



TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT
April 5, 2017

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk *MG*
SUBJECT: Interview and appointment of applicant to the Parks and Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATION

Interview applicant Chris Borjian and appoint him to the Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission ("PARC"), to fill the unexpired term to 4/30/19.

DISCUSSION

There are currently two vacancies on PARC. Chris Borjian, a Fairfax resident, has attended at least one PARC meeting, and the commission is supportive of his application.

ATTACHMENT

Application of Chris Borjian



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TOWN OF FAIRFAX

TO: Mayor and Fairfax Town Council

Date: 2/6/17

Please consider this as an application for appointment to:

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
- Climate Action Committee
- General Plan Implementation Committee
- Measure J Oversight Committee
- Open Space Committee
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Tree Committee
- Volunteer Board
- Youth Commission
- Marin Commission on Aging Representative

(Your completed application will become a public record upon submittal to the Town)

Name: Chris Borjian

Address: _____

Telephone: (Office) _____ Home/Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Years in Fairfax: 4

Education BA w/ Honors in Environmental Studies from UC Santa Cruz

Marin Master Gardener – Class of 2010 – Currently Inactive Member

Please list the names of professional societies, clubs, and other organizations to which you belong.

American Water Works Association, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, Bay Area Discovery Museum, California Academy of Sciences.

Briefly describe your employment background.

I have been a public employee since 2010, first as a water conservation technician with the North Marin Water District (NWMD) and currently with the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) as an Engineering Technician in the Development Services section. Before transitioning into an Engineering Technician, I worked as a Water Distribution System Operator at MMWD for two years.

While in College I interned as a Garden Educator at the Life Lab Garden Classroom on the UCSC campus. I lead school groups ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade on field trips through the garden classroom and on the CASFS farm. This interactive, experiential learning provided students with hands on connections to the natural world while teaching them the fundamentals of ecology, natural cycles, food systems and environmental stewardship.

In addition to my internship at the Life Lab, I also worked as a writing tutor for two years, primarily with Equal Opportunity Program students.

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax?

I envision Fairfax continuing to be an inclusive, environmentally conscious community that embraces cultural diversity and encourages the active, outdoor lifestyle that is enjoyed and highly valued by so many of my fellow citizens.

Further, I believe Fairfax will continue to be a town that exudes a strong sense of community support for its members and places a high value on music, the arts, environmental stewardship and, in general, having a good time!

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest.

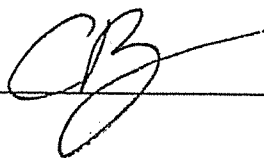
I cannot think of any conflicts of interest that could arise if I am fortunate enough to be appointed a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Briefly explain your interest in serving on this Board, Commission, or Committee.

My family and I have enjoyed and participated in many of the events and resources provided by the Town and in particular the Parks and Recreation Commission. From the Fairfax Festival to the Halloween Parade and Easter Egg Hunt, we always look forward to these fun events that make Fairfax such a special and unique community to be a part of. Because of how important these events and experiences are to both myself, my family and the Town's identity, I want to give back and become more involved to ensure they continue to exist and are improved upon for years to come. As a relatively new father, I have a fresh energy and desire to ensure the resources, community involvement and artistic opportunities are there for my son and expand upon the programs already in place to benefit all Fairfax citizens and the West Marin community as a whole.

Particular projects/events I am interested in working on as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission are improving the Fairfax Brewfest and creating more outdoor recreation opportunities for all members of the community, with a special emphasis on children and young adults. In short, I want to become more involved and give back to the town and community I love!

Signature _____



Please return this completed, signed form to:

Town Clerk, Town of Fairfax, 142 Bolinas Road, Fairfax, CA 94930

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