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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:* Martin Leung
Email Address:* [REDACTED]
Gender:

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

[Housing Committee V]

Which position on the Advisory Body are you 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?

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.

() Yes () No

RESIDENCY / EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Home Address: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED]
State: [REDACTED]
Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Home/Cell Phone Number: [REDACTED]
How long have you lived in Emeryville?
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Place of Employment: BRIDGE Housing
Occupation: Affordable Housing Developer

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

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

Upload Your Résumé:

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EDUCATION / EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

High School: McMinnville High School

College: Cornell University

Trade or Business School(s):

Other Interests: Housing, Transportation, Sustainability

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.

Buildings Committee - Bridgewater HOA

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

Transportation Advisory Committee - Cornell University

Please list all organization memberships and positions held.

Urban Land Institute Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California

Please list any relevant work and volunteer experience.

I currently work with BRIDGE Housing, a San Francisco-based nonprofit owner developer and manager of affordable housing. As part of the acquisitions and planning team, I source and act on acquisition and development opportunities for BRIDGE throughout California and the Pacific Northwest. Most recently, I led BRIDGE's acquisition of 1740 San Pablo Avenue for a 51 unit project serving low-income households, including initial due diligence (geotechnical, survey, environmental, title) and applying for City of Berkeley funding. Prior to joining BRIDGE, I served as a consultant to cities, transit agencies, and private developers and led predevelopment for 30+ projects across North America. My core expertise is in public-private partnerships, including deal structuring, RFQ/PS, term sheets, redevelopment agreements, and negotiations between private developers and public agencies. Outside of work, I enjoy exploring the East Bay by bike and am a volunteer tutor for 826 Valencia and admissions ambassador for Cornell University.

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

Housing is a human right and one of the most challenging issues facing the Bay Area today. Emeryville has made significant progress on this issue, with projects such as the Ambassador, 3706 San Pablo and 3600 San Pablo making a positive contribution to the ongoing housing crisis. However, as evident by long waitlists and the growing issue of homelessness, we must clearly do more as a City. With the approval of the \$50 million Measure C Housing Bond in 2018 in addition to \$14.5 million in impact fees, County A1 funds, and other resources that can be invested in the next 2-3 years, the City is at a pivotal moment and needs to develop informed housing policies guided by the needs of our housed and unhoused residents, market realities and on the ground development experience. As a nonprofit affordable housing developer, I have experienced firsthand the structural barriers to developing affordable housing ranging from rising construction costs, lengthy entitlement processes, lack of public funding, amongst other issues. Even the most non-controversial projects with full support of neighbors and the local jurisdiction can take anywhere from 2-5 years before construction can begin due to the highly competitive nature of gap funding at the State level. The City can and must do more with the limited resources within its control, including Measure C funds and the Christie Ave surplus sites. With almost a decade of experience in housing development and policy, I am confident I can bolster the diverse perspectives on the Housing Committee and support Emeryville as it works with nonprofits, private developers, landowners, State agencies and others to provide more housing to those in need.

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.