



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT

August 4, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Interview two applicants and consider appointment to the Marin County Commission on Aging

RECOMMENDATION

1. Interview applicants Zev Rattet and Josaphine Buennagel.
2. Consider and appoint one applicant to the Marin County Commission on Aging, for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2024.

DISCUSSION

There is currently a vacancy for the Fairfax representative to the Marin County Commission on Aging, due to the expiration of Jody Timms' term on June 30, 2021. There are two applicants for the position, Fairfax residents Josaphine Buennagel and Zev Rattet. Staff recommends that the Council interview each applicant, take public comment, and then consider and make an appointment.

The Marin County Commission on Aging is a federally mandated advisory council. The mission of the 23-member commission is to promote the dignity, independence, and quality of life of older persons through advocacy, information, programs, and services. It serves in an advisory capacity to the Marin County Board of Supervisors and works closely with the County's Office of Aging and Adult Services on behalf of Marin's older adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers.

Commissioners are appointed to three-year terms by either the Board of Supervisors or the 11 incorporated towns and cities in Marin, with two additional members being elected to serve in the California Senior Legislature. Eligibility is open to local residents 18 years and over.

ATTACHMENTS

Applications (redacted)

Friday, June 18, 2021

Boards and Commissions Application

Date

06/18/2021

Please select the board/committee/commission to which you are applying:

- Marin Commission on Aging Representative

Name

Josaphine Buennagel

Address

[REDACTED]
Fairfax, California 94930
United States
[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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

Desire to serve the Marin senior community as a listener and an advocate.
Offer my skills and experience as facilitator and organized and dependable leader and team member.
My professional experience includes over 15 years as a successful facilitator, presenter, and advocate. In addition, finding opportunities for people to work together for the benefit of all parties is a strength of mine.

Please describe your relevant work/life experience or background for the board/commission you are applying for:

Three years as Co-President of an Employee Leadership Group (ERG) (at my place of work) that serves, supports and advocates for employees in the later stages of their careers; also within this ERG, I co-lead a Caregivers Support Group that serves employees who care for elderly adults.

Trained hospice volunteer - All training completed Dec 2019; volunteer activities paused due to pandemic.

Certified Patient Advocate (BCPA) for 3 years - I have a particular interest in how I may support critical conversations between seniors and their family (or seniors and their medical providers) to ensure their wishes and desires are conveyed and honored.

Professional with over 15 years of experience. Consistently demonstrate both leadership and dependability as a team member. Excel at relationship building, planning and execution on initiatives.

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax?

A place where people are known and those in need are cared for.
Well-being for those of all ages, demographics and economic strata is sought.
That those who live here are represented by those in positions of leadership.

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest.

N/A

Electronic Signature

- By printing your name below and checking this box you agree that represents your electronic signature on the application.

Please type your full name here.

Josaphine Buennagel

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Boards and Commissions Application

Date

06/17/2021

Please select the board/committee/commission to which you are applying:

- Marin Commission on Aging Representative

Name

Zev Rattet

Address

[REDACTED]
Fairfax, California 94930
United States
[REDACTED]

Phone

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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

I retired at the end of 2018 and have been watching for opportunities to contribute to my community. I have previously served a 4 year term on the RVSD Board of Trustees from 1999-2003 and more recently served on the Marin County Airport Commission which was disbanded last year.

I have lived in Marin since 1976 and in Fairfax since 1982. My wife is the French teacher at Redwood High School. My son, who is 32, went to school here from K-12.

I think that Fairfax is by far the best town in Marin and I expect to spend the rest of my life here. Being retired gives me the time to participate fully.

Please describe your relevant work/life experience or background for the board/commission you are applying for:

I retired as a self-employed software engineer. Prior to that I had been the president of a computer software company and a vice-president of finance and administration for a hardware company. I have a fair amount of management experience and understand the meaning of money and budgets.

While a trustee for RSVD I was the person charged with the responsibility of overseeing the new construction in the district. I served my last year on the board as its president. During that last year the board dealt several contentious issues including a charter school application.

I approach all issues with an open mind and believe the best decisions are reached through consensus. Everyone needs to have their say and have their concerns thoughtfully considered.

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax?

Fairfax is about as perfect a little town as I can imagine. I would like to see its uniqueness preserved to the extent possible. It is a town that welcomes people of all ages. Go into Iron Springs any Friday and Saturday (before the pandemic) and you would see our community, young and old, together and happy. I want us to keep being the kind of community that blends young and old.

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest.

None.

Electronic Signature

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Zev A Rattet