



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT

### October 6, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Interview applicant Mitch Greer and consider his appointment to the Climate Action Committee

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Interview applicant Mitch Greer and consider his appointment to the Climate Action Committee for a full 4-year term to October 30, 2025.

#### **DISCUSSION**

There are currently up to 4 vacancies on the Climate Action Committee (“CAC”). One application has been received (attached) from Fairfax resident Mitch Greer, who has attended at least one CAC meeting.

The CAC is comprised of at least seven and no more than thirteen members, who serve four-year terms. Members must be residents of the Town of Fairfax. The Committee was established to create and implement a Climate Action Plan, per the Conservation Element of the adopted 2010-2030 General Plan.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Application (redacted)

## Boards and Commissions Application

### Date

08/28/2021

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

- Climate Action Committee

### Name

Mitch Greer

### Address

[REDACTED]  
Fairfax, California 94930

### Phone

[REDACTED]

### Email

[REDACTED]

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

I was inspired by the first meeting I attended by the professionalism and dedication to the serious tasks of climate change, while still remaining positive and playful. It was not at all what I expected, the committee really matched what I think is most effective in our changing climate: hope and dedication to the urgent issues facing our planet.

I read the IPCC report this morning, and I feel, even more urgently, that we need to do everything we can to help our planet, and one of the best ways we can do that is through our local community. I've only been here for a couple of months, but I already feel like Fairfax is a home worth fighting for. I look at it as a microcosm of the human experience. If we can make better climate policy here. It could be done anywhere.

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

I've been a designer and developer for many years and recently completed my MFA in Design from California College of the Arts. I feel like I'm well prepared for many needs the board may have that I can lend my expertise to.

I'm currently the Executive Director of a non-profit for poetry, art and music, I've been building, and I have worked to build a small board. During this, I put together resources of education for board governance in addition to all aspects of the organization. I have a lot of free time since we've been waiting on getting our non-profit verification.

I also help organize through Climate Changemakers, a climate action org, through which I've been engaging in outreach to our representatives about federal climate policy.

### What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax?

So much. As far as I can dream, and as practical as I can be, at the same time. Honestly, in my dreams I would love to see Fairfax become a place that welcomes the most forward-thinking eco architects, (for the most radical example of this look up the "solarpunk" art movement) that could transform how we imagine the concept of the town.

At the most practical: less car use, and of what there would be, all-electric vehicles, more bike lanes, winding trails and integration of nature with the urban landscape, and 100% green energy. However simple or complex that could be.

### Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest.

None.

### Please enter the date of the meeting you attended:

Tue, Aug 17 2021

### 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.

Mitch Greer