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

## Board / Committee / Commission Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Full Name:\*** Nicole Gruen **Email Address:\*** [REDACTED] **Gender:** female

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

[Housing Committee V]

**Which position(s) on the Advisory Body are you applying for?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Representative            | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commissioner         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Labor Representative          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Resident (Dog Owner)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Business Representative      | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Community Member       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Business Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Representative |

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

☐ Yes ☒ 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?**  
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**Place of Employment:** East Bay Modern Real Estate **Occupation:** Realtor

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

**Phone Number:** [REDACTED] **How long have you worked in Emeryville?**

### EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

**High School:** Ursulinengymnasium, Mannheim, Germany **College:** Fachhochschule Worms, Germany, Degree in Computer Science

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

**Other Interests:**

- Walking and hiking in the East Bay hills and along the shore - Eating out - Traveling - Reading and watching movies - For years I rented a studio with a local potter (Bruno Mark, Doyle St cafe building)

### 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.**

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

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

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

I am a realtor and very familiar with the housing landscape in the east bay. I am renting a townhouse in Emeryville with my husband Lenny. I hold a degree in computer science and implemented complex IT projects in over 10 countries. I am methodical, a logical thinker and a good communicator and listener. I've been a realtor in the East Bay for the last 2 years and work primarily with first time home buyers. I talk about housing every day and will bring these insights about buying and renting in Emeryville to the board.

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

Emeryville is a small community that is growing fast. Living here I enjoy walking to do all my shopping, going to restaurants, etc. I love talking to my neighbors and the passersby on the greenway. I want to take an active role in the future of Emeryville and serve my community. I also want to learn as much as possible about the local development of housing and also the local government. Because I haven't served on a board before, I don't have board experience - but I am a quick learner and am very committed to be of value. I love Emeryville and always boast to my clients and friends about the hidden gem it is. That said, there is a lot of construction and I want to understand where Emeryville is heading. I am proud that Emeryville has a below market rate program and that the units of the program are mostly very nice. I feel that with housing prices steadily climbing, the program needs to be extended. I know that Emeryville is actively working on these issues and I'd welcome the opportunity to be an advisor on the housing board.

### 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.**