



City of St. Helena
Special City Council Meeting - Applicant
Interviews
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
465 Main Street, First Floor, Cafeteria, St.
Helena

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
Mayor: Paul Dohring, Vice Mayor: Michelle Deasy City Council Members:
Aaron Barak, Kate Spadarotto, 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. Applicant interviews for the Library Board of Trustees and the Active

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Transportation and Sustainability Committee

The applicants for one (1) vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees with term ending June 30, 2026:

1. John Flynn
2. Courtenay Fletcher
3. Ann Whiting

The applicants for one (1) alternate position on the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee with term ending June 30, 2026:

1. Emma Leggat

[Library Board of Trustees Application - John Flynn](#)

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6. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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Erika Opp, Administrative Analyst

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City of St. Helena

CA-25-014

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: March 20, 2025

Application Type: Library Board of Trustees

NAME: John Flynn
ADDRESS: [REDACTED], Angwin, CA, 94508
PHONE: [REDACTED]
ALTERNATIVE PHONE: [REDACTED]
EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 0. I've worked in St. Helena since 2008
EMPLOYER: St. Helena Appliance
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed
REASON FOR APPLYING: Would like to give some time to continue to have a valuable resource to the community and give back to aforementioned community.
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated Petaluma High School 1977. Completed a 1 year vocational training program in the Adult Education Department of Solano County in 1991, specializing in Heating and Air Conditioning. Misc on factory service training in the appliance repair field since getting the "racket" in 1991.
OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Many years of customer service in the appliance repair field, working for established companies as Sears Repair Services and since 2008 for local company St. Helena Appliance.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Napa Valley Democrats
REFERENCE 1: Name: Tom Glakeler
Address: [REDACTED] St. Helena, CA 94574
Phone Number(s): [REDACTED] business hours
Email: Not known
REFERENCE 2: Name: Eric Bell
Address: Same as Above
Phone Number(s): Same as above. Business hours
Email: [REDACTED]
REFERENCE 3: Name: Brian Pope
Address: Same as above
Phone Number(s): Same as above. Business hours
Email: Not known

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

No

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

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A once a month meeting that starts at 5p at library. If I schedule correctly I could make it to that meeting as close to 5p on the scheduled Wed meeting. I would be off work at 5p and will ask the dispatchers at SHA to honor my request to be off at that time.

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

To serve 2 full years and participate to the best of my ability, be a team member. The library will continue to need to function to the community during the upcoming years of government cutbacks.

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?

I am a regular patron to the St. Helena Library, have a favorite seat in the computer section, known as the row of fame, and found out about this non-partisan position via the city newsletter.

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.

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John J. Flynn

March 20, 2025



City of St. Helena

CA-25-013

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: March 19, 2025

Application Type: Library Board of Trustees

NAME: Courtenay Fletcher

ADDRESS: [REDACTED], Saint Helena, CA, 94574-1101

PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: Saint Helena

EMPLOYER: TCM, Senior Designer

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: I love libraries and books and feel they are an essential part of any community and offer so much more than books. Now more than ever we need do step up to support our libraries and make sure they continue to be a vital part of our society.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

- MFA in Design/Art Direction from Art Center College of Design
- 15 years as an Art Director at ad agencies in LA, Chicago and NYC
- 13 years working as a children's illustrator, book designer and marketing designer
- Currently working as a senior designer at Teacher Created Materials(publisher of educational books) in their picture book trade division.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: For three consecutive years, I participated in the Summer Author Series (sponsored by the Library foundation of LA) in which I did presentations and book signings at various branches of the Los Angeles Public Library. I am also still co-owner of Inner Flower Child Books, where I co created picture books, put together workshops, school visit presentations and professional development presentations: <http://innerflowerchildbooks.com/events--bookings.html>

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I've worked with many organizations that use books to help children going through traumatic times, such as A Window Between Worlds, Get On the Bus, Voices for Children of San Antonio and others. I've done many presentations at LAUSD schools to promote art, creativity and healing. I've been involved with Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (current member) and Independent Book Publishers Assoc.

REFERENCE 1: Name: Noelle Strouss
Address: [REDACTED] St. Helena, Ca
Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

REFERENCE 2: Name: Joel Toller
Address: [REDACTED] St. Helena, Ca
Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE 3:

Name: Sydney Strouss
Address: [REDACTED], Angwin, CA
Phone Number(s): [REDACTED] 1
Email: [REDACTED]

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

No and I've never been on a board.

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

That the commission oversees the distribution of funds to buy books, fund events, and ensures that library runs according to the rules.

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

To support and promote the library as a free and important source of culture, art and learning in our community.

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?

no, other than I have no experience in city government or being on commissions, but I do have a deep love of libraries and books.

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.

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Courtenay Fletcher

March 19, 2025



City of St. Helena

CA-25-016

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: March 24, 2025

Application Type: Library Board of Trustees

NAME: Ann Whiting

ADDRESS: [REDACTED], St. Helena, CA, 94574

PHONE: [REDACTED]

ALTERNATIVE PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: Since 1/1 2025

EMPLOYER: self

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Part-time

REASON FOR APPLYING: I believe reading is very important and am concerned about book bans.

I am new to the area and would like to be involved in my new community.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: MS degree in Human Resource Management.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Parent and foster parent. Substitute teacher and years of experience with youth. I stressed the importance of education and encouraged reading in all my roles.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Various volunteer positions in the state of Washington - North Beach PAWS and I was an active member in Women Helping Women.

REFERENCE 1: Name: Katie Avery
Address: [REDACTED]
Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]
Email: mrskatieavery@gmail.com

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

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

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

No

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

I would be coming in as an open slate - no preconceived beliefs or understandings.

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

To support other members and provide relevant input.

Advocate for the library and for the community.

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?

Since new to the area I cannot provide three references. I have met Terry Wood - we are neighbors.

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March 23, 2025

ANN SIMPSON/WHITING

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

10+ YEARS EXPERIENCE – MENTAL HEALTH/CRISIS SUPPORT

Arukah Institute of Health – Living Room Manager
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington – Therapist/Clinician III
Columbia Wellness – Mobile Crisis Counselor and Crisis Support Specialist
Behavioral Health Resources – Adult Care Coordinator
Catholic Charities - Community Support Liaison
Stockton State Hospital – Living Skills Educator

19 YEARS EXPERIENCE – SOCIAL SERVICES/FOSTER CARE

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Child Welfare Supervisor
Lake County, California – Eligibility Worker
State of California, Foster Parent

10 YEARS EXPERIENCE – WRITER

12 YEARS EXPERIENCE – CUSTOMER SERVICE, MARKETING

10 YEARS EXPERIENCE – HUMAN RESOURCES

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois – Child Welfare Supervisor

Provided direct supervision, support and training to five Child Welfare Specialists and two Case Assistants. Determined case assignments for staff. Monitored the quality and quantity of case work services provided. Proactively addressed foster-care related issues as they arose.

Worked closely and cooperatively with top management, DCFS, the courts and other child welfare agencies.

CWEL certified

Arukah Institute of Healing, Living Room Manager

Determined the policies and procedures for the new facility, as well as workflow and documentation requirements.

The Living Room continues to provide a safe, nonjudgmental space for individuals experiencing mental health, substance use and daily life stressors – with an emphasis on meeting people where they are, and assisting to improve the quality of their lives, while also diverting hospitalizations and negative law enforcement interactions.

The position works cooperatively with the C5 Rural Network, Saint Margaret's Health, and local law enforcement.

Supervised a rotating staff of 5+ Recovery Support Specialists Monday-Friday.

Catholic Community Services of Western Washington

This position provided strength-based, team-based mental health services for children and their families. The position partnered with natural supports and external community resources to achieve long term positive results.

Consistently exceeded required service hours – earning bonuses on a quarterly basis.

Performance review ratings – all 3s on a 0-3 scale - with 3 being the highest possible rating.

Columbia Wellness

Mobile Crisis duties – This position provided a wide array of direct and indirect services in crisis response for persons experiencing acute/urgent emotional or mental health problems. Emphasis was on outreach within the community with the goal of diverting hospitalizations when possible.

CSU duties - This position provided non-clinical outpatient support services to all clients served within the Columbia Wellness Crisis Support Unit.

Behavioral Health Resources

Provided clinical care coordination services to designated priority clients. The goal of the position was to help clients maintain stable community living, increase independence, and enhance quality of life.

Exceeded service hour requirements monthly.

Catholic Charities and Stockton State Hospital

Taught independent living skills to hospital residents. Supported residents in their transition from hospital-community living.

ANN'S ACCOLADES

One of my greatest strengths is client/customer service. Below, are just some of the comments I've received:

- Thank you SO much Ann. It's wonderful to work with you.
- I thoroughly enjoyed working with Ann and she is one of the key reasons we are interested in building a relationship with your agency.
- Ann has, in fact already responded, and with great info because she is awesome.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, Salt Lake City, Utah

Master of Science with high honors in Human Resources

Master's thesis—Performed a staffing analysis for the state of Utah Department of Social Services which resulted in state-wide staffing recommendations.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, Stockton, California

Bachelor of Arts with high honors in Behavioral Psychology (Applied Behavior Analysis)

Certified Crisis Intervention Specialist II

Certified in Trauma Focused CBT+



City of St. Helena

CA-25-015

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: March 22, 2025

Application Type: Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

NAME: Emma Leggat

ADDRESS: [REDACTED], Saint Helena, CA, 94574

PHONE: [REDACTED]

EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: Saint Helena

EMPLOYER: Sonos, Sr Director of Communications

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: I am keenly interested in active transportation and sustainability and am well-informed around these topics based on previous professional experience working for a nonpartisan sustainability research and policy center.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: MBA (University of San Diego), Bachelor of Arts Degree (Lehigh University)

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: I lead communications for a public corporation and serve as chief of staff to the CEO. I am also a local homeowner and parent of two children attending St Helena Elementary.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I was actively involved in the Kamala Harris campaign and have previously volunteered for environmental organizations, including spearheading the creation of a conversation based outdoor film series in San Diego Country

REFERENCE 1: Name: Kolea Marquez
Address: St Helena
Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]
Email:

REFERENCE 2: Name: Gillian Casey
Address: St Helena
Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]
Email:

REFERENCE 3: Name: Anne Elcon
Address: St Helena
Phone Number(s): [REDACTED]
Email:

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

not here in St Helena, but previously in San Diego County

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

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My understanding is that the committee advises the city council on sustainability issues, develops and implements sustainability plans, and promotes sustainable practices within the community, focusing on environmental, social, and economic well-being.

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

I'd like to contribute positively to the local community in an area in which I have subject matter expertise and personal interest

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

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Emma Leggat

March 22, 2025

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EMMA LEGGAT

EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL MBA
University of San Diego

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Lehigh University
Journalism &
Communication

CONTACT



[linkedin.com/emmaleggat](https://www.linkedin.com/emmaleggat)

LANGUAGES

Fluent Swedish & English,
beginner Spanish

SUMMARY

Execution-oriented communications leader and chief of staff with 20+ years of experience across high-growth, high-tech brands including Airbnb, Sonos, HotelTonight, and eBay.

EXPERIENCE

SONOS, SANTA BARBARA, CA

Chief of Staff to the CEO (Feb 2023 - present)
Sr Director of Executive Communications (Oct 2023 - present)
Director of Internal Communications (March 2021- Oct 2023)

- Since Jan 2025, have acted as deputy to newly appointed Sonos CEO, leading all external and internal communications surrounding his announcement and successful transition.
- Lead executive and employee communications, crafting all CEO and key leader communications, producing monthly all hands for 1800+ employees, leading company response around societal events and DEI, and in-house content generation.
- Lead executive operations and processes to drive operational rigor across all functions, including company-wide prioritization and goal setting processes and convenings.
- Drive collaboration and cohesion across communications leads spanning: ESG, consumer & product, internal and corporate communications, and investor relations.

AIRBNB, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Director of Communications, HotelTonight, an Airbnb company (2019)
Director of Communications, HotelTonight (2016 – 2018)

- Created and led brand & communications function at HotelTonight through its acquisition by Airbnb in 2019.
- Leveraged internal data and consumer insights around travel behavior to lead news bureau generating ongoing media coverage

STUBHUB (AN EBAY COMPANY), SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Director of Communications, StubHub (Feb 2016 – Aug 2016)
Head of Communications & Social Good, StubHub (2012 – 2016)

- Led creation of StubHub's first-ever social impact and artist advocacy programs to deepen customer engagement and generate goodwill within the music industry.
- As company spokesperson, advanced StubHub's perception and thought leadership around social impact through

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speaking engagements and media interviews. (Examples: [Inc.](#), [South by Southwest](#))

- Completed competitive, nomination-based 12-week eBay Emerging Leaders Training Program.

EQUINOX CENTER, SAN DIEGO, CA

Communications Director (2011-2012)

- Worked with diverse business leaders, elected officials, and local community to educate and lead consensus building around regional sustainability issues through earned media, public convenings, data visualizations, and storytelling.

THE HITACHI FOUNDATION, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mita Business in Society Fellow (2010)

- Appointed post-graduate, 12-month fellowship in corporate citizenship through national competition of MBA students.
- Led communications for corporate philanthropy of Hitachi, Ltd. and its 40+ group companies, and launched national prize for young social entrepreneurs.

MMGY PUBLIC RELATIONS, NEW YORK, NY

Account Supervisor (2006 – 2008)

Senior Account Executive (2005 – 2006)

- Led national consumer communications campaigns on behalf of clients Hertz Car Rental, various hotels, and travel companies.

RUDER FINN PUBLIC RELATIONS, NEW YORK, NY

Senior Account Executive (2004)

- First hire by SVP to stand up a new internal communications practice, securing new business and providing communications counsel to companies including Novartis, New York Life, and Office Depot.

COONEY/WATERS GROUP, NEW YORK, NY

Account Executive (2003 – 2004)

- Served on client teams developing and leading public health communications campaigns for pediatric vaccines.

HILL & KNOWLTON PUBLIC RELATIONS, NEW YORK, NY

Account Executive (2002 – 2003)

Account Coordinator (2002 – 2002)

- As part of corporate/financial practice of Hill & Knowlton's New York flagship, executed media relations activities for clients including HP, Ernst & Young, and law firm O'Melveny & Myers.