



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### November 16, 2022

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Interview applicant Sheryl Shakeshaft and consider her appointment to the Climate Action Committee

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Interview applicant Sheryl Shakeshaft and consider her appointment to the Climate Action Committee for a 2-year term to November 16, 2024.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Climate Action Committee (“CAC”) was established to create and implement the Climate Action Plan, per the Conservation Element of the adopted 2010-2030 General Plan. The membership of the CAC was recently amended to number at least five and no more than seven members, with terms of new members set at two years. The Committee has only two members at present, leaving them unable to meet for lack of a quorum.

There are currently 3 to 5 vacancies on the CAC. Two applications have been received. The attached application is from Fairfax resident Sheryl Shakeshaft. Sheryl was not able to attend a meeting, as there was none due to lack of a quorum.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Application (redacted)

**Subject:** New submission from Boards and Commissions Application

**Date**

11/01/2022

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

- Climate Action Committee

**Name**

Sheryl Shakeshaft

**Address**

[REDACTED]  
Fairfax, California 94930

**Phone**

[REDACTED]

**Email**

[REDACTED]

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

The climate crisis is my number one political priority. As a grandparent, I want to work at curbing the extent to which climate change alters the world we are leaving for them. For the past few years, I have been working to make a difference on a national scale. While still committed to that, I am interested in working on more local projects where I might make more of a difference.

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

I have always worked in education, both in administration, and for my last 20 years, as an 8th grade math teacher at Davidson Middle School. Upon retirement, I wanted to devote some of my time to the climate crisis. I joined the Marin chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby and began my involvement by tabling at events and joining a lobbying event in Washington DC to support the carbon fee and dividend bill. Since then, I have worked with the Business Climate Leaders offshoot. I helped to recruit about 100 wineries in Napa and Sonoma counties to support HR 2307. Over the past year, I've helped to sign on local businesses, including Mike's Bikes, Marin Sanitary, Marin Bicycle Coalition, the North Bay Leadership Council and Recology.

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

I am impressed with the commitment that Fairfax has made to help mitigate climate change here and now, and to serve as an example for other communities.

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

None.

**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.**

Sheryl Shakeshaft