



# **TOWN OF FAIRFAX**

## **SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT**

### **March 2, 2022**

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Interview applicant Nina Luttinger and consider her appointment to the Climate Action Committee

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Interview applicant Nina Luttinger and consider her appointment to the Climate Action Committee for a full 4-year term to March 2, 2026.

#### **DISCUSSION**

There are currently up to 5 vacancies on the Climate Action Committee (“CAC”). Two applications have been received. The attached application is from Fairfax resident Nina Luttinger, 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 the Climate Action Plan, per the Conservation Element of the adopted 2010-2030 General Plan.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Application (redacted)

New submission from Boards and Commissions Application

**Date**

02/02/2022

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

- Climate Action Committee

**Name**

nina luttinger

**Address**

[REDACTED]  
Fairfax, California 94930

**Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Email**

[REDACTED]

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

Recently I developed a proposal for creating a Water Conservation Program for the town of Fairfax in order to help it cope with the drought and diminishing potable drinking supplies. Although it did not move forward, through the process I became more interested in getting involved in local environmental issues. Climate change is the biggest pressing issue in the world today and it is impacting (and being impacted by) almost all other environmental issues. I would like to contribute towards building solutions in my local community. I am interested in working both on the mitigation side, to help drawdown our greenhouse gas emissions, and also on the resilience side, to help us learn to adapt to the continuing impacts of climate change (droughts, fires).

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

I have a Master's Degree in Environmental Policy and I am very committed to promoting sustainable living. I have worked for various nonprofits: the Sierra Club, Food Runners (a nonprofit that donates excess food from the food industry to the needy), and Fair Trade USA (a nonprofit that helps farmers across the world earn a sustainable living by certifying fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate, etc in the USA). In the private sector, I have worked for multiple sustainable food companies, including TCHO Chocolate (sustainable bean to bar chocolate maker I helped start) and Treasure8 (developing innovative foods from upcycled materials). Currently, I consult for startups in sustainable food and beverages and hemp CBD. I am very passionate about contributing to reducing our carbon footprint. I help companies develop new products, create marketing strategies, create content and messaging, do media work, etc. More about my past experiences can be found on my LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/nina-l-09316b15/>

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

I would love to help the town implement strategies to reduce its carbon footprint. It would be gratifying if I could help get the town to net zero! And also help build infrastructure / policies that help us enhance our climate resilience (eg better able to mitigate fire risk and to cope with droughts).

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

I do some consulting work (limited hours) for a local and recently launched water conservation company but I'm not sure that actually would constitute a conflict of interest.

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

jan 18, 2022

**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.**

nina luttinger