

City of Piedmont
ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR APPOINTIVE VACANCY
City Clerk's Office – 510-420-3040

Please indicate which position you are applying for.

Planning Commission

Name Nan Li

Address 110 York Dr. Piedmont CA 94611

Phone [REDACTED] **E-Mail Address** [REDACTED]

Education Computer Science and Math - University of Michigan

Occupation Venture Capital

Experience Related to this Appointment

I have extensive board experience through investing and consulting with fast-growing businesses. One particularly relevant experience is that I worked with the Mayor of Chicago to help plan out the city's renewable energy buildout. Through my professional exposure to the decision making of these companies, I've learned to make strategic decisions while balancing the interests of many different stakeholders. I believe that this skill is generalizable to the city planning department of Piedmont and I would love to contribute on this committee.

Why are you seeking this appointment?

My wife and I just moved to Piedmont and we have a 5 month old baby boy. We love the neighborhood and plan to grow our family here for many years to come. Joining the planning committee to help to give back to the community, play a role in building Piedmont towards a better future, and meeting more people in the city sounds like a fantastic opportunity.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

Large professional network in tech, finance, healthcare, education that would be relevant to city initiatives. Analytical skillset. Communication and team building experience.

Have you attended a meeting of this commission/committee? No
Watched on KCOM? No
Watched on Streaming Video? No

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Please indicate which position you are applying for.

Housing Advisory Committee
Planning Commission

Name Justin Osler

Address 88 Sandringham Road

Phone [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address [REDACTED]

Education BA Dickinson College; MBA Columbia University

Occupation Real Estate Development

Experience Related to this Appointment

Real Estate Development

Why are you seeking this appointment?

To be helpful

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

Detail oriented, focus on design, understanding of neighborhood context, well organized

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Name Joel Tornatore

Address 62 La Salle Ave

Phone [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address [REDACTED]

Education Masters in Computer Science, Bachelors in Computer Engineering

Occupation Software Engineer

Experience Related to this Appointment

I have remodeled two homes, one in Piedmont. I was the designer and owner-builder for both.

Why are you seeking this appointment?

I appreciate the planning commission's mission and would like to be a part of it. It is also a way to serve our community.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

None in particular, but I would like to preserve the character and style of the homes in our city. It is important to me that we balance sustainable growth with livability.

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Name Justin Zucker

Address 218 Linda Avenue

Phone [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address [REDACTED]

Education BS Philosophy & Environmental Studies Certificate - University of Wisconsin; Juris Doctorate & Masters Environmental Studies - Cleveland State University

Occupation Land Use Attorney

Experience Related to this Appointment

Land use attorney with extensive experience with planning and entitlement process; Formal training from Cleveland State University Levin College of Urban Affairs, Masters of Environmental Studies

Why are you seeking this appointment?

I am interested in making a positive impact to my community. We live in our community and local government is a way to contribute to helping make positive changes where the impact is the greatest.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

Having a background in the planning and entitlement processes as well as CEQA will allow me to efficiently and effectively issue spot to allow for informed decision making.

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Budget Advisory and Financial Planning Committee
Housing Advisory Committee
Planning Commission

Name Robert Dickinson

Address 16 Sotelo Ave

Phone [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address [REDACTED]

Education BA Molecular & Cell Biology, UC Berkeley

Occupation Consulting

Experience Related to this Appointment

I served two full terms (six years to 2020) on the Board of Trustees of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District (ACMAD). I gained significant experience in county government, leading subcommittees tasked with improving employee healthcare benefits, hiring an Executive Director, advising on financial/investment oversight, and improving community outreach efforts. I have also been a strong supporter of the Tyson Lake property owners association and have been active with numerous professional and charity boards outside of Piedmont including the California Life Sciences Association, UC Berkeley Reunion Committee, and the San Francisco Opera.

Why are you seeking this appointment?

As a 10+ year resident with three children in Piedmont public schools, I wish to serve Piedmont by bringing a unique perspective shaped by two decades of a successful career in business management and recent experiences in county government and community service. I have coached my daughter's PBSF softball team since Fall 2019 (currently coaching Spring 10U). I want to continue to work to help continuously improve the desirability of Piedmont for our families.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

During my tenure at ACMAD, I positively impacted the agency's financial/investment functions, including modernizing reporting and oversight (I can provide a letter of recommendation outlining this contribution upon request). I have also had extensive experience with planning and development issues, from starting a new franchise business in Pleasanton and investing in vacation rental real estate with my wife. Beyond that, I have extensive strategic, operational, and transformational abilities gained during past business and community experience: organizational leadership, talent-building, solutioning, program management, analytical skills, outreach/PR experience. Also, see <https://www.linkedin.com/in/robertdickinson>

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Budget Advisory and Financial Planning Committee
Civil Service Commission
Planning Commission
Public Safety Committee

Name Michael Reese

Address 1086 Ranleigh Way

Phone [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address [REDACTED]

Education University of California, Riverside. BA in Political Science.

Occupation Higher education consultant. Retired higher education administrator for University of California Office of the President and Merced campus.

Experience Related to this Appointment

For more than 20 years I have overseen large public budgets and complex organizational challenges that have required innovative approaches to achieving financial and operational efficiencies. At UC Merced, I oversaw the Merced 2020 project, a one-million-square-foot capital project that, due to the lack of State capital funding, required a public-private partnership that represented not the first of its kind in the University of California, but a first for U.S. public higher education.

Why are you seeking this appointment?

My experience fits and, after 20 years in Piedmont, I have the time and opportunity to give back. My previous two years experience on the Budget Advisory and Financial Planning Committee and the Civil Service Committee have given me a new and important perspective about the challenges facing Piedmont. Finally, I live in a small pocket of Piedmont that is mostly young families and retirees living in small bungalows; we moved here for the school system and the community, but it has required a financial sacrifice. We cannot afford private schools or to join private clubs, and so need the community to invest in things like recreation programs and a community pool (thank you, Piedmont voters). I wish to represent those that I believe are in a forgotten part of Piedmont.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee?

See above. Extensive experience building and maintaining complex budgets and overseeing large organizations, including Human Resources, public safety, and maintenance.

Have you attended a meeting of this commission/committee? Yes

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Budget Advisory and
Financial Planning Committee
Civil Service Commission
Park Commission
Police & Fire Pension Board
& Investment Subcommittee

Grid of checkboxes for various committees, mostly empty.

CIP Review Committee
Housing Advisory Committee
Planning Commission
Public Safety Committee
Recreation Commission

Grid of checkboxes for various committees, with 'FULL PLANNING COMMISSIONER POSITION' checked.

FULL PLANNING
COMMISSIONER
POSITION

Please print or type the following information:

Name DOUGLAS J. STROUT
Street 7 LAKE AVENUE, PIEDMONT, CA Zip 94611
Phone [Redacted]
E-Mail Address [Redacted]

Education BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE, VIRGINIA TECH 1983
Occupation ARCHITECT - PRINCIPAL / PRACTICE LEADER - RATCLIFF ARCHITECTS
EMERYVILLE, CA

Experience Related to this appointment PIEDMONT ALTERNATE PLANNING COMMISSIONER
APRIL, 2019 - PRESENT. 38 YEARS EXPERIENCED ARCHITECT. SPECIALIZED
IN PLANNING / MASTER PLANNING - HEALTHCARE / CIVIC DESIGN. PRINCIPAL
ARCHITECT LICENSED IN 7 STATES. NCARB, LEED AP, EPAC, AIA

Why are you seeking this appointment? TO CONTINUE SERVING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION
AFTER 2 YRS IN ALTERNATE POSITION. OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE VOLUNTEER
SERVICE.

What particular talents would you bring to this commission/committee? 2 YEARS PIEDMONT
PLANNING COMMISSION EXPERIENCE. 38 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS
A PRACTICING ARCHITECT FOCUSED ON PLANNING CODE & DESIGN
GUIDELINES KNOWLEDGE

Have you attended a meeting of this commission/committee in person or virtually? AS A COMMISSIONER [X] Yes [] No [] N/A

Watched on KCOM? [X] Yes [] No [] N/A Watched on Streaming Video? [] Yes [] No [X] N/A NOT WHILE PARTICIPATING

Applications for the current vacancies must be received by the City Clerk's office no later than
Wednesday March 17, 2021 at 5:00PM. Postmarks will not be accepted.

Interviews with the City Council will be scheduled for the evenings of Monday, March 22,
2021 [Redacted] 21 Appointments will not be made without a Council
interview [Redacted]

Signature [Redacted] Date 2/27/21