



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT

March 2, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Interview applicant Joseph Hewlings and consider his appointment to the Climate Action Committee

RECOMMENDATION

Interview applicant Joseph Hewlings and consider his 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 Joseph Hewlings, 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

02/15/2022

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

- Climate Action Committee

Name

Joseph Hewlings

Address

[REDACTED]
Fairfax, California 94930

Phone

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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

I have attended CAC meetings as a member of the public, sporadically, over the past three years. I am interested in joining to lend my professional experience in energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment. My wife and I are expecting a son in March, and I hope that in contributing to the Climate Action Committee I can help to maintain the beauty of Fairfax for his generation.

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

For a living, I work as a mechanical engineer designing energy and HVAC systems for buildings such as hospitals, offices, airports and laboratories. I believe I have a good understanding of climate change, energy systems and building energy efficiency that I can bring to the CAC.

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax?

A humane, healthy, sustainable and equitable place to live, close to nature and with a unique small-town atmosphere.

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest.

I work as a mechanical engineer in the San Francisco office of Arup, an international consulting firm of engineers, designers and consultants. Arup consults with organizations on issues of sustainability and energy efficiency. I am not aware of any work Arup is doing in or around Fairfax.

Please enter the date of the meeting you attended:

2/15/2022

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.

Joseph Ellis Hewlings