Address:\*

[REDACTED]

City:\*

[REDACTED]

State:\*

[REDACTED]

Zip Code:\*

[REDACTED]

Home / Cell Phone Number:\*

[REDACTED]

How long have you lived in Emeryville?

10 years

Place of Employment:

Occupation:

Business Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Business Phone Number:

How long have you worked in Emeryville?

Upload Your Résumé:

Choose File No file chosen

What race/ethnicity do you most closely identify with? Select all that apply.

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20-44 Years

Select Your Household Annual Income Level:

Less than \$50,000

Are there children under the age of 18 in your household?

☐ Yes ☒ No

### EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

High School:

College:

Trade or Business School(s):

Other Interests:

### ADVISORY BODY EXPERIENCE / INFORMATION

Are you currently serving on other Boards, Commissions or Committees?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Have you served on a Board, Commission or Committee before?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please list all past and current City of Emeryville advisory boards.

Prior service on the Emeryville Housing Committee; current service on the Bicycle Pedestrian / Parks and Recreation Advisory Committees, and the Emeryville Planning Commission

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**Please list all organization memberships and positions held.**

**Please list any relevant work and volunteer experience.**

**Why are you interested in serving on this Board, Commission or Committee?**

I have been serving on this community's boards for six years now, having lived in Emeryville for only four years and the East Bay for six at the time I started. As I have taken on more roles and deepened my understanding of this city's built environment, a great deal of turnover has occurred in our city's leadership. The City Council which first voted me onto the Housing Committee have all moved on. The Planning Commission has almost entirely turned over just since I joined it, as has the BPAC. Our City staff have also seen leadership changes from the top down, with those veteran employees who remain with us offering crucial continuity.

I would like to continue to serve in part because I have acquired relative seniority in my short time, and as such can offer some small continuity myself. But I have also put years of ongoing work into studying our community's built environment at an intricate level and developing a vision for what it could be, just a little around the corner from our current planning documents. As we now consider developments of generational importance in Emeryville, I would like to continue to bring my perspective and do my part to help us be a proud city which is always ambitious in its pursuit of the public good.

**How do you think your unique lived experience will benefit or inform the Committee's recommendations?**

I have lived a diverse and sometimes tenuous life, in places as different from each other as rural Montana and urban Hawaii. I am from Southern California but came back here to the Bay after a circuit of life experience that meant sometimes risking my life in a very real and palpable way commuting to work, and risking my life in a very theoretical and never-actualized way when I volunteered to serve the military while we were fighting two active wars. In the vast distances between these points, I have seen a lot.

But what I have seen that motivates me more than anything were the realities of growing up in poverty. Emeryville is a fine community full of good-hearted people, but only so many both have the opportunity to serve on these boards and share the experiences of the working poor we are surrounded by, and whose lives our decisions impact. The Emeryville I know is investing in a future where working class families have what they need to stabilize, thrive, and enjoy the community they live in. I aim to use my voice to continue that, because the places and ways that I have lived give me a deep appreciation for what we are and can be.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS ONLY**

**Please provide a short (300 words or less) statement discussing your ideas and attitudes about planning in Emeryville. Please consider issues such as traffic, industrial and commercial development density, affordable housing, maintaining community diversity and jobs/housing balance.**



This city is riven, train tracks running through its center and a highway divorcing us from our water. Yet we are undeniably a coastal community – sometimes the winds remind you when the views don't. We have no hills so all private windows are in competition with each other. Our city center has a gaping hole in the middle like a six-year-old's smile, and much of the surrounding land was developed for an Emeryville of a somewhat more Offramp nature.

This is one of the finest places to build a city in California. But our challenges are very real. Over the past generation of work this city has grown its base of midrise housing, made radical new connections in active transportation infrastructure, and set us up to have the bike network this unique economy and place in the Bay Trail deserves.

We must be ambitious if we want to bridge the gap between what Emeryville already is – a great place to live and work – and what it can be: an iconic place to be and spend time, with robust connections between amenities and the waterfront, and fluid continuity within our central district. In the process of accomplishing these things we must continue to aggressively pursue the production of working class housing, especially as a jobs picture crystalizes which puts us in significantly greater housing debt. All these investments add up to a local community with priority access to amenities and public views that make us worth visiting.

That is the future I believe we have if we reach for it. An Emeryville where our neighbors spend their days, where people book rooms not because of what we are near but what we are. And one in which our own community is all the more connected in the process.

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