

# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Mayor, Members of the Town Council      **DATE:** February 2, 2011

**FROM:** Michael Rock, Town Manager  
Judy Anderson, Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Interview and appointment of Planning Commission candidate to complete an unexpired term to January 31, 2012

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### Recommendation

Staff recommendation is to interview the candidates and to appoint one of the applicants to complete the unexpired term to January 31, 2012.

### Discussion

The applicants for appointment are Ryan O'Neil and Roxanne Ezzet-Lofstrom. Barbara Coler has withdrawn her application and has offered her support to Ryan O'Neil for appointment. Her letter of support is attached.

### Fiscal Impact

None

### Attachments:

Applications from Ryan O'Neil and Roxanne Ezzet-Lofstrom  
Letter from Barbara Coler in support of Ryan O'Neil's appointment

AGENDA ITEM # 2



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OCT 05 2010

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

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TO: Mayor and Fairfax Town Council

Date: OCT 4<sup>TH</sup> 2010

Please consider this as an application for appointment to:

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Design Review Board
- General Plan Advisory Committee
- Measure F Oversight Committee
- Measure K Oversight Committee
- Open Space Committee
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Volunteer Board
- Other

(Your completed application will become a public record upon submittal to the Town)

Name: RYAN O'NEIL

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: (Office) [REDACTED] Home:                     

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Number of Years in Fairfax: 7

Education B.A. SPEECH COMMUNICATION SAN DIEGO ST. UNIV. '94

Please list the names of professional societies, clubs, and other organizations to which you belong.

EAGLE SCOUT - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

NYLT. NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING - B.S.A.

Briefly describe your employment background. BUSINESS OWNER

O'NEIL KG BAGS - SAN RAFAEL, CA

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT : ARMORED MOBILITY INC

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax? TO MAINTAIN A THRIVING

ENVIRONMENTALLY CONCIIOUS COMMUNITY THROUGH

COLLECTIVE INPUT FROM ALL OF OUR CITIZENS.

THE DIVERSITY OF OPINIONS IS OUR TOWN'S BIGGEST STRENGTH

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest. \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER OF HOME 148 MADRONE ROAD

FOUNDING MEMBER ; SUPPORTER OF FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE

Briefly explain your interest in serving on this Board, Commission, or Committee. \_\_\_\_\_

AFTER SEVEN YEARS ON THE FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE,

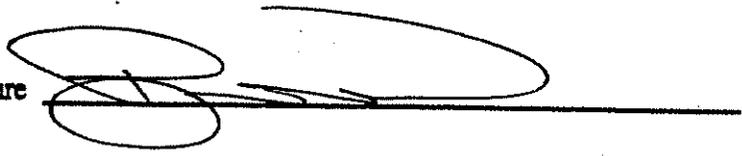
AND ALMOST 4 YEARS SERVING OUR TOWN ON THE

TREE COMMITTEE, I AM EAGER FOR A NEW

CHALLENGE WHERE MY VALUES AND COMMUNITY

SERVICE CAN FURTHER HELP THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX.

Signature



Please return this completed, signed form to:

Town Clerk, Town of Fairfax, 142 Bolinas Road, Fairfax, CA 94930



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE



TO: Mayor and Fairfax Town Council

Date: Oct 27, 2010

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- General Plan Advisory Committee
- Measure F Oversight Committee
- Measure K Oversight Committee
- Open Space Committee
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
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- Other

(Your completed application will become a public record upon submittal to the Town)

Name: Roxanne Ezzet-Lofstrom

Address: [Redacted]

Telephone: (Office) [Redacted] Home: [Redacted]

Email Address: [Redacted]

Number of Years in Fairfax: 2 years

Education PhD - Urban & Regional Planning

MA - Sociology

BA - Economics

BA - Applied Math

Please list the names of professional societies, clubs, and other organizations to which you belong.

- Assn of Collegiate Schools of Planning
- Urban Affairs Association
- Assn of American Geographers
- Ross Valley Mothers Club

Briefly describe your employment background. professor of  
urban planning (housing & economic  
development), geography & public policy

What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax? High quality of life,  
economic & environmental sustainability,  
bike & pedestrian friendly, but with good  
auto & transit circulation, vibrant  
downtown that keeps tax dollars local

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest. \_\_\_\_\_

None

Briefly explain your interest in serving on this Board, Commission, or Committee. \_\_\_\_\_

As a professor of urban planning,  
I can lend my expertise on housing,  
development, transportation & environmental  
topics. Good working knowledge of  
what works & what doesn't from other  
cities & town. Fairfax is now my  
home & I'd like to help it maintain a high  
quality of life as it faces growth pressures

Signature

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*Please return this completed, signed form to:*

*Town Clerk, Town of Fairfax, 142 Bolinas Road, Fairfax, CA 94930*

## **Roxanne Ezzet-Lofstrom, Ph.D.**

72 San Gabriel Drive

Fairfax, CA 94930

(415) 524-8297

email: roxanne.ezzet@gmail.com

### **EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D. University of California at Irvine, Urban and Regional Planning, 2002  
Dissertation: *Metropolitan Quality of Life: The Roles of Labor Markets, Land Markets, and Amenities*
- M.A. San Diego State University, Sociology (Applied Research Methods), 1995
- B.A. University of California at San Diego, Applied Mathematics, 1988
- B.A. University of California at San Diego, Economics (Management Science), 1987

### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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- 2008 – Present *Lecturer*, Urban and Regional Planning Department, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
- 2002-2007 *Assistant Professor of Geography and Public Policy*, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas.

### **RESEARCH AFFILIATION**

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- 2008-Present *Research Affiliate*, Solimar Research Group, Ventura, CA
- 2005-2006 *Peggy Anschutz Housing & Economic Development Fellow*, J. McDonald Williams Institute, Dallas, TX.
- 2002-2007 *Faculty Associate*, Bruton Center for Development Studies, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 1998-2002 *Teaching Assistant* – Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of California at Irvine
- 1998 *Research Assistant* – Comprehensive Tobacco Policy Model, University of California at Irvine
- 1995-1999 *Investigator/Research Associate* – Child and Adolescent Services Research Center, San Diego, CA
- Projects:
- Medicaid Changes: Impact on At Risk Children, 1997-1999
  - United States Air Force New Parent Support Program, 1997-1999
  - Patterns of Youth Mental Health Care in Public Service Systems, 1996-1999
  - San Diego County Mental Health Services Managed Care Research Project, 1996-1997

- San Diego Healthy Families America Clinical Trial, 1995-1999
- United States Marine/Army New Parent Support Program, 1995-1996

1994-1996 *Research Associate* – San Diego McKinney Demonstration Project for the Homeless  
1989-1993 *Operations Manager* – Bank of America Financial Services, San Diego CA

## TEACHING

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### Graduate:

Urban and Regional Development Policy Analysis  
Urban Development/Urban Economics  
Evaluation Research Methods in the Social Sciences

### Undergraduate:

Urban Planning and Policy  
Urban Growth and Structure  
Urban and Regional Planning  
Real Estate Economics and Finance

## REFEREED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. "Out-Migration Decisions: The Role of Regional Amenities," Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Geographical Systems*

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. and J. Murdoch (2006) "The Effect of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Units on Residential Property Values in Dallas County," *Williams Review*, Vol. 1, No. 1: 107-124.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2006) "Amenity Valuation and Migration Behavior," in Carruthers, J.I. and Mundy, B. (Editors) *Environmental Valuation: Intraregional and Interregional Perspectives*, Aldershot: Ashgate.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2004) "Valuation of Metropolitan Quality of Life in Wages and Rents," *Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research*, Vol. 7, No. 1: 23-39.

Leslie, L.K., Landsverk, J.L., Ezzet-Lofstrom, R., Tschann, J.M., Slymen, D., Garland, A. (2000) "Children in Foster Care: Predictors of Outpatient Mental Health Service Use," *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 24: 465-476.

Aarons, G.A., Brown, S.A., Coe, M.T., Myers, M.G., Garland, A.F., Ezzet-Lofstrom, R., Hazen, A.L. Hough, R.L. (1999) "Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Health," *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 24: 412-421.

Brown, S.A., Aarons, G.A., Lebeda, S.K., Ezzet-Lofstrom, R., Garland, A.F., Hazen, A.L., Hough, R.L. (1997) "Health Status and Problems of Young Adults with Histories of Substance Abuse," abstracted in *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 19: 117.

**WORKING PAPERS, RESEARCH REPORTS, WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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Works in Progress:

"How do Low-Income Housing Tax Credit units affect surrounding property values?"

"The role of amenities and race/ethnicity in inter-regional migration"

"High-skilled versus low-skilled migration and quality of life"

"The relationship between assessed property values and home sales prices"

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2003) "Out-Migration Decisions: The Role of Regional Amenities," UTD Political Economy Working Paper 07/03, February 2003.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (1999) "Smart Growth Policies: Can It Help Orange County Sustain Growth," in *Challenging Conventional Wisdom: Economic Development Strategies for Orange County in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Report prepared for the Orange County Business Council.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. and J. Murdoch (2007, November) "The Effect Of Low Income Housing Tax Credit Units On Residential Property Values In Dallas County." Presented at the annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2006, November) "Amenity Preferences: High-Skilled versus Low-Skilled Migration." Presented at the annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Fort Worth, Texas.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2005, October) "Migration, Regional Amenities and Race/Ethnicity." Presented at the annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Kansas City, Missouri.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2004, April) "Residential Private Governments and Property Values." Presented at the annual conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Washington, DC.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2003, November) "Valuing Quality of Life: Differences between Renters and Homeowners." Presented at the annual conference of the North American Regional Science Association International, Philadelphia, PA.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2003, March) "Metropolitan Quality-of-Life: The Price for Living the Good Life." Presented at the annual conference of the Association of American Geographers, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2003, January) "The Price for Living the Good Life: Using Compensating Differentials to Price Urban Amenities." Presented at the Social Science Workshop, University of Texas at Dallas.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2002, November) "Metropolitan Quality-of-Life: The Price for Living the Good Life." Presented at the annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Baltimore, Maryland.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2001, November) "Spatial Migration Patterns and Quality-of-Life Tradeoffs." Presented at the annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Cleveland, Ohio; Presented at the annual conference of the North American Regional Science Association International, Charleston, SC; Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2001, May) "Migration and the Role of Regional Amenities." Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of California, Irvine.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (2000, November) "Inter-Metropolitan Migration Decisions: The Role of Regional Amenities." Presented at the annual conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Atlanta, Georgia.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (1999, June) "Smart Growth Policies: Can It Help Orange County Sustain Growth." Presented at Challenging Conventional Wisdom: Economic Development Strategies for Orange County in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. University of California, Irvine.

Ezzet-Lofstrom, R. (1997) "Welfare Reform." Presented at the Center for Research on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. San Diego, CA.

#### **SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Geography/GIS, Program Committee (UT Dallas) 2006-2007

Geography/GIS, Program Committee (UT Dallas) 2005-2006

Doctoral Methodology Committee (PPPE program, UT Dallas), 2006-2007

Doctoral Methodology Committee (POEC, UT Dallas), 2005-2006

Doctoral Methodology Committee (POEC, UT Dallas), 2004-2005

Doctoral Methodology Committee (POEC, UT Dallas), 2003-2004

Political Economy Program Review Committee (UT Dallas), 2002-2003

Book Review (2005): Arthur O'Sullivan's *Urban Economics*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, for the publisher (McGraw-Hill/Irwin)

Book Review (2004): Dennis R. Judd and Todd Swanstrom's *City Politics: Private Power and Public Policy*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, for the publisher (Pearson Longman)

## **GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

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### Grants

- "The Effect of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program on Property Values" J. McDonald Williams Institute, 2006, \$6,000.
- Social Entrepreneurship Curriculum Development Grant, Kauffman Foundation, 2002-2004 (with Sheila Piñeres, PI).
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 2001-2002, \$30,000
- Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2000-2001, \$5,000
- Urban and Regional Planning Merit Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, 1997-1998, \$10,125.

### Awards:

- Emerging Scholar Award, Urban Affairs Association/Sage Publications, 2002
- Social Ecology Award for Dissertation Research, 2002
- ACSP/Fannie Mae Foundation Best Student Paper on Housing & Community Development, 2001
- Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award, University of California, Irvine, 2000-2001
- Fannie Mae ACSP Conference Travel Award, 2000
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine, 1998-1999

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

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Interview with Karen Robinson-Jacobs *Dallas Morning News* in "West End is on the mend: Spillover from Victory Project brings renewal after high-profile restaurant and retail closings," on local economic development trends, December 23, 2006.

Interview with Peter T. Kilborn of *The New York Times* on the effect that job relocation workers have on community and housing markets, August 31, 2006.

Interview with Jim Getz of *The Dallas Morning News* in "Will all those houses be built?" on how sprawl affects economic development in outlying suburban regions, August 20, 2006.

Interview with James M. O'Neill of *The Dallas Morning News* on master planning and the need for a downtown university in Dallas, Texas, May 10, 2006.

Interview with Wendy Hundley of *The Dallas Morning News* in "High Hopes for High Five Impact," on the effect of highway projects on neighborhood quality of life, May 15, 2004.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONS**

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Membership Committee, Urban Affairs Association, 2003-2004

Member, Association of American Geographers

Member, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning

Member, Regional Science Association International

Member, Urban Affairs Association

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JAN 28 2011

TOWN OF FAIRFAX

January 28, 2011

Dear Mayor Bragman and Members of the Town Council,

I would like to again express my interest in an appointment to the Town of Fairfax Planning Commission. Given the recent resignation of Ms. Pamela Meigs from the Commission, I forwarded my application to Judy Anderson for your consideration. However, at this time I would instead like to offer my support to your appointment of Mr. Ryan O'Neil to the Planning Commission. He has committed more than 7 years serving on the Town's Open Space and Tree committees, his extraordinary experience and knowledge of our Town and devotion to retaining the quality of life of Fairfax are clearly just a few the reasons he should be appointed to the Planning Commission at the February 2, 2011 Council meeting.

However, I would like to reiterate my interest in an appointment to the Planning Commission the next time there is a vacancy. My background, expertise, experience and my more than 25 years of public service in California, cleaning up hazardous waste sites, creating environmentally safe redevelopment programs for the State of California to reuse blighted properties, enforcing air quality regulations in the Bay Area to improve the air we breathe, and my commitment to our Town by in part, serving on the Town Open Space Committee, are representative of my qualities which should be considered seriously for the next Planning Commission vacancy.

Thank you for your consideration and support for Ryan O'Neil as the next appointee to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara Coler".

Barbara Coler