



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT

### September 7, 2022

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Interview applicant Kelly Newman and consider her appointment to the Climate Action Committee

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Interview applicant Kelly Newman and consider her appointment to the Climate Action Committee for a full 4-year term to September 7, 2026.

#### **DISCUSSION**

There are currently up to 8 vacancies on the Climate Action Committee (“CAC”). One application has been received. The attached application is from Fairfax resident Kelly Newman, 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)

## Boards and Commissions Application

### Date

08/03/2022

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

- Climate Action Committee

### Name

Kelly Newman

### Address

[REDACTED]  
Fairfax, California 94930  
United States

### Phone

[REDACTED]

### Email

[REDACTED]

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

I have a passion for our natural world. Climate Issues affect people in so many ways, and in turn, people affect climate in so many ways.... and education is key to making our lives and the planet more sustainable. I have worked in environmental education for years and enjoy connecting people with science and preservation.

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

I have worked in science and education for decades. I did environmental education for the Marine Mammal Center, the Otter Project's MPA Watch, the Alameda County Resource Conservation District, Calif. State Parks, and The Marine Science Institute. I did research on ship noise at the Rosenthal School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, and killer whale research at the University of Alaska, SFSU, and UCSC. I was also a volunteer for Food and Water Watch, where we campaigned against Fracking and GMO foods. I did outreach and tabling for 350.Org in South Florida, promoting sustainable energy practices. I helped Greenpeace look for whales in proposed drill sites in the Arctic. More locally, I am a volunteer for the Marin Watershed District and worked with SF water and sewer on storm drain education/cleanups. I have taught and done marine research for most of my career, and have the perspective of someone who has lived in big cities and much spent time in the ocean wilderness. I have lived in climates ranging from Florida to Calif. to Alaska, and they are all getting hotter. I think I can help educate and motivate people.

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

I envision Fairfax to be a leader in sustainable living and climate preservation. It is a beautiful town with many jolly people. As long as we can keep it not too developed, affordable, and diverse, it can be a place where there is good water and air. We owe it to future generations to do what it

takes to enable us to have cool breezes, regular rain, robust forests, and clean and safe parks. This will take some change, but we can figure that out.

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

None

**\*For the Community Emergency Preparedness Committee, there are several categories of membership. Please check all categories of membership you would like to be considered for:**

- Community

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

June 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.**

Kelly A. Newman