

**APPLICATION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE CITY OF SANTA CLARA**

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Present employer: CHILD ADVOCATES OF SILICON VALLEY

Employer address*: 509 VALLEY WAY, MILPITAS, CA 95035

Job Title: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Please answer the following questions. If you need additional space, please attach additional sheets.

1. State reasons why you want to become a member of this Committee:

I WANT TO BE INVOLVED MORE DEEPLY IN THE BICYCLE COMMUNITY AT THE CROSS-SECTION OF GOVERNMENT AND CYCLISTS. I CARE ABOUT MAKING SANTA CLARA A MORE RIDEABLE CITY. I HAVE BEEN A FULL TIME BICYCLE COMMUTER FOR OVER TWO YEARS-I DO NOT HAVE A CAR. I'VE COMMUTED ALL OVER THE SOUTH BAY AND PENINSULA. I HAVE FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE, AS WELL AS OBSERVATIONAL KNOWLEDGE, OF THE BICYCLE EXPERIENCES OF FREQUENT AND RECREATIONAL USERS OF SANTA CLARA'S BIKE PATHWAYS.

2. What specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this Committee:

I WILL WORK TOWARDS BEING AN EFFECTIVE, THOUGHTFUL AND VALUED MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE THAT TAKES THEIR REPRESENTATION OF CYCLISTS SERIOUSLY. THAT BEING SAID, I DO HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN INCREASED COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF BICYCLE PATHWAYS/ROUTES, EXPANSION AND CONNECTIVITY OF ROUTES IN SANTA CLARA TO BIKEWAYS IN THE SOUTH BAY AND MAJOR PUBLIC

TRANSIT. GIVEN THE CURRENT MOMENT OF BART AND THE BETTER BIKEWAYS SYSTEM, THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

3. Describe your bicycling history: I LEARNED TO BIKE WHEN I WAS YOUNG, BUT DID NOT BIKE REGULARLY UNTIL 2009. I AM ORIGINALLY FROM HAWAII, AND IT HAS NOT BECOME VERY CYCLING FRIENDLY UNTIL RECENTLY. IN 2009 I BOUGHT MY FIRST BIKE, AND WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE CYCLING COMMUNITY IN SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA. SINCE THEN I HAVE CYCLED FOR COMMUTING, BIKED IN FUN RIDES, RACES, AND PLANNED/COMPLETED SEVERAL LONG DISTANCE RIDES. MOST RECENTLY I'VE STARTED MOUNTAIN BIKING AND BIKEPACKING-ADDING A DIFFERENT ELEMENT TO CYCLING AND I'M REALLY ENJOYING THAT!

4. Describe your community involvement: I VOLUNTEER WITH THE SILICON VALLEY BICYCLE COALITION, USUALLY FOR VARIOUS COMMUNITY RIDES. I HAVE SERVED AS A COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE TO 2 SANTA CLARA FOSTER KIDS.

5. Special interests/hobbies/talents: BIRDWATCHING, BIKEPACKING, CLIMBING, WATERCOLOR

6. Any other information that you feel would be useful to the Committee in reviewing your application: I CARE DEEPLY ABOUT MAKING BIKEWAYS IN SANTA CLARA SAFER, MORE CONNECTED, AND A SYSTEM THAT GETS ME WHERE I WANT TO GO AS A COMMUTER OR A RECREATIONAL RIDER. I BELIEVE IN THE EFFICACY OF BPAC TO PROVIDE THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION IN MATTERS INVOLVING THE BIKEWAY SYSTEM. THIS ALSO SOUNDS LIKE IT WOULD BE A SUPER FUN AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE.

**Applicants must either be a resident of Santa Clara or work within Santa Clara.*