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**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Board / Committee / Commission Application

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## Board / Committee / Commission Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Full Name:\***  
Henry Symons

**Email Address:\***  
[REDACTED] **Gender:**  
Male

**Please specify the Board, Commission or Committee you are applying for:\***  
[Housing Committee V]

**Which Committee Position are you applying for?**  
(must match the current vacant position you are applying for)\*  
[Community Member V]

**I am currently a member of the above Committee, and am seeking reappointment.\***

( ) Yes (X) No

**If you are seeking re-appointment, has any of your information changed within the last 12 months?**

( ) Yes ( ) No

*If your answer is yes, please complete the rest of this form.*

*If your information has not changed within the past 12 months, please only enter your name and email information above. You do not need to complete the remainder of this form.*

### RESIDENCY / EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

**Home Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**City:** [REDACTED] **State:** [REDACTED] **Zip Code:** [REDACTED]

**Phone Number:**  
[REDACTED]

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

**Place of Employment:**  
California State Assembly

**Occupation:**  
Field Representative

**Business Address:**

**City:** [REDACTED] **State:** CA **Zip Code:** [REDACTED]

**Phone Number:**

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

## EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

**High School:**

Bentley School (Lafayette, CA)

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

MSc, King's College London (United Kingdom)

**College:**

UC Santa Cruz

**Other Interests:**

I enjoy being outside in nature, going to community events and working to build a progressive Jewish community in the East Bay.

## 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.**

n/a

**Please list any past and current board, commission or committee memberships outside of Emeryville.**  
Berkeley Youth Commission (2004-2006)

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

SF Bay Sierra Club member, IfNotNow Bay Area member, East Bay Young Democrats member, California Young Democrats member, Marin County Young Democrats member, Bike East Bay member.

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

I have over a decade of experience working at the intersection of public policy, activism/organizing and civic engagement. In the past, I have managed local ballot measure campaigns, organized students, conducted paid and volunteer canvases and much more. Currently, I work for Assemblymember Marc Levine who represents Marin and Southern Sonoma County in State Assembly. Everyday at work I meet with 10th District residents to learn about the issues that are important with them so Assemblymember Levine figure out how to represent their needs and priorities in Sacramento. I would love to have the chance to do the same thing but in my community.

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

I am interested in serving on the Emeryville Housing Committee because I believe that housing is the most important issue facing the Bay Area. As someone who grew up in the East Bay, it breaks my heart that so many long time residents are being gentrified out of their community, and that there are very few affordable options for my friends who have moved to the Bay Area as young adults and want to remain for the long term. I'm proud that Emeryville has 'punched well above its weight' in our battle to create affordable housing in the East Bay. Over the last several decades, Emeryville has built hundreds of units including the one I live in. As a Housing Commission member, I would like to support further development in Emeryville while maintaining our city's strong affordable housing requirements so we can make sure that low and middle income people can find a home in our city.

**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.**