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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:* Jordan D Wax
Email Address:* [redacted]
Gender: Male

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

[X] Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
[ ] Budget Advisory Committee
[ ] Commission on Aging
[ ] Economic Development Advisory Committee
[X] Housing Committee
[ ] Parks and Recreation Committee
[ ] Planning Commission
[ ] Public Art Committee
[ ] Emeryville Transportation Management Association
[ ] ACTC Paratransit Advisory and Planning Commission

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

[ ] Business Representative
[ ] City Labor Representative
[ ] Community Member
[ ] Large Business Representative
[ ] Non-Profit Business Representative
[ ] Planning Commissioner
[ ] Resident
[ ] Resident (Dog Owner)
[ ] Senior Community Member
[ ] Small Business Representative

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 (X) 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? 4 Years
Place of Employment:
Occupation: Student
Business Address:
City:
State: CA
Zip Code:
Phone Number:
How long have you worked in Emeryville?

EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

High School:
College:
Trade or Business School(s):

Other Interests:

ADVISORY BODY EXPERIENCE / INFORMATION

Are you currently serving on other Boards, Commissions or Committees?

( ) Yes (X) No

Have you served on a Board, Commission or Committee before?

( ) Yes (X) 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.

In my time as a military analyst I performed the following relevant functions: - Research and analysis on a broad variety of topics. - Collecting information from patrols through debriefs. - Creating and/or executing briefs and/or papers for the consumption of commanders and/or subordinate soldiers. - Facilitating information share between internal and external units, departments, and organizations, to better facilitate a common understanding of the environment. - Teaching short classes on subjects of common interest. - Coordinating with commanders to better serve their information needs. - Creating map products with professional mapping software (e.g. ArcGIS), proprietary software, and Google Earth With Some Powerpoint Lines where necessary. - Using, creating, and maintaining spreadsheets and databases, and creating easily digestible charts and tables from them. - Participating in and supporting extremely ponderous planning processes. - And so forth, all of these in a mix of individual and collaborative efforts as called for. Our role was to present decision-makers with the best analysis we could to support the decision-making process, much as advisory committees support the decision-makers in government.

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

As a disabled veteran I moved to Emeryville in 2015. At the time I was experiencing worsening health and increasing mobility issues. Over time I have been able to reverse both, and the pedestrian experience in Emeryville specifically, and the tri-city area more broadly, has been highly influential in my rehabilitation. Though a city boy and native Californian by birth, I spent most of my life after a certain age living in lower-density areas, dreaming of returning to a place I could give up my car, walk out of my door, and enjoy the city life I had been so enamored of as a child. I last lived in this region in the 1980's with my poor single mother, in San Francisco, a feat hard to imagine today. I fell in love with transit as a young boy riding the light rail. This evolved into a lifelong love of train travel and a passion for the pedestrian- and transit-oriented living my life moved me away from for many years. Six years ago I returned to the Bay Area, this time to Oakland. I saw the framework of all the things I loved, but the dream of city life had become an increasingly inaccessible one. It is then that I started connecting to a newly energized urbanism movement trying to empower people of all ages to collect in an accessible, walkable, bikeable, transit-oriented, and above all, livable city. My natural zeal for the topic was always going to lead me to participation in government. If elected as a member of an advisory committee, I plan to do my part to help Emeryville open the door to this dream a little wider.

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.