

TOWN OF FAIRFAX
STAFF REPORT
August 2, 2017

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk *GT*
SUBJECT: Interview and appointment of applicant to the Open Space Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct interview with applicant Chris Borjian and appoint him to a full 4-year term.

DISCUSSION

There is currently one vacancy on FOSC, and one applicant, Chris Borjian. Chris has attended a FOSC meeting, and the committee is supportive of his appointment.

The Council appointed Chris to the Fairfax Parks and Recreation Commission earlier this year. He would like to serve on FOSC in addition to PARC.

ATTACHMENT

Application

SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA ITEM # 2



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TO: Mayor and Fairfax Town Council

Date: 6/25/17

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: 4 _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Years in Fairfax: 4.5

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 encourages engaging with the natural world and supports 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 environmental stewardship and maintaining public access to open spaces and natural areas.

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest.

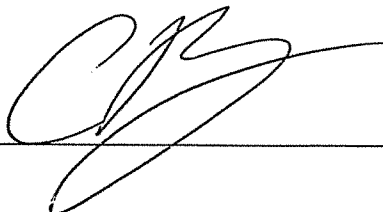
I cannot think of any conflicts of interest that could arise if I am fortunate enough to be appointed a member of the Open Space Committee.

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

The my main interest I have in serving on the Open Space Committee is to advocate for open space and ensure that the open spaces in and around Fairfax are protected for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations. I also want to work to engage the community to support the acquisition of additional open spaces in order to ensure successful stewardship of those lands. In particular, I am interested in working on increasing the ability of the Open Space Committee and Town to raise funds for the purchase of additional open space lands. I have experience putting together fundraiser events and would like to offer my time and energy to increase access to open space in Fairfax.

My family and I have enjoyed the abundance of open spaces provided by the Town and beyond. As a relatively new parent, I have a fresh energy and desire to get involved in ensuring these open spaces will not only exist in a sustainable manner for my children but will continue to grow and benefit all Fairfax citizens and the West Marin community as a whole.

Signature _____



Please return this completed, signed form to:

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

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