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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:* Deepak Sohane
Email Address:* [REDACTED]
Gender: Male

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Advisory Committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Emeryville Transportation Management Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> ACTC Paratransit Advisory and Planning Commission |

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 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? 5 years		
Place of Employment: Oakland	Occupation: Project Urban Designer		
Business Address: [REDACTED]	City: [REDACTED]	State: [REDACTED]	Zip Code: [REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED]	How long have you worked in Emeryville? 0		

EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

High School: Narayana Junior College, Hyderabad	College: Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
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Trade or Business School(s):
University of California, Berkeley
Other Interests:
Traveling, Hiking, Board Games

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.

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

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Please list all organization memberships and positions held.

Member, SPUR Accredited Green Building Professional, Indian Green Building Council (akin to LEED AP, USGBC) Associate, Indian Institute of Architects, Registered Architect, Council of Architecture, India

Please list any relevant work and volunteer experience.

I am a Project Urban Designer at Community Design + Architecture, a planning, urban design and architecture firm with a focus on integrated transportation/land use planning, mixed-use and pedestrian friendly community design and sustainable development. I feel the following skills will be relevant towards this position: 1. Technical Knowledge: I have worked on a variety of complex planning projects for a variety of clients (cities, counties, transit agencies and federal organizations) on projects including complete streets design and planning, pedestrian and bicycle planning, specific plans, corridor planning as well as land use and urban design projects. 2. Communication and Listening Skills: I have extensively participated, led and presented design ideas at community events including focus group meetings, open houses, workshops, transportation committee, planning commission and city council sessions and solicited feedback from various stakeholders to incorporate back into the project. This has allowed me to present my ideas to a variety of audience and maintain an objective stance while listening to the needs of various stakeholders. 3. Analytical Skills: From my projects, I have been able to get a good understanding of zoning ordinances, planning process and the long-term impact of development decisions. Through my projects, I have developed an ability to evaluate information in a rational way and apply critical thinking towards finding logical solutions to issues that are best for the project area.

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

I recently attended a Transportation Committee meeting to make a presentation on the 40th Street and San Pablo Bus Hub project. One of the agenda items was resolving the USPS Parking at the Amtrak Station. The resolution was to add a designated spot along the station driveway. And, within less than a week, I noticed a sign for USPS parking was installed in the agreed location. I have worked with a lot of cities and was particularly impressed by the quick turnaround by the City's and its staff's ability to execute action items. In addition, my experience working on the 40th and San Pablo Bus Hub project has been very pleasant and rewarding. The city staff and the various committee/council members are very proactive in transforming Emeryville into a mixed-use multi-modal community, something that every city and community in the US should strive to achieve. As a member of this commission, I feel that I'll be part of a forward thinking group that is pro-density, pro-transit and pro-sustainability. I feel that I'll have a voice and be able to positively contribute towards the decision making process and have the support of the very reliable city staff to move the process forward in a seamless fashion. This will also give me a chance to serve the community and will be a great learning and personal development opportunity to become a better urban planner and designer.

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.

The Plan Bay Area Forecast, 2010-2040 expects Emeryville to house 21,040 people, 23,618 jobs and 11,616 housing units, which marks a 83% increase in population, 300% increase in jobs, a 67% increase in housing

units (data based on Plan Bay Area Final Forecast of Jobs, Population and Housing, adopted by ABAG and MTC, July 2013 and American Community Survey 2017). The City of Emeryville needs to be prepared and have a strategy in place for future development investments and identify a roadmap to accommodate expected growth. My vision for Emeryville is a pedestrian-friendly, bikeable, transit-oriented community connecting distinct mixed-use districts that are able to comfortably house density and incorporate a series of open spaces, greenways, parks, plazas and other community spaces. There are already some great examples of achieving this vision in the city: the visionary 40th Street and Bus Hub project that aims at including two-way bicycle facility and bus only lanes; the Emeryville Greenway that provides a great community/open space; Emery-go-round connecting various communities to the BART station and shopping district; several medium to high-density residential blocks within close proximity of transit and bikeways and others. However, there are issues that still need to be addressed: imbalance between jobs and housing distribution and a lack of affordable housing; lack of open spaces, especially parks (more than 50% of the population is outside a 1/4th mile radius of a park); unsafe streets that lead to speeding and pedestrian/bicycle/auto collisions (Powell Street and San Pablo Avenue) and lack of necessary pedestrian, bicycle and transit infrastructure, homelessness and others. These are some of the many issues I hope to address and improve as part of this group.