



Boards and Commissions Application

Thank you for your interest in serving on a City of Capitola Advisory Group. Please fill out the following form with your information. Appointments are made at a public City Council meeting.

Application For:

Application For:

- Art and Cultural Commission - Artist
- Art and Cultural Commission - Arts Professional
- Art and Cultural Commission - At Large
- Commission on the Environment
- Finance Advisory Committee - At Large
- Finance Advisory Committee - Business Representative
- Historical Museum Board
- Planning Commission
- Other:

Applicant Information

First Name *

Nathan

Last Name *

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Email *

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Current Address *

Street Address

[REDACTED]

Address Line 2

City

Capitola

Postal / Zip Code

95010

State / Province / Region

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Country

United States

Telephone (Home)

Telephone (Mobile) *

[REDACTED]

Are you a Capitola resident? *

Yes

Residential Neighborhood:

Are you applying as a Youth Member to an Advisory Group? *

No

Youth Members are encouraged to participate with City Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

Qualifications

Occupation:

Economic and Workforce Development Manager

Please describe your qualifications and interest in serving on this Board/Commission/Committee: *

I'm excited to share my qualifications for the City of Capitola's Capital Planning Commission. With a background in public service that spans both military and civilian roles, I believe my experiences and passion for community improvement align closely with the Commission's goals.

I started my career by serving 10 years as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the United States Air Force. During that time, I developed leadership skills, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to serving others—qualities that have stayed with me as I transitioned into local government and economic development work.

I earned two master's degrees from the USC Price School of Public Policy—one in Urban Planning with a focus on Economic Development and another in Public Administration with a specialization in Local Government Management. My undergraduate degree in Business Economics from UC Riverside gave me a solid foundation in understanding how economies grow and thrive.

Currently, I work as the Business Services Manager for the County of Santa Cruz, where I focus on connecting employers with skilled talent and helping job seekers prepare for in-demand careers. This role requires me to build partnerships, address workforce needs, and create solutions that support both businesses and residents.

Before this, I was the Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Santa Cruz. I acted as the Business Liaison, helping local businesses navigate permitting, zoning, and technical requirements to grow and thrive. I also led key projects, such as launching the city's outdoor dining program during the pandemic and supporting efforts to attract new businesses to the area.

Earlier in my career, I worked for the City of Long Beach, where I managed programs that provided small businesses with access to capital and oversaw Opportunity Zone initiatives. I also worked for Council District 8 for the City of Los Angeles as a Program Analyst, supporting community safety projects and helping local stakeholders address neighborhood concerns.

While I'm not a long-time Capitola resident, I'm passionate about building strong, vibrant communities. I've spent my career working on projects that bring people together, improve neighborhoods, and create opportunities for businesses and individuals to thrive. My background in public service—from the Air Force to local government—has given me a deep understanding of how to navigate complex systems while staying focused on the people and communities impacted by decisions.

I'm committed to using my skills and experiences to help Capitola grow thoughtfully while preserving what makes it special. Thank you for considering my application. I'd be honored to bring my expertise to the Capital Planning Commission and work with others who care as much about this community as I do.

Additional Attachments

Acknowledgement Required*

Please note that appointment to this position may require you to file a conflict of interest disclosure statement or complete additional trainings with the City Clerk. This information is a public record and these statements are available to the public on request.

Acknowledged

Signature*

All information contained in this page is public data and will be made available for public review upon request. Qualifications and interests of applicants will be provided to the City Council in a public forum and will be reviewed before appointments are made. Questions regarding this application and appointment process should be directed to the Capitola City Clerk.

