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

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:* Jonathan James Hidalgo
Email Address:* [REDACTED]
Gender: Male

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

[Planning Commission V]

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

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| ☐ Business Representative | ☒ Planning Commissioner |
| ☐ City Labor Representative | ☐ Resident |
| ☐ Community Member | ☐ Resident (Dog Owner) |
| ☐ Large Business Representative | ☐ Senior Community Member |
| ☐ Non-Profit Business Representative | ☐ 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? N/A		
Place of Employment: WRA, Inc.	Occupation: Senior Associate Environmental Planner		
Business Address: [REDACTED]	City: [REDACTED]	State: [REDACTED]	Zip Code: [REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED]	How long have you worked in Emeryville? 2 Years		

EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

High School: Martin Luther King, Riverside California	College: CSU - San Bernardino: BA ; Cal Poly SLO: MCRP & MPP
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Trade or Business School(s):

Other Interests:

Bicycling - Road and Mountain biking Urban and Regional Planning - I regularly attend conferences with other planner friends

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.

Association of Environmental Professionals -Bay Area Chapter - President (June 2016- Present) East bay

Toastmasters - Sergeant at Arms (January 2016 - December 2016)

Please list all organization memberships and positions held.

Association of Environmental Professionals -Bay Area Chapter - President American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) - Certified Planner American Planning Association - Member Urban Land Institute - Member

Please list any relevant work and volunteer experience.

WRA, Inc. - Senior Associate Environmental Planner (Various Titles) June 2013 - Present County of San Luis Obispo - Intern September 2012- June 2013 Western Riverside Council of Governments - Intern June 2012 - December 2012 ICLEI USA, Local Governments for Sustainability - Intern June 2012 - December 2012

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

From a young age, I have always been taught to give help other and serve the community when there is a need. Serving as a Planning Commission allows me to use my education, work experience and volunteering efforts to help out the community that I spend most of my time in. It is not often that community members are given the privilege of being able help guide a community as it grows. Helping the City navigate the balance between public goods and private rights would be one of the most rewarding things that I have ever done.

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 have worked in the City of Emeryville for the past two years; and lived on its border for the past four years. During this this time, I have gained perspective on some of the unique opportunities and challenges the City faces. I have found the most pressing issue faced by the City to be an imbalance of jobs and housing. Proper planning by the City can provides the appropriate mixture of jobs and housing. It should be, and already is, a focus of the City to add additional housing for all income levels. If Emeryville is to take full advantage of the rapidly expanding Bay Area economy, it must have enough housing for its current and future workforce. However, proper planning is not simply building for the sake of building. The creation of new housing needs to be integrated into existing housing stock and community character. The use of height limitations, setbacks, and other tools of planning can limit stark contracts between new and old development. Focusing higher density development on arterial corridors that have access to transit is one such way that the City is currently being mindful of this balance. Transit is of course is the other major planning opportunity and constraint found in the City. Emeryville is unique in that nearly all of the major arterial roadways run north/south. The long linear nature of the City, combined with railway bisecting the middle of the City, can lead to transportation bottlenecks. Exploring ways to reduce congestion should be a priority for the City. The City's current use of bike lanes and bus services are areas that could be expanded to help create a more livable community. These efforts combined with proper siting of housing, commercial uses, and employment centers are the critical items for creating a community that all can enjoy.