



# **TOWN OF FAIRFAX**

## **SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT**

### **October 6, 2022**

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Interview applicant Joe Franaszek and consider his appointment to the Open Space Committee

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Interview applicant Joe Franaszek and consider his appointment to the Fairfax Open Space Committee (“FOSC”) to fill a vacancy for a full four-year term.

#### **DISCUSSION**

There are currently two vacancies on FOOSC, and one application, from Fairfax resident Joe Franaszek, who has attended several FOOSC meetings. His application is attached.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Application (redacted)

## Boards and Commissions Application

### Date

08/31/2022

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

- Open Space Committee ("FOSC")

### Name

Joe Franaszek

### Address

[REDACTED]  
Fairfax, California 94930-1756  
United States

### Phone

[REDACTED]

### Email

[REDACTED]

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

My interest in serving on the FOSC is rooted in my frequent use of that open space, such as Sky Ranch or the Cascades, particularly during the recent pandemic. At least five or six times a week I hike, run or bike on local open space property. That frequent use has raised my interest in having a chance to protect, maintain, preserve, and if possible, expand this important Fairfax resource. The FOSC presents an chance to joining my neighbors to plan, to provide for and to preserve this valuable local resource.

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

I am a retired attorney. This may not seem particularly relevant to service on the FOSC, advising the town regarding long term planning, implementation and fund-raising for open space. However, many of my activities as an attorney working for the Chief Judge of the U.S. Courts of the Ninth Circuit required mastery of a wide range of administrative challenges in operating a public entity. For example, establishing and finding a Center to provide legal representation for death-sentenced indigent persons during appellate review. This also involved working with judges to implement the Federal Civil Justice Reform Act, instituting a set of programs to resolve significant delays in the resolution of federal civil litigation.

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

It is a truism that a town is defined not by its location, but rather by its people. In this sense, what happens to the sight-lines preserved as well as the recreation and beauty found in our open space may have minimal impact on the town's future. However, I believe that an the town maintaining an active program to plan for, preserve and make accessible open space will greatly enhance Fairfax as a unique place to live, work and enjoy this area we have come to love.

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

I have reviewed the 2021-22 California State of Economic Interests (Form 700) and do not have any holdings which would present a conflict of interest as a member of the FOSC (nor a conflict using any other standard for conflict of interest).

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

May 31, June 28, July 26 & August 23, 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.**

Joe Franaszek