



City of St. Helena
Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 5:15 PM
Vintage Hall Board Room - Second Floor
465 Main Street, St. Helena

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
Mayor: Paul Dohring, Vice Mayor Eric Hall:, City Council Members: Anna Chouteau, Patrick Kenealy, Billy Summers
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
4. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Under California law, public comments at special meetings are limited to subjects on the agenda only. Therefore public comment will take place during consideration of the item. Each person's comments shall be limited to 4 minutes.
5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.1. Planning Commission Applicant Interviews

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Planning Commission Applicants:

1. Hector F. Lopez
2. David Prueter
3. Erin Martin

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[Planning Commission Application - Erin Martin](#)

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

This agenda was posted at City Hall, 1088 College Avenue, and at Vintage Hall, 465 Main Street, St. Helena, California on April 4, 2024.



Cindy Tzafoopoulos, City Clerk

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City of St. Helena

CA-24-003

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: March 11, 2024

Application Type: Planning Commission

NAME: Hector F. Lopez

ADDRESS: 1007 Charter Oak Avenue, Saint Helena, CA, 94574

PHONE: (707) 718-6725 Personal cell

ALTERNATIVE PHONE: (925) 200-0372 Work cell

EMAIL ADDRESS: hlopez@ctcnc.org

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: Saint Helena

EMPLOYER: Nor Cal Carpenters Union Training Committee

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: I want to give back to the town I was born and raised in. I want to assist in keeping St. Helena a beautiful town assisting the residents build according to the City General Plan.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Completed the Carpenter's Union Apprenticeship 4 year program and became a Journeyman Union Carpenter in 2003, BA from UC Berkeley in Ethnic Studies in 1997 in the College of Letter's and Science, A.A. in Carpentry from American River College in 2009, A.A. in English from Santa Rosa Junior College in 1993. Penn State courses in Construction Management 2012 to 2024 given at the Las Vegas Carpenter's Union International Training Center. OSHA 500 certified to walk construction job sites and advise contractors of OSHA safety violations.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Custom home builder with the Carpenters Union for 10 years in Marin County. Some Custom Apartment work in San Francisco in Pacific Heights. Over 26 years experience with commercial and residential construction and walking job sites in Norther California 46 counties form the High Speed Rail in Fresno to the Sales Force Tower building in San Francisco to court houses and hospitals in Redding and Eureka up to the Oregon Boarder.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I am a counselor and mentor to over 5,000 apprentices of the 11 crafts under the Carpenter's Union that I assist in keeping them on track with their classes and work hours in 46 counties.

REFERENCE 1: Name: Matt Cia
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Phone Number(s): (707) 312-1741
Email: mattc@ogletreecorp.com

REFERENCE 2: Name: Sean Wilson
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Phone Number(s): (707) 963-6404
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REFERENCE 3:

Name: Jeff Mathis
Address: 1017 Charter Oak Avenue
Phone Number(s): (707) 309-4887
Email: jeffmathis1969@yahoo.com

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying?

Yes. I have been in meetings held for the expansion of Farmsted. Also went to meetings when investors that purchased a lot behind me of 1003 Charter Oak Avenue when they were in the planning of the home that is yet to be finished and has now been foreclosed for the 2nd time!

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?

To properly guide all those applying for new construction or remodeling projects in building according to the regulations set by the city under the General Plan.

What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?

To work with the other committee members in researching and advising on what can be accomplished in construction projects presented to us by our citizens.

Have you previously served, or do you currently serve, on a St. Helena Commission or Committee? If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

No

Is there anything else you would like us to consider when reviewing your application?

As a 26 year Union Carpenter I pride myself with building properly according to construction standards and believe in a quality product over quantity for lasting project. I hope to ser the committee to the best of my experience and ability. I speak fluent Spanish that my help when we have Spanish speaking residents and visiting their projects. I look forward to working as a team with other committee members in coming up with solutions that satisfy both our beautiful city and the residents seeking to build in St Helena.

I agree that all of the information contained in my responses to the questions on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that, by checking the box below and submitting this application, online or otherwise, I am affixing my digital signature to this form as of the date submitted. I also agree that if appointed, I will serve on the Commission/Committee for which I have submitted this application.

☒ I AGREE

Hector Fernando Diaz De Leon Lopez

March 11, 2024

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City of St. Helena

CA-24-005

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: March 19, 2024

Application Type: Planning Commission

NAME: David Prueter

ADDRESS: 1181 Valley View Street, Saint Helena, California, 94574

PHONE: 3302060094

EMAIL ADDRESS: davidprueter@yahoo.com

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 2 years

EMPLOYER: Medtronic, Inc. (Intellectual Property Attorney)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: Saint Helena is a special town that has unique considerations for land use and zoning. I want to serve on the Planning Commission to help make planning decisions that take the character of Saint Helena into consideration.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: (2005-2009) The University of Akron - Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering
(2010-2013) The University of Akron School of Law - Juris Doctor

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Member, Saint Helena International Order of Oddfellows

REFERENCE 1: Name: Linda Reiff
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Phone Number(s): 707-225-7900
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REFERENCE 2: Name: Stephen Slevin
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Phone Number(s): 415-999-1059
Email: stephenslevin@mac.com

REFERENCE 3: Name: Maxine Angell
Address: 2101 Spring Street, Saint Helena, CA 94574
Phone Number(s): 707-963-9263
Email: maxlangell@yahoo.com

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying?

Yes

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?

I understand that the Planning Commission reviews applications for projects within the City, including use permits, variances, zoning maps, and design review of development and construction. I also understand that the Planning Commission reviews amendments to the Housing Element, General Plan, and Zoning Ordinance and provides recommendations to City Council regarding these documents.

What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?

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My goals would be to fully understand the regulations and requirements associated with the Housing Element, General Plan, and Zoning Ordinance. I would also strive to engage the community and ensure that the City's decisions relating to planning, development, land use, and zoning are made fairly and with public input.

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David Prueter

March 19, 2024

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City of St. Helena

CA-24-004

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: March 18, 2024

Application Type: Planning Commission

NAME: Erin Martin Martin

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EMAIL ADDRESS: Erin@erinmartin.com

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 27 years +

EMPLOYER: Self

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: Love this town and owe it a lot.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: (High School, College, Professional, Vocational, or other Schools Attended. Please include Major or Field of Study, Dates attended, Degree and date of Degree)

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Creating living spaces for humans.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Years with Youth with a Mission.

REFERENCE 1: Name:Joel Gott
Address:
Phone Number(s):
Email:

REFERENCE 2: Name:Dan Hale
Address:
Phone Number(s):
Email:

REFERENCE 3: Name:Howard Backen
Address:
Phone Number(s):
Email:

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying?

Yes.

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?

It takes a village and focus.

What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?

To make this town as healthy and joyful as it can be.

Is there anything else you would like us to consider when reviewing your application?

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Feel I am better in person than on paper.

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Erin Martin

March 18, 2024

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