

Planning & Transportation Commission Application

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Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes
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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Engineer

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

At Palo Alto Data Group, I lead products in AI-based labor standards enforcement. I keep my foot in academics at CIFE, mentoring new generations of doctorates. Evenings, I am a community college professor. Before my career in heavy construction, which started with a shovel, I had a humble beginning, building hundreds of homes -- culminating in my own home in the Sierras.

My doctorate is a joint degree from Stanford Engineering and Doerr School of Sustainability. I transferred from the UNR grad program in Economics.

I served a year of public service as the first investigator in the County's Division of Equity and Social Justice, where I led COVID compliance. The doctorate requires an industry component, which I completed in software at Cadwork Informatik in Basel and Rhumbix in San Francisco. Pre-academic, I was a design-build engineer on Reno's rail corridor. I paid for my education by shoveling concrete.

See my professional and educational history [linkedin.com/in/forest-peterson](https://www.linkedin.com/in/forest-peterson)

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

During COVID-19, I co-lead 501c3 Step Forward's outreach project -- encouraging the workforce to report concerns through a social media network.

I care about environmental sustainability: the Camp Fire destroyed my home and community and took the lives of my neighbors.

My three kids are enrolled in public schools: Greene and Paly.

I participate in council and board meetings across the County through community groups:

2021-25 Chair, Valley Water, bond flood protection subcommittee

2021-25 Chair, National Academy Transportation Research Board, AI subcommittee

2021-25 President, SV Working Blue Dem Club

2020-25 Director, SCC Construction Careers Association 501c3

My grandmothers were feminists, which I honor by supporting women at the League of Women Voters and through Parents in Academia. I mentored Dr. Montoya's thesis in feminism at UC Irvine, "Promoting Equitable Pathways in Engineering and Career Technical Education."

See my volunteering history [linkedin.com/in/forest-peterson](https://www.linkedin.com/in/forest-peterson)

Application Questions

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2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

My perspective is common to Palo Alto, though underrepresented on the PTC. I am a father of three, an apartment resident with a blue-collar background, and a daily patron of public transportation. For the past decade, I've walked forty-five minutes to my lab at Stanford, and daily, my family relies on a network of walkways, rail, bus, air, and ride-share. We made the leap and never looked back!

For thirty years, I've worked in the built environment. For the past few years, I've volunteered with policy-focused groups. My expertise is in information models, which will become a focus in regional planning with AI-based visualizations in a range of 'what if' scenarios.

My three policy visions:

- (1) Work with staff and the Commission on acceptable compromises.
- (2) Define development agreements that include data-driven community impact mitigations.
- (3) Advocate for public transit networks linked to affordable housing similar to the excellent example of the teacher housing at 231 Grant.

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A riparian information model!

I agree with the Commission's return of the 10/24 proposed 18.4,140 stream corridor. The current design flooded in '19 and '22. The proposal incorporates the '07 water collab guideline. However, a complexity issue is at play: 2,600 scenarios given 3 segments, 3 types of channels, ..., etc. What remains unknown? After 4 hours, the Commission moved to postpone to an unknown date.

Adjacent land planning is unknown. On 10/23 at the County, I commented on bioswales to limit runoff in the Stanford Community Plan (see Land Ch6). I did the same in the aborted '19 GUP. Two of 3 creeks drain Stanford lands deforested by a history of grazing. The design cfm of runoff is key to know.

An info model visual of the complexity could highlight those 200 likely problem lots of 6,600, which Reckdahl (1:59:55), Summa (2:27:00), and to some degree, Hechtman (2:39:00) asked for an informational visual.

Also, our rail corridor would be my third (Reno 2004 and High-speed 2011).

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

If appointed, specific goals:

First, I would continue with the commission's focus on reducing staff time demand by limiting ad-hoc follow-ups and setting clear priorities.

Second, we should increase the use of technology, particularly in the case of significant developments. I chair a DigitalTwin subgroup (information model and artificial intelligence) at the National Academy's Transportation Research Board. That method of modeling as part of planning is not often used -- at best, I see renderings of buildings at the meetings. I bring that focus to the Water District, where it has been understandably a process as the capability develops.

Third, my priority is a compromise between short-term livability and long-term sustainability regarding environmental and social objectives.

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The California Environmental Quality Act is professionally where I have a working knowledge regarding large public works projects. During the Stanford General Use Permit (GUP), I successfully co-led a community organization in what was at that time the controversial inclusion of community impacts mitigations in the CEQA public discussion -- also at that time, acquiring a familiarity with the County General Plan.

[California Environmental Quality Act](#)
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In my role chairing the Water District bond flood control subcommittee, I am familiar with the Baylands Plan within the San Francisco Creek JPA.

During this application, I read through the CA Title 18 public revenue and the PA City Municipal Code.

Regarding the Comprehensive and El Camino Corridor plans, I have a non-specific experience with similar corridor documents throughout my thirty years in the built environment professions: some of which I have taught at Stanford, and others I worked extensively with professionally.

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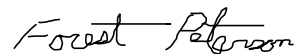
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Name of signatory: Forest Olaf Peterson, PhD



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Occupation

Attorney

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

I currently work as corporate counsel at Google. In that role, my day to day responsibilities involve collaborating with stakeholders (internal and external) and taking into account existing company policies towards achieving a desired outcome. While the subject matter differs from that which comes before PTC, this experience should translate to the process of reviewing matters that do come before the PTC and in working with staff, the other commissioners, and taking into account stakeholder concerns towards issuing a recommendation to Council.

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

After moving to Palo Alto in September 2018, I quickly became involved in volunteering at my local synagogue (Congregation Emek Beracha) by joining the board. I served as president of the board for three years from June 2020 to June 2023, through the Covid lockdown, reopening, and a broader re-engagement of the community. I've continued serving on the board as a director in a past president role, and am now seeking a public/community service opportunity to serve a broader constituency.

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Full term, Expiring 3/31/2029

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

When I moved to Palo Alto in 2018 with my family, we immediately fell in love with the community. Having access to playgrounds, parks, and bike trails transformed our experience as a family. I am interested to serve on the Commission in order to support the city's pursuit of fulfilling its housing development goals while maintaining the best of the city's character. I would bring my professional experience of working with a variety of stakeholders towards an optimal outcome, and my community service orientation from having served on the synagogue board.

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I've been interested by the Commission's work on retail rejuvenation over several meetings, beginning with the retail study introduced at the PTC meeting on October 25, 2023, continuing with the establishment of the Ad Hoc committee and the full Commission's review of the retail study, and concluding with recommendations to Council to amend code impacting retail uses in the city at the August 14, 2024, meeting. I was interested to see the Commission's recommendations to Council addressing a broad range of matters such as parking, types of retail, and standardizing CUP approval criteria. This area is of interest because of the role that retail plays in fostering community by attracting the participation of local residents. I was also interested by the Commission's discussion acknowledging the challenges that retail has faced in Palo Alto, and deliberation of how revisions to code would impact the viability of retail rejuvenation.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

I would like to join the Commission to support it in advising Council as to the matters where the Commission's recommendation is sought, particularly:

- (1) Successful implementation of the Housing Element to meet the City's objective by 2031;
- (2) Continued development and enhancement of safe bike and pedestrian paths; and
- (3) Retail revitalization.

I would be excited to contribute to this process by balancing stakeholder concerns along with the city's commitments under the Housing Element to ensure Palo Alto continues to thrive.

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I'm becoming familiar with these documents in preparing to serve on the commission, and am studying them on an ongoing basis.

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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: Daniel Hekier



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01/15/2025

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Personal Information

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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Retired

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

Harvard AB, Stanford MBA
Bain and Company 1985-90
Silicon Graphics 1990-95
Variety of Internet and technology startups in marketing and business development roles (Placeware (sold to Microsoft), Eloquent (IPO), Virident (sold to Western Digital) - 1995-2005
Venture Capital, Venture Partner, Redwood Ventures 2005-2011
Founder and Executive Director, Team NorCal Lacrosse 2011-2024

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Resident of Palo Alto for 38 years
Member of Palo Alto Planning Commission 1990-95
President, Tomahawks Youth Lacrosse 501c3 2006-2025

Katherine and I made a decision when we were married to move to the West Coast and Palo Alto and raise our kids here and attend the public school system. We were very fortunate we were able to buy a house and become a part of an incredible community of people. We were thrilled our kids got to grow up here. She was very active leading many community organizations - Garden Club, Walter Hays PTA, Gamble Garden Center. Later in life, I founded a youth sports company - TeamNorCal Lacrosse - that touches over 2,000 kids yearly and worked with over a dozen public and private high schools up and down the Peninsula (including Paly and Gunn) to add the sport at the Varsity level.

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2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

Retirement opens up new vistas for us all. My professional life was a series of roles working with extraordinary people on challenging issues. I have the time and interest once again now to devote to the PTC.

My relevant experience:

A) Experience as a Planning Commissioner - Experience hopefully brings wisdom. I hopefully learned from some great people I worked with at that time.

B) Knowledge of the City and Understanding of the Needs of Residents - I have watched the City grow from 'a nice bedroom community for Stanford' to 'the epicenter of the Internet'. I have seen the good and the bad of this growth.

C) Willingness and Ability to Serve - I have no further political aspirations, and am not looking to run for City Council or Congress in two years. I merely want to work with smart people addressing important

issues about a place that I love and want to see improve. I have plenty of time and can commit to the personal investment necessary to be effective in the role.

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I have been to many PTC meetings over the years, and have followed issues of interest online and via newspapers for nearly 40 years.

Recently, the 70 Encina housing proposal contains a number of issues that are likely to continue to face the City and the PTC. More housing in an area (the old Urban Lane, now PAMF, Opportunity Center, Transportation Center and more) which is a very attractive place for additional in-fill housing is a good thing. However, it is clear that there are a number of already problematic traffic problems in Town and Country Village (I long for the days when I could drive up in front of any of my favorite stores there and walk right in..). This is a perfect example of why you need smart people who can work well together to come up with the right solution. More housing is great, but only in the context of parking, traffic and neighborhood compatibility constraints. Loud yet anonymous voices shouting online is not helpful.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

1. More housing - The jobs/housing imbalance and the affordability issues continue to create problems for us. We need to create opportunities for our kids to be able to live here - they have all been priced out.
2. Intelligent Growth - Palo Alto is not Manhattan or Tokyo. The office market is clearly overbuilt, but there are opportunities to improve specific areas. Housing will be a bigger focus, but lining University Avenue, San Antonio Avenue or El Camino with 10-20 story towers is not smart for anyone.
3. Better Traffic Management - I am tired of the traffic.
4. Progress on Cubberley HS Site - This is too big of an asset and the potential too great
5. Improve University/California Ave

More important than specific goals though, is how the PTC and its members contribute to the planning/management process. Smart people who can work well together can do almost anything. I think I can offer a very thoughtful and dynamic approach and can work well with current PTC members.

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Having spent 5 years on the PTC from 1990-95, I am very familiar with many of these documents, having participated in the creation/and or modification/interpretation of prior versions of these. Having been a homeowner who has done substantial renovations on a home considered for a historical designation, I have learned in more detail than I ever thought possible the zoning, building and design guidelines.

I walk the Baylands almost daily with my black lab Shasta, so we can tell you in precise detail what a fabulous asset that is for the community (along with a few suggestions for improvement).

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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: William G Glazier

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Glazier*

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Planning & Transportation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Arthur Keller
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Occupation

Consultant

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I have a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Stanford. I taught courses most recently at UC Santa Cruz. I serve as expert witness on patent cases and advise startups. I also am President of Exir Bio, a company in the biotech space.

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Environment and Water Resources Committee, Santa Clara Valley Water District (including Vice Chair and Chair). For City of Palo Alto: Housing Element Working Group, (Comprehensive Plan) Citizens Advisory Committee (Co-Chair), Electric Vehicle Task Force (Development Center), Website Committee, Planning and Transportation Commission (Vice Chair), Facilities Steering Committee and Public Transit Coordinator for Gunn High School. Adobe Meadow Neighborhood Association (Founder and President). The Girls' Middle School (Board Member). Ohlone Elementary School (Site Council). Cong. Kol Emeth (Board Member). Electric Auto Association (Board Member).

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I served on the PTC from 2006 through 2014. During this time, I chaired the Communications with Staff Committee, was a member of the Comp Plan Amendment Timing and Issues Committee, PCs and Development Agreements Committee, Report to Council Committee, Policies and Procedures Committee, Forums Committee, and Leveraging Technology Committee, and was a liaison to the Liaison, Charleston-Arastradero Corridor Stakeholders Group. I believe that my knowledge of planning issues as well as transportation issues would benefit the PTC and the City overall.

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Stream corridor protection is an issue that I consider as a homeowner and as a member of the Environmental and Water Resource Committee. I wonder why the staff report had Table 1 Streamside Regulations for streamside setback within Urbanized Areas (between Foothill Expy and US 101) Channelized Stream set equal to the same as Natural Stream and the PTC appeared to agree. There was some unspecified exception for floodwalls between Foothill Expy and 101, and I look forward to hearing about how this matter resolves when it returns to the PTC.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

I would like to see the PTC fulfill its role as a recommending body to the City Council by thoughtfully considering proposals for ordinance changes and evaluating public input. I believe PTC meetings do not garner sufficient public attention for the requisite public input to be obtained. I would like to consider how to raise the profile of the PTC if I am appointed.

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I served on the committee that wrote the edits to the Palo Alto 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2017). I served on the PTC when the Baylands Master Plan (2008) and the El Camino Real Master Plan (2007) were adopted. I was familiar with El Camino Real Design Guidelines when changes were considered in 2013. I reviewed the Zoning Code then as well. I'm familiar with CEQA reviews.

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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: Arthur M. Keller



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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Software Engineer

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I have a strong background in transportation planning and data analysis.

Founder, Stanford Data and Mapping for Society(dams.stanford.edu): I founded DAMS to apply data science to real-world issues. During my leadership, we completed these projects:

California Transportation Commission: Developed visualizations to map out awarded projects for the Solutions for Congested Corridors, Trade Corridor Enhancement.

Transportation Authority of Monterey County(<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/collision-data-map>): Designed a dashboard to analyze collision frequency and severity.

Contra Costa Transportation Authority(https://kevinji.shinyapps.io/CCTA_pems_tims_dashboard): Created a tool to evaluate traffic patterns along the I-680 corridor.

AC Transit: Developed a live bus tracking system and geospatial complaint map.

City of Oakland(<https://tinyurl.com/damsoakland>): Built a platform to visualize demographic, economic, and housing data.

I took classes at Stanford in transportation policy.

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Palo Alto Youth Council (2014-2017), Secretary (2015-2016): I chaired the events committee, where I led the creation of a high school intramural sports program and organized a job fair for teens to connect with local businesses.

Palo Alto Bryant Street Garage Fund (now Think Fund) (2015-2017): I secured grants to support community-focused initiatives, such as organizing financial literacy workshops and developing programs to spark teenagers' interest in history.

Michelle Obama's Better Make Room Initiative (2016-2021): I served as a student representative supporting programs that encouraged students, particularly those that are first-generation or low income to pursue higher education.

Stanford University's Computer Science capstone course (2022-2024): I guided student teams on creating technical plans, and effectively communicating with stakeholders. The teams worked on projects for organizations like the LA Dodgers, Meta, and Daimler (Mercedes-Benz's parent company).

Application Questions

1. For which vacancy are you applying (check all that apply)?

Partial term, Expiring 3/31/2026

Full term, Expiring 3/31/2029

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

I have been a lifelong resident of Palo Alto, attending Fairmeadow, Terman, Gunn, and Stanford. Since childhood, I have been passionate about contributing to the community, starting with serving as a crossing guard at Cowper and Meadow in fifth grade, participating in the Palo Alto Youth Council during high school, and continuing to find ways to give back today. These experiences instilled in me a deep dedication to community service and a strong connection to Palo Alto.

My background in transportation planning and data-driven policy further equips me to serve effectively on the PTC. With the recent departure of Palo Alto's head transportation official, Phillip Kamhi, I see an opportunity to apply my knowledge and skills to support the city through this transitional period. I am eager to leverage my experience and skills to develop innovative solutions for the pressing transportation and planning issues that lie ahead in my hometown.

3. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it. If you have never been to a Commission meeting, you can view archived videos from the Midpen Media Center.

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Street safety is a cause I am deeply passionate about. During the first PTC meeting I attended, the "Safe Streets for All" (SS4A) Action Plan Collision Analysis was presented. Having relied on biking as my primary mode of transportation—from Fairmeadow to Gunn to Stanford—I understand the challenges cyclists face. Living near Meadow Drive, a key corridor for young cyclists, I often witness safety issues, especially on El Camino Way, a major route for both bikes and commercial traffic.

While working with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, I analyzed collision data to support safety-focused grant applications. This experience taught me how data-driven strategies can improve traffic safety. I aim to apply this expertise to the SS4A program and help create safer streets in our community.

The PTC's work to analyze traffic data is essential for enhancing street safety. I am eager to contribute to these initiatives to ensure safer, more accessible streets for all.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

I am excited to be involved in the development of the San Antonio Road Coordinated Area Plan. Approximately one-third of the RHNA housing units identified in the housing element are located along San Antonio Road. However, from a transportation standpoint, the area is not yet equipped to accommodate this significant population increase effectively. To address these challenges, it is essential to proactively develop strategies for managing congestion and transforming San Antonio Road into a safe, sustainable, and accessible corridor for the new residents. The Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC) has a critical role in shaping the future development of this area. With the transportation department currently understaffed, I believe my prior experience working with local municipalities and county transportation agencies can contribute significantly to the planning and execution of effective solutions right here in Palo Alto.

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[Zoning Code](#)

[City Charter](#)

[California Environmental Quality Act](#)

[El Camino Real Design Guidelines](#)

[El Camino Real Master Plan Study \(2007\)](#)

In the past year, I have familiarized myself with significant parts of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Code, particularly about Planned Community (PC) zones. I also have limited familiarity with the city charter.

[Area Plans such as the South of Forest Avenue \(SOFA\) I \(2000\) and II \(2003\) Plans](#)
[Baylands Master Plan \(2008\)](#)

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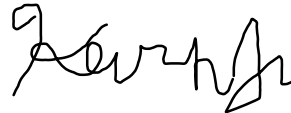
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Personal Information

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City	Palo Alto
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Postal Code	94306
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Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes
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Fair Political Practices	No
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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Substitute Teacher

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

Graduate/BA Degree in Public Relations, San Jose State, 1980, California CLAD Clear Teaching Credential 2005, PAUSD Substitute Teacher of the Year Award, three-times. Worked in both federal governmental agency (NASA-Ames Research Center – 5 years), private industry (Rudolph & Sletten, 10years; Hewlett-Packard, 1-year) and now teaching (20+ years). Was the Chief Editor and Writer of several government and industrial publications, including the "Brown Paper Wrapper" and the "R&S News". Won two IABC Bay Area Silver Awards for excellence in writing and editing in 1994. Since 2002, my experience in teaching spans every grade level, from kindergarten to high school as well as functioning as the school librarian (2022-2023) and P.E. instructor for several semesters.

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Since 1995, I have served on the Board of our homeowners association, Palo Alto Central, located in the Mayfield neighborhood. I have served as a Board Member, President (for ten years) and currently now Vice President. I was also appointed by the Council to serve as a volunteer member on the NVCAP (North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan) Working Group from 2018 to 2021, attending and participating in over 14 separate meetings. In addition, I'm an City-trained Emergency Services volunteer (CERT) to assist in our community in the event of a major earthquake, natural disasters (including floods, etc.) or even a man-made event (chemical spill or terrorist situation). I have both CPR and heart defibrillator training. As a CERT, I have participated in several community-wide events, including the May Fete Parade, and St. Thomas Aquinas Easter Walk.

Application Questions

1. For which vacancy are you applying (check all that apply)?

Partial term, Expiring 3/31/2026

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

As a long time resident and home owner (30+ years), I've had the great privilege to learn and appreciate the elements that make up the community of Palo Alto today. Whether it is the City's fabulous parks and the variety within them, its inclusive community events (May Fete Parade, 3rd Thursdays, Summer Twilight Music Series, etc.), or its unique residential neighborhoods, Palo Alto is a special place that I have come to love and enjoy every day. I believe my experience as a Board member, knowledge gained through the NVCAP Working Group, and my skills and abilities as a PAUSD educator for 20 years, I believe I have the right combination to serve on the Planning and Transportation Commission.

3. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it. If you have never been to a Commission meeting, you can view archived videos from the

Over the past 30 years, I have both observed and participated in numerous PTC and City Council meetings. I have had a wide variety of interests in several issues that have come before the PTC over the years including the President Hotel, 429 University, Castilleja Expansion, the

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current Housing Element, and one of my special interests, the NVCAP area, which is in my neighborhood and the destruction of part of California's history, the Thomas Foon Chew Cannery Building (otherwise known as 340 Portage Avenue). Although I agree with some of the City's goals of obtaining affordable housing land, which is needed in our City, I do not agree and fought against (at the HRB, PTC, City Council) the destruction of one of the most important and significant historic structures still remaining, intact, in our City. It's remains a major loss to our entire community and it's unfortunate that there were close-door negotiations with the developer that allowed for no real public input or discussion.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

My goals would be the following:

1) Having an increased community outreach and discussion program with residents directly about what they want their City to be in 20-30 years. The Town Halls, held by the City over the past two-three years are a good start, but it is too slow in being organized. There should be a dedicated City team that goes into the neighborhoods and asks them -- not telling them -- what their issues are. I suggest the City work with well-established organizations or neighborhood associations, like PAN. I see little or no support of these organizations from the City.

2) Residential concerns and issues should be the PTC's primary focus, not developer-led ones. We need to ensure that residential voices are heard and appreciated.

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The single document that have some knowledge of is the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, which I have reviewed on several occasions.

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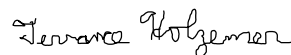
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Personal Information

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Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
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City	Palo Alto
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Postal Code	94303
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Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
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Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes
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Fair Political Practices	No
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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Technical Educator

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

My role at my job has been in the training delivery and curriculum development at companies such as Google (close to 14 years), LinkedIn, Tiktok. I create and deliver training (live and eLearning) + certification programs.
I have certificate in Cybersecurity.

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

I have been volunteering with coaching a referring soccer and baseball in Palo Alto.
I help with organizing my local neighbourhood's block party each year.

Application Questions

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Full term, Expiring 3/31/2029

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

Since my work has been very close to my residence in Palo Alto, I normally rode my bike. I bring many years of commuting by bike, walk and public transit.
I love riding my bike and bike for errands and pleasure in Palo Alto.

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Micromobility. I have generally traveled to work using either my bike, walk, carpool or public transit while living in Palo Alto. I was surprised when someone recognized me as the bike guy. I would like to research more into bring car alternatives to the city

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

Consideration of both transportation other than cars for new residential builds

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none

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Yes

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Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
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City	Palo Alto
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Postal Code	94301
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Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes
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Fair Political Practices	No
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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Attorney

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

Western Illinois University, BA 1976, Major: Economics
UCLA, JD 1980
Member of the State Bar of California

I have been a corporate attorney in private practice since 1980, focusing on corporate advice and governance matters, public offerings and private financings, merger and acquisitions and related corporate transactions. My practice has primarily involved companies in the technology industries, ranging from start-ups to Global Fortune 500 corporations.

I am currently a Senior Counsel at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, an AmLaw 100 law firm. I was previously a partner with the firm, and served as the Managing Partner of the Palo Alto office for 13 years, as well as Co-Chair of the firmwide Venture Capital and Emerging Business Group and firmwide Deputy Leader of the firmwide Corporate Practice Group. I previously practiced in San Francisco and, for four years, in London.

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

I have previously served on the Boards of several non-profit organizations, including: (i) Director (2003 - 2018) and Chair (2016 - 2017) of the Silicon Valley Campaign for Legal Services; and (ii) Director (2008 - 2015) and Chair (2014) of Computers for Everyone.

In addition, I regularly serve as outside, pro bono counsel to non-profit organizations, including: (i) assisted in the formation and represented Community Housing Partnership for many years, an organization that builds and operates permanent housing for formerly homeless residents; (ii) currently serve as outside counsel to the Riekes Center, a Menlo Park community center, and as U.S. counsel to GOAL, an NGO providing relief to refugees globally.

I currently serve on the Board of the Outreach Committee of the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, and I volunteer with Second Harvest.

I have also been active in monitoring and providing input to the City Council regarding the Palo Alto at-grade crossing design efforts.

Application Questions

1. For which vacancy are you applying (check all that apply)?

Partial term, Expiring 3/31/2026

Full term, Expiring 3/31/2029

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

I have a lifelong interest in transportation and urban planning, stretching back to my economics studies in college. I believe that zoning and transportation planning can have an enormous impact on communities

and individual well-being. I have lived in Palo Alto since 1992 and I have benefited greatly from the quality of life available here. While the City does an excellent job of long-term planning, many goals remain unfulfilled. I would be honored to contribute to the process of implementing our community's goals.

While I do not have an urban planning background, I believe I have a skill set that would be useful for service on the PTC. I have spent 44 years assisting clients in the development and implementation of complex corporate plans. I have extensive experience in developing and negotiating solutions in complex, highly-charged commercial settings. I am detail-oriented and willing to put in the time necessary to understand problems and collaboratively find solutions.

3. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it. If you have never been to a Commission meeting, you can view archived videos from the Midpen Media Center.

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I noted with interest the discussion in the December 2024 meeting regarding the HIP and AHIP proposals. I am particularly interested in the efforts to develop additional housing units in Palo Alto. While the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan, the El Camino Real Master Plan Study, the South of Forest Avenue 2003 Plan, and other planning efforts have emphasized the need to develop additional housing, particularly some more affordable housing, the implementation of these plans is incomplete. The HIP and AHIP are significant steps towards implementing these plans. While there are many challenges outside the control of the City, I believe it is essential that we continue to do all we can to advance the housing goals that have been adopted in the City's various planning documents.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

Palo Alto has committed countless hours towards producing detailed, thoughtful development and transportation plans. I believe that our citizens, elected officials and City staff are committed to making significant progress in implementing these plans over the next few years. The PTC is a crucial part of this process. I believe my experience in seeking compromise and crafting solutions to complex problems, and assisting diverse constituents in reaching agreement and moving forward collaboratively, can be useful as the PTC works to fulfill its mission and achieve the stated goals of the City in its adopted plans.

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I have been involved in the discussions regarding the Palo Alto At-Grade Crossings and proposed infrastructure construction alternatives. In that process, I have had the opportunity to review the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and parts of some of the other documents listed.

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please upload below.

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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: Thomas W. Kellerman



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City	Palo Alto
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Postal Code	94306
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Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
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Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes
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Fair Political Practices	No
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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Semi-retired

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

Education
MSEE, San Jose State University, 1989
BSEE, San Jose State University, 1984
Associate in Arts, Art History, Mission College, 2022
Experience
Vice-President(Part time), CFC INC, 2015-present- Investment management
Director of Engineering, MACOM, 2010-2015 - Microwave & Wireless circuit design
R&D Manager, BROADCOM, 2001-2010- Microwave & Wireless circuit design
Designer, AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES 2001-2005- Project management & IC design
Designer, HEWLETT-PACKARD 1991-2001- Project management & IC design
Test Engineer, AVANTEK, 1984-1991- model extraction, write test code
PATENTS
9013237, 8829997, 8301091, 7239020, 7232708,6211729, 6118338
PUBLICATIONS
Over 40 peer reviewed publications in IEEE MMIC, RFIC, and Microwave Journal

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

none

Application Questions

1. For which vacancy are you applying (check all that apply)?

Partial term, Expiring 3/31/2026

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

I am paralyzed waist down from a family farm accident (burst L3) in 2019. I typically use a wheelchair but can manage a few steps with crutches. While I am sure Palo Alto is very ADA compliant, I feel I can bring a unique and inclusive perspective to the commission from a handicap perspective. Sometimes even simple changes to plans and access can make huge differences to the disabled. Many times these are things that those who have never experienced disabled challenges would never think of. That being said I have always been a practical and hands-on person. I never asked my engineers or staff to do something I had not tried myself, even badly. I use to love the HP "management by walking around" mentality. A good organization is a family and work together, not apart.

3. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe

A good example would be the 12/11/24 review of 4075 El Camino Way Applicant's Request for an Amendment to a Planned Community Zone

why you are interested in it. If you have never been to a Commission meeting, you can view archived videos from the Midpen Media Center.

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District (PC-5116) to Allow for Modifications to an Existing 121-Unit Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility. Many people in assisted living have the same challenges as myself. Developers want to maximize space and profit and may make access and usage secondary. The commission may not even notice the reality of the changes to the disabled, even if ADA compliant. Having a practical engineer well versed in construction and materials combined with first hand knowledge of disabled transportation and access is very important.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

I would simply want to add a balanced and inclusive perspective of disabled needs and wants to the commission. This can be simple changes to plans to accommodate stair placement, ramps, rails, clearances, lighting, slopes, and visibility. Many things can be done in early stages to make life easier for the disabled for little to no additional cost if planned appropriately. I am practical and educated so I feel my inputs could be well valued.

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I am well versed in the Zoning Code as I have drawn, submitted and received approval for plans of my present home in Palo Alto. I have gone through the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan, City Charter, and California Environmental Quality Act (my wife is a registered professional environmental engineer). I have only browsed the El Camino Real Design Guidelines and Master Plan Study.

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please upload below.

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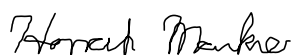
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Signature

Name of signatory: Henrik Morkner



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Personal Information

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Fair Political Practices	No
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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Former Sr. Photo Editor, National Geographic

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

After attending the University of Missouri, School of Journalism, I worked in publishing for more than three decades at National Geographic magazine, Fortune and Businessweek. I worked as a draftsman in my father's architectural firm and in construction while in college. My interest in urban planning spans from the competing visions of Frank Lloyd Wright and Corbusier a century ago to modern concepts of walkable, people-centered places advocated by San Francisco architect and urban planner Peter Calthorpe (who grew up in Palo Alto). He is a founding member of the Congress of New Urbanism and was central to a National Geographic magazine cover story on designing Cities of the Future that I worked on.

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During my 26 years at National Geographic I volunteered to teach at photo camps for underserved communities in Chad, The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Little Havana in Miami, and Philadelphia.

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Partial term, Expiring 3/31/2026

Full term, Expiring 3/31/2029

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

I have always been interested in urban planning and architecture. Growing up, I watched as my architect father found novel ways to blend his craft and his social concerns to design, build, and fund affordable housing for the Chickasaw Nation and the elderly community in Oklahoma where we lived. I would like to apply those same sensibilities and blend my own interest in urban planning and architecture with my perspective and skills as a journalist to help shape and improve my community.

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Watching the PTC balance community interests of livability and developer's interest of profitability is fascinating. Affordable housing seems to be the principal currency in this negotiation along with the impact of design details like setbacks, parking and garbage collection on the neighborhood. One project gave priority for affordable housing units to teachers but at a cost few teachers could afford. It appeared to solve a problem in principle but not in practice and at a cost to the city from waived development fees. Another development behind Town & Country showed how complex and competing interests can result in an overbuilt project that is less than desirable to almost everyone even though it adds more needed housing. The project I found most encouraging was an apartment complex on San Antonio. Everyone on the Commission found something to admire about this project, and so did I, showing that principle-driven design can serve both the community and property developers.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

I would like to explore whether a framework can be developed to estimate the value of the exceptions that developers are asking for to ensure they are in balance with the costs of those exceptions to the city and the value they return. Detailed digital mapping is being used in creative ways including urban development planning. I want to learn more about what is available and whether there are mapping solutions that could enhance the PTCs ability forecast how individual decisions could collectively influence livability over time, for example by altering the tree canopy and green space. I also want to better understand how other cities are resolving similar challenges like downtown infill development. For instance, San Luis Obispo seems to have balanced a slow-growth and historical preservation mindset with modern construction in a harmonious way.

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[Baylands Master Plan \(2008\)](#)

I have no experience working with these documents

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Name of signatory: Todd James



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Planning & Transportation Commission Application

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Personal Information

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Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes
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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Student in urban planning at San Francisco State University

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

I am currently a student at San Francisco State University studying urban planning and policy. I also have ties with Palo Alto and have been involved in the Rinconada community garden.

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

I worked under the garden liaison in the Rincon community garden. I also volunteered at the Palo Alto children's theater.

Application Questions

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Full term, Expiring 3/31/2029

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

At 23 years old, I bring a fresh perspective, a strong passion for urban planning, and a commitment to shaping equitable and sustainable communities. As a USP major at San Francisco State University, I've immersed myself in studying land use and transportation, exploring critical issues like gentrification and the relationship between autonomous vehicles and traffic. My academic pursuits are complemented by hands-on experience, such as volunteering at the Rinconada Community Garden and contributing to community efforts at BORP, where I developed a deep appreciation for the connection between public spaces and quality of life. I have grown up in Palo Alto my whole life and have seen the many changes it has been through.

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One issue that I have recently posted about to my Nextdoor was the discussions about expanding protected bike lanes on el Camino for cyclists. The repaving of El Camino Real includes the addition of a bike lane, which has resulted in narrower traffic lanes in the southbound section. This caused quite the debate on my post. I Although I do drive down El Camino almost daily I believe this development is making the sidewalks safer and reducing car dependency.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

One goal for myself would be to create more community outreach to the older generations through apps like Nextdoor and through places where meme we of our community gather like libraries and churches. Getting everyone's input would help myself advocate for the public. I would make it my own personal goal to help to preserve the character of Palo Alto while addressing its modern challenges.

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I have some familiarity with the El Camino Real Design guidelines.

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[Declan King_Resume 2024.pdf](#)

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Yes

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Signature

Name of signatory: Declan King

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01/04/2025

Planning & Transportation Commission Application

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Personal Information

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Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes
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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Chair of the Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

EDUCATION

- SungShin Women's University School of Social Science, Psychology B.S
- Eastern Gateway Community College, Paralegal Study - Ethics, Legal Writing, Tort, Family, Estate, Real Estate, Contract

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Legal Courses- Affordable Housing, Alternate Dispute Resolution Conference and Special Education Advocate Training I,II,III with COPAA
- Real Estate Planing Process and Redevelopment Training with NJ Redevelopment Authority

- Real Estate Commercial Investment Courses with CCIM

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- NJ Licensed Real Estate Associate for 19 years- Relo REDAC,Inc, Coldwell Banker Commercial
- Special Education and Disability Advocate
- Principal for Residential Real Estate Project and Property Manager
- In Flight Supervisor, Asiana Airlines

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2022- Current: Chairperson, Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
- 2017- 2022 : Parent Education and Support Lead, Palo Alto Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
- 2022- Current: PAUSD Parent Representative, Santa Clara SELPA Community Advisory Committee
- 2021-2022: Assistant Executive Vice President, Palo Alto Council of PTAs
- 2019-2021: Parliamentarian, Palo Alto Council of PTAs
- 2018-2022: Treasurer, Board of Directors, Palo Alto High School Robotics Boosters
- Enews Editor, JLS Middle PTA and Greene Middle PTA
- English for Second Language Volunteer Tutor for Adults

Application Questions

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Partial term, Expiring 3/31/2026

Full term, Expiring 3/31/2029

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

I am passionate about serving on the PTC to support Palo Alto in achieving the vision outlined in its Comprehensive Plan. The Plan's focus on guiding preservation, sustainable growth, and community values resonates deeply with my commitment to fostering balanced development and inclusivity. I bring over 19 years of experience as a licensed real estate associate, with expertise in zoning, redevelopment, and project management. I also bring leadership experience as Chair of the Palo Alto CAC for Special Education, where I successfully

collaborated with diverse stakeholders to address community needs. My background in legal studies and advanced real estate training equips me to evaluate policies and development projects through a lens of compliance and long-term community impact. I am eager to contribute to creating a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable future for Palo Alto.

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One issue of particular interest to me is The Academy project at 3265 El Camino Real, which proposes 100% affordable housing for educators and classified staff in Palo Alto. This project addresses a pressing challenge: the high cost of living forcing 87% of our teachers to reside outside the city. As an advocate for equitable community development, I see this project as a vital step toward strengthening our schools, reducing greenhouse gas emissions through transit-oriented design, and aligning with the city's Comprehensive Plan. It represents a commitment to retaining quality educators and fostering a sustainable, inclusive community.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

If appointed, I would focus on advancing sustainable and equitable development, particularly through implementing the Comprehensive Plan's priorities. Key goals include expanding affordable housing, supporting transit-oriented development, and enhancing pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure. I would also prioritize community engagement, ensuring diverse voices are reflected in decisions, and promoting racial and social equity through planning policies.

With experience in real estate, redevelopment, and zoning processes, I bring a practical understanding of land use and housing challenges. My leadership roles, such as Chair of the Palo Alto CAC and involvement in PTA organizations, demonstrate my ability to collaborate with stakeholders and advocate for community-focused solutions. By leveraging my skills and knowledge, I aim to help the Commission craft policies that balance growth, environmental sustainability, and community needs.

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I had my experience with Zoning Code. For my current residence in Palo Alto, I worked on zoning and permit applications to convert an attached garage into a master bedroom suite. This involved collaborating with contractors, submitting required documents, and adhering to city zoning ordinances. I reviewed and completed building permit applications, including construction specifications and contractor licensing requirements, ensuring compliance with city and state regulations. This hands-on experience provided me with practical knowledge of Palo Alto's zoning processes and development standards.

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[Rika Yamamoto Spring 2024 .pdf](#)

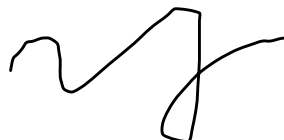
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Signature

Name of signatory: Rika Yamamoto



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Planning & Transportation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Michael Regula
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Personal and Job Experience

Occupation

Techno Commercial Manager

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I am current a Techno Commercial Manager in the Energy Systems group at Birla Carbon, a company based in Marietta, GA. Working remotely, I am a subject material expert in designing materials that power lithium-ion batteries. Interfacing with prospective customers is also a major components of my role, which includes attending industry trade shows and conferences to learn about the materials needs for battery manufacturers. Many of the battery manufacturers with whom I interact have ambitions to manufacturer batteries for use in electric vehicles, giving me a valuable perspective on the benefits and drawbacks of this technology as we plan our city for the future. I earned my PhD in chemical engineering from Penn State University in 2018, wherein my doctoral dissertation explored new materials for lithium-sulfur batteries.

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

For over a decade now, I have found myself drawn to sports as a way to bring people together. In my year since moving to Palo Alto, I have been active in the Silicon Valley Disc Golf Club (SVDGC). I ran a 9-week league during the summer of 2024 in which over 100 people from the greater San Jose came out for friendly competition. The league and my continued involvement in the club have been an excellent way to make this area feel like home. As a graduate student at Penn State, I founded Philanthropic Fantasy Sports (PFS), an organization that uses fantasy sports to raise money for causes that are promoting the welfare of others. I continue to serve as an advisor for an organization that has raised and donated over \$50,000 since 2015. These experiences have been helpful in seeing the tremendous benefits that finding a common bond can have on people. I look forward to learning about and perhaps even founding organizations that do likewise in Palo Alto.

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Full term, Expiring 3/31/2029

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Planning & Transportation Commission and what experience would you bring to the position?

Since I was a junior in high school, my career objectives have been to have an impact on making our transportation systems both economically and environmentally sustainable for all. Local government and specifically the Planning & Transportation Commission make decisions that can enable our community to thrive for generations. My voices as a battery engineer, as a newer resident to the community, as a renter in the community, and as a person in their mid-30s all give me a perspective that would be valuable for the commission and city council. I hope that my voice and the voices of those that end up serving on the commission can allow Palo Alto to achieve and go beyond the goals set forth in the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan. Affordable housing and equitable transportation are two of the biggest challenges facing our community. Having the opportunity to directly have an impact on

addressing those challenges would be an honor.

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In the October 30, 2024 PTC meeting, the commission had a study session regarding the conducting a feasibility study on the implementation of a micromobility program in Palo Alto. All programs that increase the efficiency of our transportation systems should be explored. There are several details that must be addressed, however, to ensure successful adoption within the community. One common gripe with micromobility devices, like electric scooters, are that they often become littered on the city's sidewalks with seemingly no penalties to any parties. There was an interesting discussion about being able to use the provisions in the state's new daylighting law to potentially solve this issue. The success of a potential micromobility program is directly related to other decisions made by the PTC, including successful implementation of the city's Housing Element.

4. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Planning and Transportation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

In 2022, the City of Palo Alto adopted an ambitious goal to reduce carbon emissions by 80% from 1990 levels. At that time, transportation accounted for more than 60% of Palo Alto's emissions. This on-going issue not only has to do with the powertrain by which the majority of our transportation is still powered (i.e. gasoline powered combustion engines), but also with the way the city is currently designed that still largely demands private motor vehicles to live. Palo Alto is the best city I have lived in because it does give people a fighting chance to walk, bike, and take public transit to important places. Palo Alto has many economic, environmental, and political advantages that offer clear opportunities to accelerate our reduction in transportation-related emissions. In addition to our emissions goals, I would like for Palo Alto to resolve to strive zero traffic-related deaths year over year, which has been accomplished in other cities in the United States.

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My experience with these documents is very-high level in nature. I am aware that they are guiding the decisions made about housing, transportation, and several other topics within Palo Alto. I am excited to learn more about their applicability to the specific projects that come through the PTC.

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[20250114_Regula_Michael_Resume.pdf](#)

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Name of signatory: Michael Regula



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