

Application for City Council Vacancy

To qualify to serve as a Council Member, the applicant must be a resident and registered voter in the City of Emeryville. Registered voters in Emeryville must be U.S. citizens, residents of Emeryville, 18 years of age or older, and not currently in prison or on parole for a felony conviction.

Please note: home address and phone number will be redacted from the completed application form and/or resume when it is forwarded to the City Council or provided in response to public records requests in order to protect individual privacy.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:*

Matthew Solomon

Email Address:*

[REDACTED]

Home Address:*

[REDACTED]

City:*

[REDACTED]

State:*

[REDACTED]

Zip Code:*

[REDACTED]

Phone Number:*

[REDACTED]

Are you a registered voter in the City of Emeryville?*

Yes

No

Place of Employment:*

Climate Policy Initiative

Occupation:*

Senior Analyst

Upload Your Résumé:

[REDACTED]

EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

High School:

Stuyvesant High School (New York City)

College:

University of Chicago

Trade or Business School(s):

[REDACTED]

Extracurricular Interests:

Running, hiking, biking, skiing, volleyball, climate and clean energy policy, science-fiction and fantasy novels

ADVISORY BODY EXPERIENCE / INFORMATION

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

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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

N/A

Please list all organization memberships and positions held.*

N/A

Please list any relevant work and volunteer experience.*

Climate finance at Climate Policy Initiative (including research on city policies to reduce emissions from buildings)

Please provide a short (300 words or less) statement discussing your education, experience, qualifications and preparation for serving on the Emeryville City Council.*

One of my favorite pastimes is to walk and bike throughout Emeryville. I am inspired by the City Council addressing Emeryville's challenges head-on, including through quick-build projects like the extension of the Doyle Street greenway and developing housing projects for all residents including our unhoused and formerly incarcerated neighbors.

If selected for City Council, I would bring to the position my public policy education from the University of Chicago, as well as career expertise in climate finance. As a member (and chair) of the Emeryville BPAC, I have contributed to the Active Transportation Plan and provided input to planned developments. We have also worked on major projects like the San Pablo Avenue re-design and 40th Street Multimodal Improvements, both of which would be priorities for me on City Council.

I regularly attend City Council, transportation and sustainability committees, and planning commission meetings. I have read the Emeryville general plan and housing element. I engage in Emeryville community events like shoreline clean ups and movie nights, and really enjoy getting to know my neighbors. Outside of Emeryville, I follow significant developments at the Alameda County Transportation Committee and East Bay Community Energy.

If appointed to serve on the Council, I aim to continue the excellent work of previous council members and city staff, including:

- Transportation: Implement safe streets programs, identify opportunities for shared streets, and work with AC Transit and Emery Go-Round to ensure consistent service.
- Housing: Support affordable housing projects in the pipeline, and work with developers to find ways to reduce the cost of building housing.
- Climate: Work with EBCE to continue the transition to renewable energy while keeping rates affordable, especially for lower-income residents. Complete the tree study. Identify opportunities to bring more climate technology companies such as Upside Foods to Emeryville.

* indicates required fields.

Matthew Solomon

EXPERIENCE

Climate Policy Initiative

San Francisco, CA

Climate Finance Analyst

March 2020–December 2022

Senior Analyst

January 2023 - present

- Analyze financial instruments focused on international development and climate change, including financial modelling, qualitative research and report writing, and stakeholder management
- Research financial institution net zero commitments, including scope, progress, and credibility

Cornerstone Research

San Francisco, CA

Analyst

August 2015–June 2017

Senior Analyst

July 2017–June 2018

Research Associate

July 2018–March 2020

- Support expert witnesses in corporate litigation cases across a wide variety of industries and practice areas, primarily focusing on antitrust and healthcare
- Write and implement SQL, SAS, R, and Stata build methodology and analysis code for datasets of >500 million observations
- Delegate workflow, review deliverables, and present to partners, expert witnesses, and attorney clients

Analyst Recruiting Head, San Francisco Office

2017, 2018

- Recruited, interviewed, and extended offers to dozens of analyst candidates
- Developed recruiting strategy for San Francisco office to increase efficiency and diversity, including presentations to senior management and CEO
- Partnered with senior management to identify cause of analyst retention issues and design structural and cultural changes in response

Glen Weyl, Assistant Professor in Economics, University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Research Assistant

June 2013–March 2015

- Project aimed to establish link between authors' career experiences and positive or normative research results
- Managed a team of 17 research assistants to collect and document data

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts with General Honors in Economics and Public Policy

June 2015

- Cumulative GPA: 3.74/4.0, Dean's List all four years
- Relevant coursework: Honors Intermediate Economic sequence, econometrics, Environmental Law

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Technical skills: Microsoft Excel; SQL; R: dplyr, tidyr, ggplot2 (beginner); SAS; Stata (beginner)

Interests: rock climbing and volleyball; climate and clean energy solutions; science-fiction, fantasy, and graphic novels

Volunteer: Emeryville Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee member