

Recruitment Packet for Historic District Commission

The Historic District Commission works to ensure the protection of the historic and cultural character of the city's Historic District. The commission reviews the design and architecture of new and altered structures within the Historic District. It also reviews applications for sign permits, conditional use permits, variances, land divisions, and land mergers within the Historic District. In addition, the commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council concerning matters associated with historic landmarks, sites, and structures.

Authority: Folsom Municipal Code Chapter 17.52

Rules of Conduct - Adopted December 2022

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Positions

Lane, John, Position 1, Historic Preservation

Cole, Kathleen Marie, Position 2, Resident of the Historic District

Dascallos, Mark, Position 3, Business Owner Within the Sutter Street Subarea

Herrera, Matt, Position 4, Planning Commission Member

West, Daniel, Position 5, Planning Commission Member

Felts, John, Position 6, Representative from a Historic District Business Outside the Sutter Street Subarea

Cabrera, Jennifer, Position 7, Architect, Landscape Architect, or Other Design Professional

Applicants Information

Cole, Kathleen Marie
Gomez, Lisa
Vais, Rosa M

Historic District Commission Application

Historic District Commission Seat

Please identify which seat you qualify for:

Representative who is a resident of the Historic District

Applicant Information

First Name

Kathleen

Last Name

Cole

Residence Address

[REDACTED]

Line 2

City

Folsom

State

CA

Zip Code

95630

Email

kcolepolicy@gmail.com

Phone

(916) 606-2039

Employer and Occupation

Retired

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

Yes

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Historic District Commission

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training

I understand that commission and committee members must file statements disclosing financial information.

Yes

I understand that commission and committee members must complete ethics and harassment training.

Yes



Informational Questions

Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

It has been a privilege to serve on the Folsom Historic District Commission, and I remain deeply committed to preserving the character, vitality, and historic integrity of our beloved district. My continued interest in serving stems from a genuine passion for Historic Folsom and a strong belief in the importance of giving back to my community. I have cultivated meaningful relationships with local businesses, residents, and members of the broader Folsom community. These connections have given me a unique perspective on the district's evolving needs and the value of inclusive community-driven decision-making. I am eager to build on the work we've begun to help guide future projects under the authority established by the city council.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I believe there are two top issues facing the Historic District Commission. The first stems from a recent ruling by a Sacramento County Superior Court judge who opined that all city commissions, including the Planning Commission and Historic District Commission, are no longer final decision bodies for most entitlement applications. All city commission decisions are to be considered advisory only based upon the court's decision. Projects that previously ended with a commission vote must now go through an additional layer of review by the city council. This will delay project approvals, add to already full city council agendas, and require additional staff time and resources. The second priority issue relates to the absence of objective design standards for the Folsom Historic District. Without clear, objective criteria, the tools to evaluate projects are limited and subject to interpretation. Without established and published standards, applicants and neighbors have little insight into why certain projects are approved or denied creating unfairness among homeowners and business owners. This erodes trust in the process. Project approvals based upon objective design standards should result in faster and more efficient approvals for property owners; consistent and predictable preservation of the district's history and character; and improved communication with stakeholders.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I was first appointed to the Historic District Commission in 2019 and have served continuously since my initial appointment. I was elected chair of the Historic District Commission in 2022 and have served in that role to the present. I approach Commission responsibilities with care, professionalism, and a commitment to a transparent process. I value diverse viewpoints and strive to make decisions that balance historic preservation with progress.



Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

Aside from my attendance at Folsom Historic District Commission meetings, I have attended several Folsom Planning Commission meetings. I also served on the Folsom Water Vision Advisory Committee. I also believe it is important to attend City Council meetings to keep current on broader city issues.

Truth and Accuracy

Signature

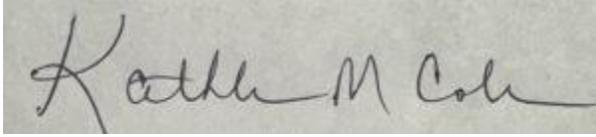
Kathleen M. Cole

Signature Date

11/14/2025

Signature of Kathleen M. Cole

Dated November 14, 2025

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Historic District Commission Application

Historic District Commission Seat

Please identify which seat you qualify for:

Representative who owns a business within the Sutter Street Subarea

Applicant Information

First Name

Lisa

Last Name

Gomez

Residence Address

[REDACTED]

Line 2

City

Folsom

State

CA

Zip Code

95630

Email

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Phone

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Employer and Occupation

Business Owner of The Vine and Property Owner of 609 Sutter St.

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee?

No

If yes, please specify:

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification

Registered to vote?

Yes

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Informational Questions

Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I have been a business owner on Sutter St for almost 8yrs and involved in community historic district events. I am now also a property owner in the historic district. I want to ensure that the quaintness, the history and district as a whole stays protected for future generations and keep it protected from modern, trendy architecture and investor & corporate growth.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

I think there are several issues from growth, lack of parking, balance of neighborhood resident complaints vs small business survival, homelessness issues, non compliance of construction, etc

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

I have been a small business owner for over 8yrs and owned multiple restaurants. Prior to that I spent 18 years in corporate. I worked at Hewlett Packard for 8 years working on various committees, from MERT (medical emergency response team), DEI (diversity) and Non-Profit Committees. I worked for 10years as the Vice President of an Event Software company, managing large teams, multi-million dollar budgets, sales, Project development and management of product lifecycles.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

a few assorted Historic District hearings, one on the Murrays taproom, the new building at Sutter & Scott, the small business OPEN/Closed signage

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Lisa Gomez

Signature Date

10/30/2025

Historic District Commission Application

Historic District Commission Seat

Please identify which seat you qualify for:

Representative who is a resident of the Historic District

Applicant Information

First Name

Rosa

Last Name

Vais

Residence Address

[REDACTED]

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State

CA

Zip Code

95630

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Phone

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Employer and Occupation

Retired

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Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee?

Response

I am interested in serving on this particular committee because I value preserving the integrity of our Historic District; I believe it is the jewel of Folsom. I have been involved with the Historic District Residence Association (HFRA) in the past.

What do you think is (are) the top issue(s) facing this commission or committee?

Response

To have our advocacy, voices, concerns truly addressed by planning commission and City leaders.

Briefly describe how your experiences qualify you to serve on the commission or committee.

Response

My successful career as a leader in Corporate Industry has provided me with the critical strategic thinking skills to consider multiple aspects of situations. I care deeply about the impact of the progressive growth and how it can negatively effect or enhance our Historic District.

Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

Response

I have attended the meetings on ADU's and City Council Meetings, Public Works Committee

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Signature

Rosa Vais

Signature Date

10/27/2025