



City of St. Helena
Special City Council Meeting - Applicant
Interviews
Tuesday, June 24, 2025 @ 4:30 PM
City Hall Main Conference Room, 1088
College Avenue, 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:
Applicant interviews for the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee, Library Board of Trustees and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- 5.1. The applicants for two (2) vacancies on the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee with term ending June 30, 2027:

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1. Jeff Farmer
2. John Zimmerman

The applicants for three (3) vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees with term ending June 30, 2027:

1. Gillian Casey
2. Jonathan Furuta
3. Juana Navarro
4. Elizabeth Neuman
5. David Ramos

The applicant for two (2) vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission with term ending June 30, 2027:

1. Julie Jenanyan

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6. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular City Council meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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Erika Opp, Administrative Analyst

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City of St. Helena

CA-25-022

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: June 9, 2025

Application Type: Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

NAME: Jeff Farmer

ADDRESS: 1533 Tainter, St. Helena, ca, 94754

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EMAIL ADDRESS: jfarmer@seedgrain.com

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 25 years

EMPLOYER: Self - Math Tutor

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Other

REASON FOR APPLYING: To enhance the safety of our streets and use our resources more effectively

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.A. Physics, 1972, Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: See resume

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Treasurer, Kiwanis Club of St. Helena, St. Helena Firesafe Council, Trumpeter & Treasurer, Saint Helena Community Band

REFERENCE 1: Name: Lester Hardy
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REFERENCE 2: Name: Verna Steinhauer
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REFERENCE 3: Name: Mariam Hansen
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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?

To enhance the safety of our streets and use our resources more effectively

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

Analyze proposals to enhance streets and more effectively use resources concentrating on benefits versus costs and looking at possible unintended side effects.

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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?

Yes, ATSC, 2017 to now.

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

jeffrey farmer

June 9, 2025

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A Bit About Myself....

Jeff Farmer
1533 Tainter St.
St. Helena, CA 94574

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jfarmer@seedgrain.com

Objective

To provide tutoring in mathematics to students starting at the high elementary school level. I am motivated by my twenty-five years in the computer industry where logical thinking and practical mathematics are applied constantly to solve real problems.

Qualifications

I have tutored mathematics from the 4th grade through junior college level since 1998. This includes both volunteer and private tutoring for students in St. Helena public schools, St. Helena Catholic School, Calistoga High, Pacific Union College, Napa High, Vintage High, Justin-Siena, New Technology High, Pope Valley Elementary, PUC Elementary, Pathways Charter School, St. Helena Montessori, Blue Oak (Napa), and Head-Royce (Oakland).

Please Note: Although I have extensive experience tutoring, I am not a certificated teacher.

Tutoring Employment Detail

- Now:
 - Mathematics Tutor, Students selected from Napa County schools: middle, high school, and college. Topics ranged from long division, fractions, percents, decimals through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, limit theory, and calculus (since 2002)
- Recent:
 - Algebra/Geometry Instructor, **St. Helena Montessori**; 2015 - 2018
 - Consultant to **Pathways Charter School**: Tutoring and teaching pre-Algebra through Geometry. Class sizes range from 3-10 students; 2007 - 2014.
 - Teacher at **Surfermath**, an afterschool math tutoring program in Napa; One-on-three tutoring students primarily from Napa High Schools (algebra, geometry, advanced algebra, 2006 – 2008)

- Fall, 2000: Substitute Teacher
Mountain View School District, Mountain View, CA
 - Taught several mathematics classes at the middle school as a substitute teacher
- Nov, 1999 – Feb, 2001: Mathematics and Physics Tutor
School of Choice, Cupertino, CA
 - Taught high school physics to a senior in the 1999-2000 school year. Taught long division and fractions to a 5th grader in the 2000-2001 school year.
- Fall, 1999 - Spring, 2000: Mathematics Tutor
Graham Middle School (Mtn View)
Crittenden Middle School (Mtn View)
 - Started an after school math program to help 6th - 8th grade students identified by math teachers at Graham and at Crittenden.

Employment Outside Education

1974 – 1977:	Hines VA Hospital, Hines, Illinois
1978 – 1978:	Information Processing Techniques, Palo Alto, California
1978 - 1980:	Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, California
1980 – 1987:	Data General Corporation, Palo Alto, California
1987 – 2000:	Sun Microsystems, Palo Alto, California

Education/Certifications/Community

- B.A. Physics, Case Institute of Technology, 1972
- Undergraduate courses in Biology and Chemistry, University of Wisconsin, 1973
- Nuclear Medicine Certified, School of Nuclear Medicine, Hines, Illinois, 1975
- ARRT & ASCP certified in Nuclear Medicine, 1976
- St. Helena Kiwanis Club (2002 -), President (2010 - 2011), Treasurer (2013 -)
- Red Cross Disaster Action Team for Napa County (2001 - 2009)
- Red Cross Board, Napa County Chapter (2005 - 2012), Board Chair (2006 - 2010)
- Trumpet Player, St. Helena Community Band (2012 -), Treasurer (2014 -)
- Active Transportation & Sustaining Committee (2017 -)
- St. Helena Firesafe Council (2021 -)

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City of St. Helena

CA-25-025

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: June 12, 2025

Application Type: Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

NAME: John Zimmerman

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PHONE: 916 8063260

EMAIL ADDRESS: john.z@myyahoo.com

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 5 years

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Retired

REASON FOR APPLYING: I am a current member of the ATSC; I wish to continue serving on this committee.

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: I have been a member of the ATSC since April 2021, I currently serve as Vice Chair

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Please see previous applications to serve on the ATSC for the next four questions, and for references.

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

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

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

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

There is a possibility I may move from St Helena in the next couple years. If you have strong applicants, it may make sense to choose them over me.

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I have submitted this application.

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John Zimmerman

June 12, 2025

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City of St. Helena

CA-25-024

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: June 11, 2025

Application Type: Library Board of Trustees

NAME: Gillian Casey

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 224, Saint Helena, CA, 94574

PHONE: 707-514-5288

EMAIL ADDRESS: gilliancasey@gmail.com

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 3 years

EMPLOYER: self

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: As current vice-chair of the library board, I would like the opportunity to continue in my role. I am an avid user of, and advocate for, the library and serving on the board is an opportunity to contribute to this important community resource.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Attended St. Helena public schools through high school
- Simmons College (Boston, MA), B.S. Economics, B.S. Management 6/2002
- Oregon College of Oriental Medicine (Portland, OR), MAcOM 9/2009

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

- I have been on the library board for the past two years
- Served on the board of Sun and Stars Montessori School

REFERENCE 1:

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REFERENCE 2:

Name: Loraine Stuart
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Phone Number(s):
Email: loraine.a.stuart@gmail.com

REFERENCE 3:

Name: Anna Chouteau
Address:
Phone Number(s):
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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?

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The commission serves as a means of citizen oversight, gives various forms of support and advocacy for the library and its mission, as well as serving as a liaison between the community and the organization itself.

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

I would like to continue the important work we've been doing the last two years.

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?

Current library board member

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Gillian L Casey

November 6, 2025

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City of St. Helena

CA-25-028

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: June 16, 2025

Application Type: Library Board of Trustees

NAME: Jonathan Furuta

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EMPLOYER: Blue Shield of California - Application Developer

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: I have been an active board member for nearly a year and am looking to continue to make a positive impact on the library by advising leadership moving forward. When I started my board membership, I was living in St Helena. Continuing to tie my efforts to benefit the St Helena community is one of my goals. My son is an adept reader and cultivated his love of books at the St Helena library. My wife grew up reading at the St Helena library, so we have generations of education being built in town.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: UCLA - Biochemistry Major, Music History Minor, 2013.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: 1 year of experience on the Library Board of Trustees

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REFERENCE 2: Name: Mara Strickler
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REFERENCE 3: Name: Dave Jahns
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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?

Advising, Advocating, and being an Ambassador for the library in 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?

Yes, the St Helena Library Board of Trustees

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Jonathan Furuta

June 16, 2025

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City of St. Helena

CA-25-023

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: June 10, 2025

Application Type: Library Board of Trustees

NAME: Juana Navarro

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PHONE: 7076814146

EMAIL ADDRESS: juana.navarro4492@gmail.com

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: St. Helena

EMPLOYER: Up Valley Family Centers - Student Wellness Outreach Coordinator

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: Re-applying. Although time serving on board has been brief, I have learned a lot and see where I can offer my experience and perspective as a community member who has grown up in town, uses the library regularly, and works at a local nonprofit that serves the community's needs.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: I graduated from the University of California, Merced, with a BA in Anthropology and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies in May of 2022. Most recently, I was certified by the State of California Department of Health Care Access and Information as a Certified Wellness Coach Level 2; a new initiative by the state of California to increase capacity to support the diverse and behavioral health needs of today's youth.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Much of my work experience has been centered on advocacy efforts, such as creating frameworks that allow for more accessible and diverse spaces/information that close gaps of inequality. Additionally, my education has prepared me to better understand the systems of power that make up our everyday routine and the underlying effects of these.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Employed by UpValley Family Centers for almost 3 years. Started as a Youth Specialist at Calistoga Elementary, greatly focusing on social-emotional learning and restorative justice implementation. Currently, I am the Student Wellness Outreach Coordinator, working out of CES's new wellness center, where the aim is to create a safe and welcoming space for students and connect them to services they may need. Through my involvement with UVFC, I work closely with the community and county partners and focus on providing resources, guidance, and support for all.

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REFERENCE 2: Name: Deborah Claymon
Address:

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REFERENCE 3:

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

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

Yes, even before serving on the board.

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

From what I have come to learn, the purpose of this role is to offer a unique and thoughtful perspective on the public library's work and its alignment with its mission and goals. In serving this role, one is required to be mindful of the community's needs and wants and how to sustain the work that is already being done. Beyond that, it is being an advocate for the library and the services/programs/resources it offers.

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

A goal of mine would be to continue to diversify programming and make services more accessible to St. Helena's underserved community; create a space/hub for community building and events that are accessible for all. The library has and is doing a lot of that, but I would like to focus on more community engagement; Hispanic/Latino families, young adult/older adult programming.

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?

Yes, Library Board from February - June!

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

I do believe it is important to highlight that I was born and raised in St. Helena. I went through the school system and depended greatly on the library as a 3rd space- either for summer activities, a place to study, or even to meet with friends. With the current threats to public and accessible spaces like these, I find it of the utmost importance to protect and advocate for our libraries; to ensure these spaces are available for everyone to use.

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☒ I AGREE

Juana Navarro

June 10, 2025

Juana Navarro

(707) 681-4146 • Napa Valley, CA • juanavarro.contact@gmail.com

EDUCATION/RELEVANT CERTIFICATIONS

State of California Department of Health Care Access and Information Certified Wellness Coach II	Certified for 2025-2027
Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Level 2 Seminar, Level 3 Discussion Group/Teen	2023 - present
Napa Valley College Child and Family Studies Assoc Teacher and Admin	2023 - in progress.
Credit for: Child Development, Principles & Practices of Teaching Young Children, The Child, Family & Community	
University of California, Merced Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology & Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, minor in Psychology	Graduated May 2022
- Certification of Award: Excellence in Research (Awarded by UC Merced's Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Department) - Chancellor's Honor List/Dean's Honor List & National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) - Social/Behavioral Research Course Certification (CITI Program, A Division of BRANY)	
St. Helena High School	Graduated June 2018

RELEVANT ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE

UpValley Family Centers Student Wellness Outreach Coordinator	Jul. 2024 - continued
UpValley Family Centers provides guidance, support, and resources for its community members- specifically by providing prevention services that strengthen children, their families, and their futures. Much of the work is dynamic and reflective of what the present needs are.	
- Creates and maintains an inviting and safe space for students, consistent with Calistoga Elementary School rules/policies and manages/facilitates CES Wellness Center - Triages students that visits students CES Wellness Center and collaborates with school counselor and other student services staff to best support student's needs (monitors referrals and applications to health services) - Provides students with access to coping self-activities as a Tier 1 support and intervention (in addition to previous role's responsibilities)	
UpValley Family Centers Elementary Youth Specialist	Oct. 2022 - Jun. 2024
- Fosters a welcoming and safe environment for primary and elementary-aged students by practicing social-emotional learning and restorative approaches - Actively destigmatizes mental health by offering students a variety of ways to handle stress and ways of practicing self-management, while simultaneously providing mental health resources and connecting them to outside resources - Maintains a strong partnership with Calistoga Elementary administration (such as school counselor, principal/vp, teachers, and para-educators), as well as community-based service providers in order to coordinate best practices for assisting a student's wellness needs (for example: organizing lower tier level support versus referring students to outside support). - Nurtures relationships with students and their families by establishing a presence in the overall community	
Sharimstudios Intern and Production Assistant	Jan. 2022 - Aug. 2022
- Coordinated the Merced Human Rights Film Festival: showcasing community members (from artists to activists) - Moderated discussion sessions regarding topics of radical solidarity, collective healing, the impact of mass incarceration on communities, and youth as catalysts for disrupting oppressive systems and creating new solutions - Translated footage (Spanish-English), created captioning and processed subtitles into SRT files, and designed outreach material for community involvement - Tracked and formatted monthly/quarterly analytics and progress reports of the studio's multiple websites - On the set of filming, served as a production assistant, managed financial documentation, and acted as an interpreter for community members	
HP Inc. HR intern (Global Diversity Equity, & Inclusion)	May 2021 - Aug. 2021
HP Student Diversity Ambassadors (internship)	
Created a framework for the HP Student Diversity Ambassador Program that supports the company's objective of increasing overall Black/AA US representation, and growing HP's presence and reputation at university campuses, while simultaneously building a talent pipeline.	
- Developed project's timeline, strict deadlines, and design - Researched ambassador programs [emphasis on diversity and inclusion] - Designed survey and distributed it to 300+ recipients - Organized meetings with international company representatives and discussed program deliverables - Prepared and presented PowerPoint decks to HR and company representatives	
Center for Ecosystem Climate Solutions intern (community outreach)	Jun. 2020 - Aug. 2020
Center for Ecosystem Climate Solutions University of California, Davis	
- Collaborated with scientists, land managers, and stakeholders to create science communication materials pertaining to climate change, forest health, and wildlife management in California [cataloged data entries] - Researched management practices to promote climate-resilient forests and methods to better prepare and aid underrepresented minority communities for catastrophes - Assembled, translated, and published communication materials for community accessibility and awareness - Presented end research and communication projects to the Strategic Growth Council	
Engaging Youth Committee ("Youth Programs Resource Portal")	2019 - 2021
Yosemite Leadership Program (capstone project) UC Merced campus	
Assisted community partner Volunteer and Youth Programs Regional Fellow in developing a resource guide that could potentially stabilize and close the gap of inequality that exists when applying to the National Park Service (NPS) and Federal jobs.	
- Developed project's design and outline (embedded with deadlines and goals) - Conducted and organized multiple interviews with different Federal Job Employees (notably with the Director of California State Parks) - Interpreted communication products including current hiring authorities and best practices for youth-serving organizations - Researched practices/methods in which NPS can be more inclusive of different identities and promote cultural relevancy - Prepared and presented project pitch to a panel of UCM's Vice-Chancellor, Dean of Students, Faculty Advisor, and Wilderness Education	

Coordinator (NPS)

RESEARCH/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**Critical Race & Ethnic Studies Thesis Project****Aug. 2021 - May 2022**

“Power Dynamics in a Capitalistic and Tourist-Centered Agriculture: The Case of Napa Valley’s Fieldworkers”

- Outlined and identified research that explores the relationship between race and power in the Napa Valley (i.e. hometown)
- Collaborated closely with Professor Christina N. Baker, PhD
- Conducted an interview in Spanish with a fieldworker from the Napa Valley and translated findings to serve as primary source data

Collaborative Research: Accessing K-12 Educational Inequality in California’s Central Valley**Aug. 2021 - Apr. 2022**

Worked closely with Professor Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes (Economics and Business Management) in her research regarding K-12 education

- Researched federal budget funding/spending (by reaching out to department representatives) and recorded data
- Identified which California school districts are “low-performing” (determined by test scores, graduation rates, chronic absenteeism, etc.), have persistent performance issues, and which districts participate in college readiness programs
- Analyzed how resource availability during K-12 (specifically High School) could either encourage or discourage the pursuit of higher education (i.e. educational barriers)

Ethnographic Research: Social Media as a Tool for Social Advocacy**Jan. 2021 - May 2021**

Research pertained to social justice issues, such as systemic racial injustices, diversity, equity, and representation. The framing question asked how social media serves as a vehicle for purposeful change within society.

- Cataloged social movements across social media platforms [archival documents/imageries/materials]

Ethnographic Research: Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic on College Students**Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020**

Research focused on underlying factors that differentiate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students’ overall lives, such as race/ethnicity

- Independently designed research outline
- Synthesized/analyzed limited research and discovered crucial social trends
- Presented findings along with an academic report (25 pages- excluding additional Literature Review)

Ethnohistory Field Study Research**Aug. 2019 - Dec. 2019**

Through study and analysis of historical media, (such as native oral tradition, visual images, and inscribed records) analyzed how “race,” “ethnicity,” and indigeneity are historically and culturally specific (dependent on time and place); relational (not formed in isolation); and intersectional (informed by other social formations such as class, gender, sexuality, etc.)

- Ethically assessed the process and impact of European colonialism (through the usage of historical documents/oral accounts) to understand better the experiences of colonialism that resonate with indigenous and pluralistic communities to this day
- Research mainly focused on Yosemite Indigenous Communities and Mission Santa Clara, San Francisco

OTHER EXPERIENCE**AVID tutor****2018 - 2020**

- Coordinated and facilitated collaborative tutorial groups
- Established and maintained rapport with students
- Assisted in developing a resource file of enrichment materials for use in tutorial sessions and for college-planning

Summer Camp Counselor**2016 - 2018**

Walker Creek Ranch | Petaluma, CA

- Supervised a large group of elementary school students (ages 9-12)
- Exemplified a positive and enthusiastic attitude while encouraging curiosity and inclusion of all
- Ensured students received quality science education, strengthened bonds with peers, and increased their environmental awareness

Pumpkin Patch Enterprise**2015 - 2018**

Student Employee | Saint Helena, CA

Practiced real-world hands-on farming, marketing, and sales skills through project-based learning/management.

- Managed and coached incoming student employees/volunteers
- Planned and organized the enterprise’s outreach material (reached out to local newspapers and radio stations/designed advertisements)
- Directed guided tours and presentations for visitors (ranging from K-12 students to tourists)

Student Guide at SHHS**2014 - 2018**

- Responsible for organizing orientation and other school-wide events
- Served as a point of communication/information for students
- Maintain an enthusiastic, encouraging, and positive attitude

KEY SKILLS**Language & Leadership:** bilingual (+8 years Spanish instruction), public speaking, leadership training, interpersonal and administrative skills**Scholarly:** academic/report writing, science communication, qualitative/quantitative research, project planning, and management**Technical:** proficient in Excel, Microsoft Office, Word, PowerPoint, Google Office, Dropbox, Mac OS, Canva, Adobe, DSLR cameras, Zoom



City of St. Helena

CA-25-027

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: June 13, 2025

Application Type: Library Board of Trustees

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: Saint Helena

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Part-time

REASON FOR APPLYING: My three daughters adore the St. Helena Library—more than I ever imagined. Now that my family business has sold and I’ve fulfilled my contract with the company, I find myself with time I’d like to devote to causes that truly matter. The library has become such a special place for our family, and I would be honored to contribute in any way that would be most helpful.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Alexander Dawson Preparatory School, Lehigh University, Bachelors of Science Business Administration. 2005

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: 10 Years working in Communication in New York City
20 Years working in Sales and Marketing for Joseph Phelps Vineyards

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: volunteer with St. Helena Hospital Foundation and The St. Helena Food Pantry

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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?

Advises library staff leadership and City Council on library matters including administration, programming, strategic direction, and advancement of the St. Helena Public Library. Champions the library as community

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ambassadors and advocates. Reviews annual budget and makes recommendations to library leadership and City Council

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

To contribute to the ongoing success of our wonderful library, providing support and guidance as needed, so that it may continue to serve and inspire every member of 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, I have not.

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

I love this town, and I am deeply grateful to be raising my family here. As a lifelong and voracious reader, I know firsthand the transformative power of books. It would be a privilege to contribute to St. Helena by supporting and strengthening our library—so it may continue to inspire and enrich our community for generations to come.

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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Elizabeth Neuman

June 13, 2025



City of St. Helena

CA-25-018

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: May 17, 2025

Application Type: Library Board of Trustees

NAME: David Ramos

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 27 years

EMPLOYER: Self - Law Offices of David G. Ramos

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Employed

REASON FOR APPLYING: Life long user of libraries. Advocate and supporter of the important service and function of libraries in the community.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Reno High School, 1974
UC Berkeley, BA in Political Science, 1979
Golden Gate University, JD, 1982
(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: As an attorney, I have spent a significant amount of time in libraries and utilizing information systems. In my personal life, I have regularly used libraries for leisure, entertainment and personal pursuits. The resources available in the library and the options for access to that information are an invaluable asset and defining attribute of the City.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Past president Napa County Bar Association

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GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

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No

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

Oversee and guide the administration of the library.

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

To preserve and promote the library

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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David G. Ramos

May 17, 2025

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City of St. Helena

CA-25-021

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Received Date: June 8, 2025

Application Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

NAME: Julie Jenanyan

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 33 years

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Retired

REASON FOR APPLYING: I'm applying for a position on the Parks and Recreation Commission because I'm eager to contribute more actively to the success of SH's parks and recreational initiatives. I'm particularly interested in supporting the Commission's goals and taking a more engaged role in the ongoing Master Plan process.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BA Psychology/Minor in Business Administration
University of San Diego, 1984

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: 10 years in wine sales and marketing.
15 years as a small business owner, offering bookkeeping services to sole proprietors and other service-based businesses.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I am the volunteer founder and Chair of the Napa Valley Pickleball Classic, an annual charity tournament benefiting the UpValley Family Center, held in partnership with Parks & Recreation. I also volunteer weekly at the St. Helena Food Pantry, distributing food to food-challenged families in our community.

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GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

Yes

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

I believe the Commission plays a vital role in supporting Parks & Recreation's ongoing programs while also offering guidance and fresh ideas for new, financially realistic initiatives. Its purpose is to help enhance and maximize the use of our parks for the benefit of the entire community.

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

As a Commissioner, my goal would be to bring a collaborative and creative spirit to the Commission, working closely with Parks & Recreation and fellow commissioners to enhance existing programs and explore new opportunities that showcase our parks and engage both residents and visitors. I also look forward to contributing more actively to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and supporting its successful implementation.

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?

I began serving on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee in March, 2025.

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Julie Jenanyan

June 8, 2025