



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	9/10/2024
AGENDA SECTION:	Consent Calendar
SUBJECT:	Appointment of At-Large Member to the Folsom Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee to Represent the Cobble Ridge District
FROM:	City Clerk's Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff requests that the Mayor appoint Joe Helo (with approval from the City Council) to the Folsom Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee to represent the Cobble Ridge District for the term ending in December 2026.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

Folsom Municipal Code Chapter 16.56 establishes the Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee (L&L Committee) and defines the Committee’s purpose as helping to enhance the line of communication between city staff and elected/appointed city bodies. The citizens’ committee may also make recommendations to the Landscaping and Lighting District Manager, the Community Development Director and the Public Works Director concerning the maintenance and associated costs to maintain and improve landscaping and lighting districts. The Committee is comprised of one person from each landscaping and lighting district. The members shall be registered voters and residents or owners within their respective landscaping and lighting district and serve for a period of four years (unless they are appointed to serve the remainder of an unfilled term).

POLICY/ RULE

Folsom Municipal Code Section 16.56.030(B) states that the mayor shall appoint each of the members, subject to the approval of the City Council.

ANALYSIS

The L&L Committee continues to have vacancies for certain districts, and staff maintains an open recruitment for these vacancies. One application has recently been received for the Cobble Ridge District vacant seat from Joe Helo.

Staff has confirmed that the applicant's address is within the Cobble Ridge District and that the applicant is a registered voter and they are therefore eligible to be appointed.

ATTACHMENT

Application from Joe Helo

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Freemantle, CMC
City Clerk



Folsom Commission and Committee APPLICATION



Thank you for your interest in serving on a Folsom commission or committee.

Before You Begin:

- Please read this form and instructions carefully.
- Complete all pages and sign the application.
- Applications remain active for six months after submittal.

Return completed applications to:

City Clerk's Department, Folsom City Hall, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630

Applicant Information: (All information is required)

Name: Joseph Monther Helo

Residence Address: [REDACTED] Folsom, Ca 95630

Email: kharooof@hotmail.com

Phone: 916-873-2200

Employer and Occupation: State of California - Senior Financial Institutions Examiner

Currently Serving on a Commission/Committee? If yes, please specify:

No

Folsom Residency / Registered Voter Verification: Commission and Committee members must be residents and registered voters of Folsom.

Registered to vote? Indicate Yes / No Yes

Financial Disclosure / Ethics Training:

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

Indicate Yes / No:

Yes

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

Indicate Yes / No:

Yes

Truth and Accuracy: I certify that the information contained on this form is true and accurate:

Signature: Joe Helo

Digitally signed by Joe Helo
Date: 2024.08.05 07:10:42 -07'00'

Date: 08/05/2024

Important Public Records Information: The city may receive requests from the public to review documents such as this form and the city is obligated to release these public records, including all information contained on the form.

FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Joseph Monther Helo

Choice of Commission or Committee:

(If you are interested in multiple commissions, please rank them numerically according to your preference)

Arts and Culture Commission

Historic District Commission*

Please identify which seat you qualify for:

representative who is actively involved with historic preservation

representative who is a resident of the Historic District

representative who owns a business within the Sutter Street Subarea

Planning Commissioners

representative from a Historic District business outside the Sutter Street Subarea

architect, landscape architect, or other design professional with expertise in historic preservation

Landscaping and Lighting District Advisory Committee*

Please advise which L&L District you live in:

District of Residence: Cobble Ridge

Library Commission

Parks and Recreation Commission

Planning Commission

Traffic Safety Committee*

Please identify which seat you qualify for:

representative representing a wide cross section of interests

representative who has demonstrated an interest in or a concern for pedestrian and bicycle safety

Utility Commission

Other: _____

***Application Supplement Required:**

Supplemental information is required for the Historic District Commission, Landscape and Lighting District Advisory Committee, and the Traffic Safety Committee. These boards have special qualification requirements for certain seats.

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FOLSOM COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Applicant Name: Joseph Monther Helo

Informational Questions: (you must answer all four questions, for all commissions or committees you are applying for):

1. Why do you want to serve on this commission or committee:

I am writing to express my interest in volunteering for one of Folsom's community service committees. As a dedicated resident of Folsom, I am eager to contribute my time and skills to support and enhance our vibrant community.

Having lived in Folsom for 10+ years, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that community service initiatives have on our city. The sense of unity and the spirit of volunteerism that permeate our community are truly inspiring. I am particularly drawn to the opportunity to serve on a committee because I believe it is a meaningful way to give back and help address the needs of our residents.

I am particularly interested in filling the Cobble Ridge seat for the Advisor Committee for the Landscaping and Lighting District, as I believe my residency, experience and interests align well with the goals of this committee. I am eager to collaborate with other dedicated resident-volunteers and city officials to develop and implement programs that will benefit our community.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the possibility of contributing to the continued growth and success of Folsom through volunteer service. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can be of service to our community.

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

Lack of interest, too many vacant seats.

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Applicant Name: Joseph Monther Helo

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

A Folsom resident
Real Estate broker since 2005
BA Public Administration and MBA Finance
Folsom small business owner
Public sector employee since 2017 (Federal and State government)
Interested in serving my local community

4. Which commission or committee meetings have you attended?

None so far, I attended City Council meetings but not committee meetings.

END OF APPLICATION FORM

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