

# TOWN OF FAIRFAX SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT February 1, 2023

TO: Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Interview applicant Josh Weinik and consider his appointment to the Open Space

Committee

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Interview applicant Josh Weinik 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 FOSC, and one application, from Fairfax resident Josh Weinik, who has attended several FOSC meetings. His application is attached.

# **ATTACHMENT**

Application (redacted)

## **Boards and Commissions Application**

#### Date

12/07/2022

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

• Open Space Committee ("FOSC")

#### Name

Josh Weinik

#### **Address**

Fairfax, California 94930

#### Phone

# **Email**

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

I am interested in supporting the efforts of the FOSC to preserve and protect open space in Fairfax for wildlife and future generations.

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

I have professional work experience in land conservation and natural resource management. I held the position of Stewardship Associate Biologist at the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, where I coordinated community research projects, land stewardship and habitat restoration projects, biological monitoring, community outreach, and species recovery efforts. I currently work as a Biologist (specializing in plant ecology) for Valley Water, a water utility agency in Santa Clara County. In this position, I perform vegetation monitoring, manage habitat restoration projects, survey for the presence/absence of special-status plant and animal species, and review or develop scientific documents to support environmental permit applications.

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

My vision for the Town of Fairfax is to protect the remaining open spaces to maintain open ridgelines, improve habitat for wildlife, and create recreational open space for residents and visitors.

# Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest.

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest.

# Please enter the date of the meeting you attended:

12/6/2022

## **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.

Josh Weinik