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Submission information

Form: [City of Lake Forest Park Boards and Commissions Application](#)

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First Name

Joshua

Last Name

Rosenau

Home Address

Mailing Address (if different from above)

Phone Number

Do you own property in Lake Forest Park?

Yes

Email

Board, Commission, Committee

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Years a Resident of this Municipality

6

Experience/Professional Expertise/Education (Please provide dates of education and experience.)

Conservation Advocate, Mountain Lion Foundation (2021-present)

Communications Director, Wild Fish Conservancy (2019-2020)

Deputy Director, Science Debate (2018)

Programs and Policy Director, National Center for Science Education (2007-2017)

University of Kansas doctoral program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, left ABD (all but dissertation) (2000-2007)

University of Chicago, BA in Biology (1996-2000)

Current or Prior Experience on Boards/Commissions/Committees

No prior experience on public boards or commissions

Civic Activities and Memberships (Roles with fraternal, business, church, or social groups-please provide dates)

Board member, Lake Forest Park Elementary PTA (Communications Chair: 2017-2019, Advocacy Chair: 2021-present)

Board member, Bay Area Skeptics (2008-2017)

Reasons for Wanting to Serve

As a parent of two elementary-aged children, I'm very interested in how our city's parks are managed and planned. I am trained as a biologist, and have a deep background in STEM education, and would be interested in seeing ways to encourage public engagement with our natural ecosystems in Lake Forest Park, and also in ensuring that children have opportunities to play in nature. Nature play and outdoor play are critical to healthy development. I also want to ensure equitable access for all members of our community — and the wider region — to these natural resources. As the new beach front park is developed, there will be exciting opportunities to ensure that the full community finally can access the Lake from Lake Forest Park. In addition to that huge opportunity, there are opportunities to assess how all of the parks in town serve the needs of our community, including opportunities for sports and athletics, birdwatching and nature study, picnicking and relaxation, and other outdoor entertainment. Our parks are central to the city's identity, and I would be honored to help guide the city's planning and development of these crucial resources.

Are you able to attend evening meetings?

Yes

Resume, Education, etc. (Optional)

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