

# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Mayor, Members of the Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

**DATE:** May 1, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Selection and appointment of candidate to fill the term of resigned Councilmember Hartwell and oath of office to seat new Councilmember

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### Recommendation

- 1) Select and appoint candidate to fill the Town Council vacancy.
- 2) Oath of office to seat the new Councilmember.

### Discussion

At its April 3rd meeting, the Council approved the selection and appointment process to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Councilmember Hartwell. The Council decided to open the process up for additional candidates with a deadline for application submittal by April 12<sup>th</sup>. Staff was directed to ask existing candidates if they would like to resubmit their applications for consideration.

No new applications were received by the April 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. However, five of the candidates, who previously applied for Councilmember Ryan O'Neil's vacated seat, have requested that their applications be considered for Councilmember Hartwell's vacated seat. The list of candidates is as follows:

- Barbara Coler
- Mirza Khan
- Christopher Lang
- William Madsen
- Bernard Del Santo

Peter Lacques and Raymond Burgarella indicated they would not reapply for the newly vacated seat.

The Council indicated that they would interview any new applicants, but that they would not re-interview existing candidates. The Council also indicated that it would select and appoint a candidate to fill the seat at its May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### Fiscal Impact

None

### Attachments

Candidate applications

AGENDA ITEM # 1

**Barbara Coler**

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
APPLICATION TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL**

**NAME:** Barbara Coler

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**HOME ADDRESS:** 14 Ace Court, Fairfax, CA 94930

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**RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX FOR** 17 **YEARS**

**PRESENT OCCUPATION:** Air Quality Program Manager, Compliance & Enforcement (see resume for detailed descriptions of work experience)

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**NAME OF BUSINESS:** Bay Area Air Quality Management District

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**BUSINESS ADDRESS:** 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

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**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** [barbaracoler@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracoler@gmail.com)

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**EDUCATION:** Masters of Arts Degree and Bachelor of Science Degree (with Honor's) - both in Biological Sciences (see attached resume)

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**PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING CIVIC AND COMMUNITY  
ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:**

Member, Fairfax Open Space Committee; Commissioner, Fairfax Planning Commission

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**WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMBER?**

I am deeply committed to public service, which is demonstrated by my years of work with both regional and state government, and my years of volunteering for the Town, by serving on both the Fairfax Open Space Committee and the Planning Commission. It is a critical time for our Town, with staffing and leadership changes in addition to the continuing challenges facing Fairfax. I am devoted to our Town and believe I have the skills, experience and background to help us through this time of transition successfully, to keep Fairfax leading in the Bay Area with our progressive politics, to maintain and protect our town's unique qualities, and to preserve the look and feel of Fairfax that we all love. I look forward to the opportunity to work with the Council and our community to achieve the mission and vision of Fairfax.

**WHAT ARE THE THREE MAIN ISSUES FACING THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX?**

1) Revenue challenges - Living within budgetary constraints to provide basic services to all Fairfaxians, including, but not limited to, keeping our Police Station open 24-7; seeking opportunities to increase revenue while preserving our small town's qualities by attracting businesses which complement and enhance existing businesses; increasing revenue where necessary without over-burdening residents.

2) Implementing the General Plan while protecting our small town quality of life – protecting our existing affordable housing and seeking opportunities to add additional appropriately scaled units; ensuring environmentally sound flood and other hazard mitigation projects are fully implemented. Fairfax must be kept apprised, as other agencies deal with our known contaminated sites, e.g., Fair Anselm Plaza and the former gas station on SF Drake, so the town can make informed decisions regarding future uses. I have a unique ability to assist the town, given my previous work with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) which included remediating hazardous waste sites to ensure environmentally sound reuse, ensuring permitted facilities were protective of public health and the environment, and facilitating meaningful public involvement.

3) Maintaining and enhancing Fairfax's environmental sustainability ethics through acquiring and preserving open space, providing biking and pedestrian trails, adopting a climate change plan, and promoting zero waste by living our motto "reduce, recycle and reuse."

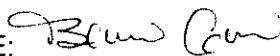
**WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX?**

The Town of Fairfax celebrates the diverse values and perspectives of our citizens, strives for economic vitality while preserving our small town character, and will achieve environmental sustainability through preserving our open space, being a leader on climate change, promoting alternatives to vehicular travel, and ensuring all residents of Fairfax are encouraged to reduce, reuse, and recycle to achieve zero waste.

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DATE: February 20, 2013

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



NOTE: Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and a Registered Voter of the Town of Fairfax

February 20, 2013

Mayor Reed and Members of the Town Council  
Town of Fairfax  
142 Bolinas Road  
Fairfax, California 94930

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TOWN OF FAIRFAX

Dear Mayor Reed and Members of the Town Council:

In light of Councilmember O'Neil's resignation, I am applying to fill the vacancy on the Council. I look forward to the opportunity to interview and feel that I am a very strong candidate based on my years of public and community service, my leadership skills and broad range of experience. I have enclosed my application and my resume.

I have devoted most of my adult life to public service and have a proven track record of accomplishments which have benefited the communities of California and the Bay Area. I have lived in Fairfax for 17 years, and for the last several years have volunteered to serve our Town on both the Open Space Committee and the Planning Commission.

I currently work for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, protecting public health through enforcement of air quality laws and regulations. I led my staff to create and implement the first air district enforcement program to reduce carcinogenic diesel and other air emissions from "mobile sources" (trucks, ships, boats, trains, construction equipment), focusing these efforts in environmental justice areas. I have led our Air District in working with the state's Air Resources Board and other districts to implement climate change initiatives statewide. I previously worked for the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for 23 years, establishing regulatory policy, developing legislation, remediating hazardous waste sites, ensuring permitted facilities were protective of public health and the environment, and facilitating meaningful public involvement. Among other things, at DTSC I created a new state program, the first of its kind in the nation, to ensure that K-12 public schools are built on environmentally safe properties, protecting the health of California's children. I also created the State's innovative programs to cleanup, reuse and recycle formerly contaminated properties and promote infill development. Through national organizations, I also led teams and coordinated matters of national environmental policy debate.

I believe my skills would serve our town well. I am both a strong collaborator and leader. I am decisive. I am a good listener, and am interested in all perspectives. We are fortunate to have an engaged, diverse community representing many multi-faceted ideas and beliefs. A key focus of my efforts through the years has been cross-sector coalition building and conflict-resolution. And while addressing local issues is critical for our town, we shouldn't limit our reach; we should consider national and worldwide issues in our deliberations to continue Fairfax's leadership on larger policy matters. We can put pressure on federal and state leaders (and others) to change direction and decisions as Fairfax is an important member of the global community.

I would love the opportunity to serve our town as a member of the Council. This is a critical time for Fairfax, with many changes in staff and leadership. Analyzing complex problems and creating effective solutions has always been a routine part of my daily work. I have always focused on achieving high quality work, meeting deadlines, proactively anticipating issues and resolving them through effective planning and negotiation (where appropriate). I am committed to our town and feel I have the skills, experience and background to help us through this time of transition, maintain our wonderful town's special qualities, and preserve the look and feel of Fairfax that we all love. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Barbara Coler

Enclosures

cc: Judy Anderson, Town Clerk

## **BARBARA COLER**

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### **PROFILE**

Twenty-six years' experience at all levels in the creation, development and implementation of California's Superfund, Brownfields and federal/state hazardous waste and air quality enforcement programs. As Division Chief, directed multidisciplinary staff in the development/implementation of diverse and complex regulatory programs. Extensive experience in developing a strategic vision of program priorities, effectively communicating objectives, and ensuring that the vision is fully implemented by the management team and staff. More than 28 years' experience in regulatory policy, legislation development, hazardous waste site assessment/remediation, environmental monitoring, air quality enforcement, public outreach and facilitation of meaningful public involvement. Developed extensive contacts among key external stakeholders such as elected officials, legislative staff, regulatory agencies, industry representatives, lending institutions, community groups, environmental attorneys and environmental consultants. Substantial experience in coordinating and negotiating with diverse stakeholder interest groups to resolve contentious and complex technical and policy issues. Community Service - serves on the Town of Fairfax Planning Commission and Open Space Committee.

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (BAAQMD)**

**Air Quality Program Manager**

**Compliance & Enforcement Division**

**February 2009 – current**

Manager responsible for enforcement of air quality regulations to meet federal and state air attainment standards for the nine Bay Area counties within the jurisdiction of the Air District. Leads strategic initiatives for air quality program development combining compliance assistance and enforcement approaches. Developed and implemented the first comprehensive mobile source enforcement program for an air district in California. CAPCOA Climate Protection Committee Enforcement Manager representative; serves on several AB32 implementation workgroups. Collaborator for development of CAPCOA – Air District Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Exchange. Primary division lead for the District's Wood Smoke Program to reduce fine particulate emissions. Manager responsible for leading, directing, planning, prioritizing and organizing the activities of multidisciplinary staff working in the Division.

#### **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)**

**Senior Policy Advisor**

**Office of Data Evaluation and Environmental Indicators**

**April 2007 – January 2009**

Senior Policy Advisor in DTSC's Office of Data Evaluation and Environmental Indicators (ODEEI). The role of the Office is to identify data gaps and future research needs for performance management, environmental indicators and other emerging issues. As the mission and structure of DTSC evolved from "cradle-to-grave" to "cradle-to-cradle," to use of balanced scorecard/performance measurement, to a focus on green chemistry, among other initiatives, the Office led efforts to transparently communicate scientific information and develop data management tools for both internal and external stakeholders. Ms. Coler managed primary environmental information management contracts, with major objectives to increase transparency and accessibility of DTSC's actions. Ms. Coler led initiatives on climate change and resource strategy matters, in addition to developing grant proposals to fund key initiatives of the Office and the DTSC Director.

**Career Executive Assignment II - Division Chief**

**Permitting and Corrective Action Division**

**May 1, 2003 – April 2007**

Statewide position responsible for the technical, administrative and fiscal management of approximately 130 division staff housed in DTSC's four regional office locations. U.S. EPA authorized DTSC to implement the Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program in California, the primary large component of the division's mission. Responsible for leading, directing, planning, prioritizing and organizing the activities of a multidisciplinary staff working within this complex regulatory program. Oversaw managers and staff responsible for permitting facilities to treat, store, dispose and transfer hazardous waste in accordance with federal, state and local laws. Permitting responsibilities included assuring these facilities met requirements for environmental safety, financial assurance, and environmental monitoring. As Division Chief, also responsible for corrective action and closure, including the long-term maintenance for more than 300 closed hazardous waste facilities (and generating revenue of more than \$3 million in cost reimbursement per year to support staff work). Significantly increased productivity (~ 300% increase) and timeliness (reduced from average of about 4.5 years to 2+ years) while ensuring environmentally protective permitting of hazardous waste facilities.

In October 2004, Ms. Coler was awarded a U.S. EPA Leadership Award for Corrective Action Environmental Indicators (EIs). As a result of her leadership, her Division received awards from U.S. EPA for achieving its targets for EIs, permits and corrective action milestones in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Ms. Coler represented Region 9 States on U.S. EPA's RCRA 2020 Corrective Action Initiative national workgroup. As a key member of the group, Ms. Coler was a leader in developing national policy to implement this component of the RCRA 2020 vision. Ms. Coler also represented California and Region 9 States on the Association of State and Territorial Management Officials' (ASTSWMO) Corrective Action and Permitting Task Force.

At request of the then DTSC Director, Ms. Coler acted as the lead negotiator with a responsible party (PRPs) group (of over 25 members) to takeover and assume financial responsibility for operations at a hazardous waste landfill in Southern California. Under Ms. Coler's direction, DTSC was able to affect a voluntary agreement with the parties for monthly payments for operations of the landfill systems resulting in multimillion dollar savings/recovery for DTSC. With her further management, a Consent Decree was signed in early 2006, and the PRPs assumed lead on the landfill operations.

#### **Career Executive Assignment II - Division Chief**

##### **Statewide Cleanup Operations Division**

**July 1994 – April 2003**

Statewide position responsible for the technical, administrative and fiscal management of approximately 120-150 division staff housed throughout California. Responsible for leading, organizing, planning, directing and prioritizing the activities of multidisciplinary staff and multi-layered management team to develop and implement innovative, diverse and complex regulatory programs and initiatives. Oversaw all activities pertaining to site identification and prioritization; revenue generation thorough cost recovery; assessment and remediation of most DTSC and Federal Superfund sites (except military facilities); assuring meaningful public involvement throughout the process; and allocation and expenditure of orphan site funding. Responsible for staff and monetary resource budgeting for the division including several major federal grants.

Established DTSC's overall Brownfields program providing several tools to encourage and facilitate contaminated site reuse.

Broad and substantial experience working with representatives from community groups, environmental organizations and private industry in developing and maintaining the program. Effectively communicated program objectives in non-technical terms to diverse stakeholder interest groups.

Led and directed staff in formalizing the Voluntary Cleanup Program to foster environmentally sound redevelopment and/or revitalization of Brownfields and other contaminated properties.

Led Total Quality Management (TQM) Team to develop DTSC's Prospective Purchaser policies, aimed at fostering Brownfields reuse while protecting human health and the environment.

Completed DTSC's "site" database validation project, deleting approximately 24,000 invalid listings which resulted in removing the economic devaluation by the environmental stigma for these properties.

Key DTSC representative regarding State Superfund Statute Reauthorization.

Developed legislation and infrastructure for DTSC's environmental schools program; the first of its kind in the nation. Involved diverse stakeholder groups to resolve contentious and complex technical and policy issues while developing the program.

Represented California and the National Governor's Association (NGA) on key legislative debates regarding Federal Superfund Reform; testified on behalf of Governor Wilson and NGA before the U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee.

Chair of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) Brownfields Task Force for eleven years. Leader on national policy regarding voluntary cleanup, Brownfields redevelopment and Superfund cleanup. Also represented California on ASTSWMO's CERCLA Committee which developed national policy in conjunction with U.S. EPA. Chaired and developed five ASTSWMO Voluntary Cleanup/Brownfields Symposia for all States and U.S. EPA.

Listed by CA Department of Justice as Expert Witness on the federal National Contingency Plan.

Montrose Site settlements – In partnership with U.S. EPA, with the California Department of Justice, Ms. Coler acted as the lead negotiator for the State of California with the Montrose PRPs ("the DDT dischargers"). Three significant settlements were achieved under her leadership for the Montrose site in Southern California. The first 2002 Consent Decree settled the Natural Resources Damages lawsuit and CERCLA claims against the Montrose entities - the companies paid \$73 million to cleanup DDT contamination and restore the ocean environment off the coast of Palos Verdes. The latter two Consent Decrees settled the liability of the PRPs for the surface water pathway from the Montrose site and the residential neighborhood, resulting in payments of nearly \$2.5 million and a savings of more than \$10 million for the residential cleanup.

#### **Previous Positions**

In addition to other DTSC management positions, Ms. Coler has served as a project manager responsible for cleanup of regional groundwater sites in Southern California. She was an environmental consultant at the Savannah River Nuclear Production facility in South Carolina. She was a research associate conducting environmental monitoring for the State of Kansas Biological Survey.

#### **EDUCATION**

- Master of Arts, Entomology (4.0 G.P.A.)  
Emphasis: Environmental Monitoring/Assessment of Water Quality Impacts from Sewage Effluent  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
- Bachelor of Science, Systematics and Ecology (Honors, 3.5 G.P.A.)  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

American Bar Association, "Institutional Controls and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control – Uses of Institutional Controls and Challenges" (Book Chapter, "Implementing Institutional Controls at Brownfields and Other Contaminated Sites," pages 133 – 148, July 2003).

Golden Gate University Law Review, "Brownfields and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control: Key Programs and Challenges" (Volume 31, Number 4, Spring 2001).

Hydrobiologia, "Emergence of Chironomidae (Diptera) from a Delta-Swamp Receiving Thermal Effluent" (Volume 174, No. 1, 1989, pages 67-77). *Assessed impacts of nuclear production activities on key biological receptors.*

*Listed above are peer-reviewed publications; primary author of and collaborator on numerous articles on brownfields and hazardous waste site cleanup, environmental policies, guidances and regulations. Co-author on 2009 BAAQMD Mobile Source Enforcement Compliance Plan.*

*Speaker for several Air District Board of Directors and Board Committee meetings on the District's wood smoke program, mobile source enforcement, small business program and other topics. Invited speaker at numerous Superfund, Hazardous Waste and Brownfields redevelopment and land reuse conferences and workshops throughout California and the nation; inception and management of first joint DTSC/U.S. EPA Brownfields Reuse conference, March 1996; credited for bringing diverse stakeholder interests together to discuss and develop land reuse planning strategies at sites throughout California.*

## REFERENCES

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Conservation. Formerly appointed by President Clinton to  
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## Niccolo Caldararo, Ph.D.

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### **Consultations and Ethnographies for Public and Private Organizations**

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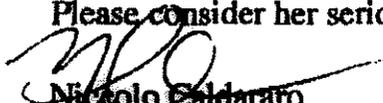
February 26, 2013

Fairfax Town Council

Dear Sirs & Madam:

I would like to encourage you to chose Ms. Barbara Coler to replace Mr. Ryan O'Neil in the Council seat he is leaving. I have worked with Ms. Coler on the Open Space Committee and found her skills and unique insights a valuable addition to committee work and to the challenges that a small town faces in dealing with complex issues and in negotiating problems that may seem simple on the surface but are dear to stakeholders and become difficult in process.

My experience on the Council left me with the firm conviction that to be effective in that position one must have a stomach of iron and a sense of humor that eats concrete, while at the same time the touch of sensitivity that is common to humming birds. Barbara has all of these qualities and more. Please consider her seriously for this position, she has my undivided support.



Niccolo Caldararo  
165 Frustuck Ave.  
Fairfax, Ca.  
453-9064

February 15, 2013

Dear Members of the Fairfax Town Council,

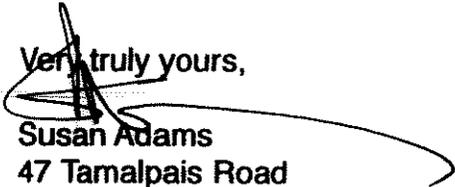
I am writing in support of the application of Barbara Coler to fill a vacancy of the Town Council.

I have known Ms. Coler in two capacities: as a professional colleague at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and as a fellow committee member of the Fairfax Open Space Committee. In both venues, she demonstrates her significant capability for organization, as well as her conscientiousness, thoughtfulness and sensible approach to challenging circumstances. I am particularly appreciative of her kind assistance and guidance to me as a new member of FOSC. It is a pleasure to work with her.

Her dedication to the Town is already known - as a member of FOSC and the Planning Commission.

Her assets and dedication will serve the Town and the Town Council very well.

Very truly yours,

  
Susan Adams  
47 Tamalpais Road  
Fairfax

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TOWN OF FAIRFAX

Mimi Newton  
139 Mono Ave.  
Fairfax, CA 94930  
(415) 845-6464

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February 15, 2013

Council Members  
Town of Fairfax  
142 Bolinas Road  
Fairfax, CA 94930

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FEB 19 2013  
TOWN OF FAIRFAX

Dear Council Members:

I'm writing to let you know that I enthusiastically support the appointment of Barbara Coler to the Town Council to fill out the remainder of Ryan O'Neil's term. I really think Barbara is the best qualified and best suited person to represent the Town in this position until an election can be held.

I've known Barbara through our environmental work for many years. And, over the past six plus years, she's been a veritable godsend to the Fairfax Open Space Committee. She is competent, articulate, efficient, committed, concise, diligent and fun! She was also a great choice when the Council appointed her to the Planning Commission and she'd be a great choice for the Town Council. She is truly committed to our environment, maintaining the unique qualities of our town, and to ensuring we have both a sustainable and economically robust Fairfax.

Barbara always stands up for integrity and reason. She's not the kind of person to change her mind just because she's reached an unpopular conclusion, and I like knowing that I can rely on her to be rational and transparent in how she looks at the issues that are important to Fairfax. Each of you knows how important it is to stand up for what you think is right, even if you're the only Council Member who feels that way. Barbara certainly will not be afraid to do what she thinks is right, regardless of the tides of public opinion. I think we need someone with that type of integrity to carry on in Ryan's footsteps.

Ryan was clear about not being in any one "camp" in the Town, representing the full diversity of our citizens. I think Barbara will bring a similar sense of fairness to Council deliberations. She'll consider the input of various opinions, but in the end will make up her own mind. She is a strong collaborator, she is always prepared, pulls the laboring oar, and is consistently reasonable and thoughtful. Because she is so super-competent, Barbara can provide a strong voice for the residents of our Town.

I also know I can trust Barbara to have the best interests of our Town, its residents, visitors and our beautiful natural environment at heart. Barbara's love of the outdoors, her educational, vocational and civic background, her technical expertise, and her managerial and public outreach experience all combine to make her a dream candidate for the Council.

I know that all of you have a lot on your plates right now. And, you will probably see applications for this position from a number of well-meaning, committed people in Town, all of whom have the Town's best interests in mind. But, exactly because this is such an important position and means so much to everybody in Town, I urge you to appoint Barbara. Barbara, with her proven track record of exemplary service to our Town, has already clearly demonstrated her commitment and her competence. I am completely confident that she would provide all Fairfaxians with even-tempered, fair-minded and thoughtful representation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mimi".

Mimi Newton, Chair

Fairfax Open Space Committee

cc: Judy Anderson, Town Clerk

March 3, 2013

To:

Mayor Reed and Councilmembers

Town of Fairfax

142 Bolinas Avenue

Fairfax, CA 94930

From:

Susan K. Goldsborough

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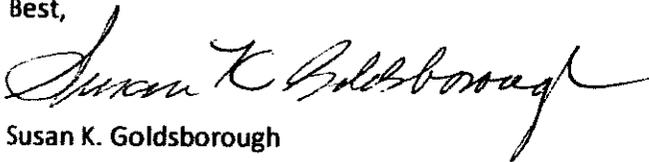
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TOWN OF FAIRFAX

I am writing in support of Barbara Coler who has applied to fill the current vacancy on the Fairfax Town Council. I am certain you are all aware of her extensive credentials in the protection of public health and the environment, climate change initiatives, environmental sustainability, and the mitigation of contaminated sites throughout the country. However, you may not know of her skills in dealing with people and organizations.

For the past four years, I have worked with Barbara in her capacity at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and have attended countless meetings and hearings with her. I have watched Barbara repeatedly manage to diffuse potentially heated discussions through her calm and professional demeanor. As I have told her, when she delivers information and policy decisions that I and the organizations I volunteer with do not want to hear, we never mind receiving disappointing news from her because she is unfailingly polite, compassionate, helpful, ethical, and clear; and we all benefit from her expertise.

As a former school administrator with a long non-profit history, I know just how rare individuals like Barbara are. It's hard to find superior technical and field knowledge which is balanced with superior managerial and interpersonal skills. Barbara has both.

Best,



Susan K. Goldsborough

Executive Director

Families for Clean Air

<http://www.familiesforcleanair.org>

**Bernard Del Santo**

TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
APPLICATION TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL

FEB 25 2013

NAME: BERNARD L. DEL SANTO

HOME ADDRESS: 66 MAPLE AVENUE

RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX FOR 60 YEARS

PRESENT OCCUPATION: RETIRED

NAME OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL ADDRESS: NONE

EDUCATION: (SEE ATTACHED)

PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:  
(SEE ATTACHED)

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER?  
(SEE ATTACHED)

WHAT ARE THE THREE MAIN ISSUES FACING THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX?  
(SEE ATTACHED)

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX?  
(SEE ATTACHED)

DATE: 2/24/2013 SIGNATURE: Bernard L. Del Santo

NOTE: Applicant must be at least 18 years of age and a Registered Voter of the Town of Fairfax

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**EDUCATION:**

University of San Francisco: BA Candidate, Public Administration  
State of California Standard Designated Teaching Credential  
California State University Long Beach: Management Course  
California State University Pomona: Workers Compensation Course  
College of Marin : Leadership Course  
College of Marin: Personnel Management  
Indian Valley College: Business Law  
Indian Valley College: Industrial and Retail Security  
International Association of Chiefs of Police: Mentoring for the retention of women and minority  
Public Safety Personnel  
E.E.O.C.: Addressing A.D.A. issues  
F.B.I. : Managing Media Training

**PARTICIPATING IN THE FOLLOWING CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES  
/ORGANIZATIONS**

Feed the Homeless Program Volunteer: First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo .....  
Native Sons of the Golden West , parlor 307  
American Legion , post 179  
International Footprinter Association , chapter 15  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Club Italia of Marin

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMBER:**

I am a 50year resident of Fairfax with extensive fiscal management experience with knowledge of all operations of Town functions and have an open mind with the ability to listen to the concerns of the citizens and employees .I feel the Council is doing an excellent job and I would be an asset to the Town in fulfilling that goal.

**WHAT ARE THE THREE MAIN ISSUES FACING THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX:**

Maintaining a full service Town with dwindling funds  
Traffic Issues  
Budget constraints

*Bernard Del Santo*

**WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX:**

**Be an intricate part of making the Town of Fairfax a place where people want to live, work and shop. Fairfax with all of its diversity has a wholesome atmosphere and the Town Council needs to reflect that feeling by showing their support for the citizens and the business community, and by making community awareness a priority.**

*Bernard Del Santo*

## Mirza Inayat Khan

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**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
APPLICATION TO SERVE AS A MEMBER  
OF THE FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL**

**NAME:** Mirza Inayat Khan

**ADDRESS:** 115 Forrest Avenue Fairfax

**RESIDENT:** Seven Years

**OCCUPATION:** Religious Studies Teacher, San Domenico School, 1500 Butterfield Road, San Anselmo.

**PHONES:** Home 451-0145, Work 258-1900

**EMAIL:** [mkhan@sandomenico.org](mailto:mkhan@sandomenico.org)

**EDUCATION:** B.A. Comparative Religion (Bard College), Teaching Degree (Dominican University).

**PARTICIPATION IN THE CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:**

I am part of San Domenico School, where I serve on a number of planning, fundraising, and outreach committees. I am a Minister in the Sufi Order, an Indian tradition that emphasizes service and tolerance. And I am a member of the Peri Park Playground community, where every afternoon I talk with other young local families.

**WHY I WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER:**

I do not have a background in city government. I am a school teacher and a father of two young children. But I am going to live in Fairfax for the rest of my life and my children will grow up here. So I am deeply invested in the future and making our town a wonderful community for children and families.

**THREE MAIN ISSUES FACING THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX:**

1. Supporting a family friendly community life in the downtown by securing a Farmer's Market and developing a walking plaza on Bolinas Avenue.
2. Managing safe and environmentally friendly transportation, including the trolley, safe routes to school, and resolving issues around bicycle traffic.
3. Shaping town events and celebrations like the Fairfax Festival to represent our local community and values.

MY VISION FOR FAIRFAX:

As I write this application, I am sitting in my classroom and a group of seventh grade students are happily working in groups, exchanging ideas, collaborating. And I am reminded that when you create an environment where everyone feels included and everyone's ideas are valued, then everyone begins to participate in a positive way towards a common good.

This is my vision for Fairfax: A community where everyone participates, enthusiastically and harmoniously in making our ideals a reality, a culture of people who listen and empathize with one another, a town that inspires such kinship that every walker stops to pick up a broken bottle, every homeowner plants a garden for the benefit of neighbors, every citizen volunteers to work in a fundraiser, and every one of us meets the others with a friendly smile.

DATE: FEB 27, 2013 SIGNATURE: 

Mirza Inayat Khan

**Christopher Lang**

TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
APPLICATION TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL

FEB 26 2013

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NAME: Christopher H. Lany

HOME ADDRESS: 177 Canyon Rd.

RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX FOR 41 YEARS

PRESENT OCCUPATION: Landscape Gardener

NAME OF BUSINESS: Christopher H. Lany Marin Services, Ltd.

BUSINESS ADDRESS: PO Box 287 Fairfax, CA. 94978

HOME & BUSINESS PHONE: 415-457-8687

E-MAIL ADDRESS: chris @ clancy lany . com

EDUCATION: National letter of Merit Scholar (Hick Wilmerding H.S.)

Full scholarship U.C. Santa Cruz, B.A. Environmental Horticulture 1975

PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Fairfax Festival Committee  
Co-Founder & Ex-Pres. Marin Co. Bicycle Coalition, (Co-Founder Friends of Tamarauch)

not  
participating

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER?

It is a logical extension of my service to the community.  
I have several projects to improve downtown that would  
be expedited by status on the Town Council. I am interested,

WHAT ARE THE THREE MAIN ISSUES FACING THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX?

I believe our first duty is to create a sustainable, transparent  
budget with emphasis on our unfunded pension liabilities.  
Second priority is to improve the public's negative perception

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX?

of town staff in several dept.  
Third priority is to create a unique village w. innovative traffic  
calming.  
My vision includes a place we can call home & be proud of.

DATE: 2-22-13 SIGNATURE: Christopher H Lany

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a community that provides a level playing field for all enterprises.  
My vision is for Fairfax to recapture its' lead amongst Marin's  
other communities, utilizing all the talents of our residents. #7

Briefly describe your employment background. self-employed Landscape  
Gardener/Contractor 44 years in Marin - ex. Pres. (3 yrs)  
Ft. CoL + Founder, Pres. & Chair MCBC (3 years)

My vision for the Town of Fairfax is:  
What is your vision for the Town of Fairfax? A safe place to raise our  
families, ride our bikes and welcoming to visitors, as well as  
A downtown that is not so shabby; with more  
street trees, bike facilities, public art, etc. + innovative  
traffic calming.

Please describe possible areas of conflict of interest. Owning 3 domiciles  
w/in city limits expands range of reusable issues  
- cannot serve on tree committee (could be perceived as c.o.i.)

Briefly explain your interest in serving on this Board, Commission, or Committee. \_\_\_\_\_  
I have a large vested interest in Fairfax, (owning 3  
homes) and our downtown is not being taken  
care of the way we maintain and upgrade our  
homes; our whole municipal infrastructure should  
be treated as well as our hearths & homes.

I have already served on Park & Rec, Planning Commission, etc.  
Town Council is next logical step to get good things done!  
Signature Christopher H. Jany

Please return this completed, signed form to:

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

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Funding Request for List of Projects by Christopher Lang and Velo Club Fairfax

1. Approved by Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
  - A. Parkade Mural (4' high 50' long) approximate cost \$2,500, approved by Fairfax Park and Rec. with 3 conditions:
    - Notice given to community-at-large
    - Include town Artist-in-Residence in all phases
    - Secure at least 3 designs and bids for project
2. Approved by Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors [Jerry Garcia Memorial Project (no funding) design not final, location at corner of Elsie Lane, approved by Fairfax Park and Rec.
3. Approved by Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - not a C. Lang or Velo Club Fairfax project (mountain bike origin) Repack Mosaic at Mono Lot planters, approximate cost \$17,000.
4. Walkable - Liveability survey by Dan Burden, special visit from top expert in nation to give guidance on implementation of Fairfax Bike/Ped Master Plan, cost \$1,500 (half price).
5. Feasibility study of White Hill School bicycle facilities plan and installation - Hill Ride Corp. - Cost \$2,500, same group that has planned Stafford Lake Bike Park for County of Marin (good for Norcal High School Mountain Bike Racing League).
6. Approved by Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - no cost est., mountain bike statue proposed for north end of parkade, funded for 3 years by Biketoberfest/MCBC, approximately \$4,000 in bank?
7. Approved by Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, bus station re-do, (tear off old wooden roof, replace with green asphalt comp. shingles, paint entire structure 'downtown green' and add signage), estimated \$2,000 budget, excluding signs.



**William Madsen**

TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
APPLICATION TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE  
FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL (Due February 28, 2013)

TOWN OF FAIRFAX

FEB 27 2013

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NAME: William B. Madsen  
HOME ADDRESS: 109 Porteous Ave.  
RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX FOR 17 YEARS  
PRESENT OCCUPATION: Firefighter  
NAME OF BUSINESS: San Francisco Fire Dept.  
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 698 Second Street, San Francisco  
HOME & BUSINESS PHONE: (415) 456-5070  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: wubmadsen@sbcglobal.net  
EDUCATION: B.A. Communications U.C.S.D. 1988

PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Fairfax Planning Commission – 2001-2008 Board Member Chamber of Commerce – 2005-2010  
Supervisory Committee Member – San Francisco Fire Credit Union – 2005 to present

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER?

I enjoy working with others in the service of the community. I'll be honest; I know I've burned some bridges in the past. I did not play well at politics. I've put those mistakes behind me. I'd like the opportunity to demonstrate my commitment to the town, its neighborhoods, and its people.

WHAT ARE THE THREE MAIN ISSUES FACING THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX?

- 1.) Our economy. We need to find ways to finance and implement town improvements.
- 2.) Town Center Element of the General Plan. It's time we resurrected this jewel of an idea.
- 3.) Finding ways to make the public feel more invested in their town.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX?

I believe the Town Center Element, if implemented, could help Fairfax realize its potential as a model for other towns on how to create a vibrant, sustainable, and tight-knit community.

DATE: 2-27-13 SIGNATURE: 

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