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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Monthly Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2014; 5:30-7:30 pm
Oakland City Hall, Sgt Daniel Sakai Hearing Room (aka Hearing Room 4), Second Floor

AGENDA

Time	Item #	Topic	Topic Type
5:30	1	Introductions, appointment of note taker (5 minutes)	Ad
5:35	2	Approval of meeting minutes (5 minutes)—Seek motion to adopt the March meeting minutes.	A
5:40	3	City-owned garages contract: bike parking provisions (15 minutes)—Michael Ford from the Transportation Services Division is seeking input on how best to provide bike parking in City-owned parking lots and garages as part of the contract with the management firm selected by City Council.	A
5:55	4	Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission applicants review and recommendation (Part 1) Attachment (20 minutes)—The voting members of the current BPAC will vote on the 28 commissioner applications received by the Mayor's Office. Voting will be via blind ballot (sample attached). Staff will tabulate the ballots and report back to start Part 2 of this item. <i>Voting members (see attachment) are asked to review the attached application summary and applicant's statements prior to the meeting, and come prepared to vote for nine individuals.</i>	A
6:15	5	Active Transportation Program grant applications overview (15 minutes)—Transportation Planning & Funding Division Manager Iris Starr will give an overview of the projects which may be submitted by the City for this new funding program, and take comments from the committee.	A
6:30	6	Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission applicants review and recommendation (Part 2) (25 minutes)—Staff will report the results of the vote. The committee will then discuss the results and develop a recommendation.	A
6:55	7	Go Gold! Campaign—application strategy Link (25 minutes)—Staff will provide an overview of the upcoming application to renew Oakland's Bicycle Friendly Community status, and ask for feedback and assistance.	A
7:20	8	Announcements, suggestions for next meeting topics (10 minutes)	Ad

*** Topic Types:**

I=informational; A=action item; Ad=administrative

Agenda online at: www2.oaklandnet.com/n/OAK044956

*This meeting will follow Robert's Rules of Order (see <http://www.robertsrules.org/rulesintro.htm>).
 For more information, please call (510) 238-3983 or email bikeped@oaklandnet.com.*

Overview of applications received: Oakland Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission, March 2014

<i>Applicant Name</i>		<i>Overview</i>				<i>Term Preference Ranking</i>		
Last	First	Council District	Home Zip	Work City, Zip	BPAC member? *	1-year term	2-year term	3-year term
Amundson	Scott	4	94602	Brentwood, 94513	no	n/a	n/a	n/a
Barajas	Jesus M.	1	94609	Berkeley, 94720	no	2	1	3
Barker	Emily	2	94602	San Francisco, 94105	no	2	1	3
Brisson	Liz	3	94612	n/a	no	3	2	1
Budlong	Jesse	2	94606	So San Francisco, 90480	no	1	2	3
Chan	Ryan	2	94610	Oakland, 94612	yes	1	2	3
Chiarenza	Jonah	1	94618	Oakland, 94612	no	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clark	Tehran Kiley	2	94610	n/a	no	3	2	1
Dancer	Odie	1	94609	n/a	no	2	1	3
Dang	Tony	2	94606	Oakland, 94612	yes	2	1	3
Dudley	Rosemary	1	94609	Berkeley, 94709	no	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fine	Sarah	2	94610	n/a	no	3	2	1
Fischer	Eric	1	94611	San Francisco, 94103	yes	3	1	2
Goodwin	Jeffrey	1	94608	Oakland, 94612	no	2	1	3
Hwang	Chris	2	94610	n/a	yes	1	2	3
Kidd	Chris	3	94611	Oakland, 94607	yes	3	1	2
Levine	Carol	2	94610	Oakland, 94610	yes	2	1	3
Likuski	Andy	3	94612	Berkeley, 94709	no	2	1	3
Lucchesi	Dominic	1	94609	n/a	yes	2	1	3
Matis	Howard	1	94705	Berkeley, 94705	no	3	2	1
Miller	Ruth	3	94612	n/a	yes	n/a	n/a	n/a
Price	Ryan	3	94607	Oakland, 94607	no	2	1	3
Prinz	Robert	1	94608	Oakland, 94607	yes	1	2	3
Tabata	Midori	6	94605	n/a	yes	3	2	1
Taylor	Royston	6	94619	n/a	no	3	1	2
Tischler	Dan	1	94609	San Francisco, 94103	no	3	2	1
Walsh	Jean	1	94609	San Francisco, 94103	no	2	1	3
Wheeler	Kenya	3	94611	n/a	yes	3	2	1
Willging	Tom	3	94612	n/a	yes	3	2	1

*** Current BPAC by-laws re: membership and voting (www2.oaklandnet.com/n/OAK025022):**

- Any resident of Oakland who attends three meetings shall be considered a voting member on the third meeting they attend.
- A voting member shall not be allowed to vote if they have missed the two prior meetings.

Thus, the following BPAC members are eligible to vote at the April 2014 meeting:

Jennifer Anderson, Dave Campbell, Ryan Chan, Tony Dang, Eric Fischer, Chris Hwang, Chris Kidd, Ann Killebrew, Carol Levine, Robert Prinz, Ronnie Spitzer, Midori Tabata, Brian Toy, Kenya Wheeler, Tom Willging

& the following two people will become members, with voting privileges if they attend the April 2014 meeting:

Bob Fearman, Ryan Price

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Please provide a statement of interest in serving on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (200 words or less).

I've been a cyclist for 50 years and I've been a resident of Oakland for 23 years. I've always enjoyed participating in and promoting healthy, safe and ecologically beneficial human powered transportation. I often walk and cycle in Oakland and would like to help improve those activities for every resident and visitor. I have a pragmatic philosophy and believe that hard work is required for results. I can help make Oakland a better city.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I have no professional experience in transportation, but I've been a member of the Oakland Yellow jackets cycling club for several years and have participated in various cycling fundraisers. My 40 years as a systems engineer is very helpful in analyzing problems and developing solutions in all contexts. I enjoy working in diverse teams and partnerships to develop working solutions.

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After having lived in Oakland for a year and a half, my wife and I purchased a home in the Mosswood neighborhood. One of the things that drew us there was how easy it was to get around by walking and bicycling. I am a daily bicycle commuter to Berkeley, and I have been impressed with the improvements the city has done to make my commute more enjoyable over the last three years. The city has more work to do, however, and I know that not every Oaklander's bike ride is as pleasant or as safe as mine. I am interested in joining the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission to help the city continue its work in becoming a world-class city for bicyclists and pedestrians in every neighborhood. I believe Oakland should ensure resources are invested in underserved communities equitably, and that planners and commissioners should engage with those residents to develop sensible and meaningful bike and pedestrian plans appropriate for their neighborhoods. I also believe the city should be a leader in piloting innovative infrastructure treatments—like the green bike lanes on 40th Street—so the Bay Area, California, and the nation can look to us for effective solutions.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I am a PhD candidate at UC Berkeley in the Department of City and Regional Planning. My primary area of research is in the domains of bicycling and transportation equity. I am the research coordinator for a project that will survey low-income immigrants in Alameda County to better understand some of the barriers and constraints they face in deciding to ride their bikes for daily trips. The goal of the project is to be able to provide meaningful information to transportation planners on how they might suggest policy that ensures immigrant bicyclists' needs are being met equitably. I have conducted other studies that examined bicycle safety in the County and significant factors that lead to bicycling to BART. Outside of professional work, I have volunteered to assist WOBO with the Oaklavia event in 2013. Prior to moving to the Bay Area, I was a member of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. I believe my training in research on bicycling issues plus volunteering for bike and pedestrian causes makes me an ideal candidate for the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

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I am a resident of Oakland seeking to become more engaged in and to serve my community. I am particularly interested in the BPAC because its work can benefit a wide cross-section of Oakland's population. Safe cycling paths, and pedestrian routes assure a greener city—something I believe is very important to a city that is currently experiencing a massive influx of new residents from across the bay. My hope is that this commission will also focus on community education related to cycling and pedestrians as in my experience it seem this has, in the past, been very much a “car city” and little attention is paid to cycling zones—even with the new, very visible, green bike lanes. I also think that while our geography is generally bike-friendly, bike shuttles up to the hills could greatly assist a movement toward commuter cycling.

While Oakland has obviously made great strides in the last few years in becoming more bicycle friendly (namely, receiving the bronze-Level Bicycle Friendly Community status from the League of American Bicyclists) it is apparent to any resident that there is more work that can and should be done. It is my hope to be a part of that work.

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This would be my first community involvement with bicyclist or pedestrian issues, but it is areas of personal interest for me.

Brisson, Liz

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Ever since fleeing the suburbs of Minnesota at age 18, I have led a car-light, cycling/walking-heavy lifestyle. One of my life missions is to be part of the change to make these modes safer and more attractive.

I've lived in the Bay Area for over 5 years and spent my first 1.5 years living in Berkeley and cycling to commute to Downtown Oakland for work. Now, as an Oakland resident, I walk all over Uptown, Downtown, and KONO and have also experienced the pedestrian realm citywide through long-distance runs.

Through these experiences, I have observed huge opportunities. With the right leadership and community process, transformation of Oakland's streets to provide safer and more attractive walking and cycling facilities can happen quickly, through low-cost/high-effect measures. Oakland is in a very unique and exciting position because of two factors:

- 1) Many locations exist where there is much more road supply than demand.
- 2) Oakland is poised to grow and can use land use changes as a catalyst for supportive transportation livability interventions.

My firsthand experiences, vision for a livable Oakland, and my professional expertise (described below), make me well qualified to be a part of directing this change.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I have substantial relevant professional and community involvement experience.

Professionally, I have more than five years of experience working as a transportation planner in the public sector in the Bay Area, both at the regional and local level. My regional experience has given me a sophisticated understanding of the array of federal, state, regional, and local funding sources that can be used for walking and cycling infrastructure, as well as how regional policy shapes local transportation decisions. My local experience, at San Francisco's Congestion Management Agency and transportation sales tax authority has given me a solid understanding of the important powers held at these agencies and how they can be best channeled to direct change in the non-motorized sector. As a Senior Transportation Planner there, I lead multi-modal planning and policy efforts; manage technical work; and direct public, stakeholder, and policy-maker involvement.

Since moving to Oakland, I have found myself very involved in the Latham Square and Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets projects. I have attended public meetings, coordinated and volunteered with the East Bay Bike Coalition and Walk Oakland Bike Oakland, testified at City Council, participated in stakeholder meetings, and was quoted in Oakland Local and Streetsblog on these matters.

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I have previous experience in both academic and professional settings in regards to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. While studying Urban Planning I interned for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, working on transit GIS mapping overlaid with food access data.

A lot of my academic work focused on the more abstract socioeconomics of identifying comprehensive solutions to interrelated problems (Public health, Economic Mobility, Sustainability, etc.) and then having to apply a financial budgeting structure to carry out the project. I have had to do complete entire projects based on developing budgets for cycle tracks in Atlanta as well.

I am highly involved with community organizations such as Walk Oakland Bike Oakland, East Bay Bicycle Coalition, Neighborland and SPUR. I believe I have the relevant background, skill set and desire to make a meaningful impact on BPAC and Oakland as a whole.

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Chan, Ryan

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I want to make Oakland safer and more comfortable for pedestrians and bicyclists. I've been car-free for several years and get everywhere by walking, transit, and biking.

I am especially interested in better visibility at and functionality for crosswalks. Pedestrians should not feel like a low priority in the streetscape. My other interest is in a bicycle network that is attractive for and usable by all, including novices, children, and the elderly.

I also want to see the BPAC try to more fully reach and represent the multicultural Oakland community by doing more outreach about its activities.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I have regularly attended Oakland BPAC meetings for the last two and a half years. I actively volunteer with Bike East Bay (EBBC) several times a year and appreciate the chance to talk with community members about their concerns. I am involved with a group of employees at my work in downtown Oakland to reach out to and improve the neighborhood.

Professionally, I have extensive experience and training in data analysis and visualization, and a Masters degree in Public Policy from UC Berkeley. I have worked on federal and state transportation funding issues and legislative processes. I previously worked for the City of Richmond in the City Manager's office and interacted with multiple departments on environmental and transportation issues. I have experience in designing and conducting community outreach programs.

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Whether they drive, bicycle, bus or walk, everyone is a pedestrian for some portion of their trip through Oakland. In this light, being a pedestrian is fundamentally democratic — it is an experience shared by all. Similarly, bicycling is a democratic endeavor — it is an affordable, sustainable mode of transportation, with health benefits for the region and the individual. Cycling quadruples the range of a pedestrian such that longer trips — to school, work, daycare, shopping — can all be accomplished on two gasoline-free wheels.

I would love to help build this capacity in Oakland's transportation policies and projects as a member of the BPAC. Our community's climate, cultural diversity, and commitment to sustainability are inherently congruous with being a place where people can take advantage of traveling with the speed and convenience of a pedestrian or cyclist. As a BPAC Commissioner, I would strive to reap for Oakland the benefits of shaping a more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly community — creating more vital and profitable commercial districts, more positive social interaction between community members in shared public spaces, providing better and broader access to our city's open spaces, and giving people a wider range of transportation options to suit their interests and needs.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I am a professional city planner and urban designer, employed by Community Design + Architecture (CD+A) in downtown Oakland. I have been a member of WOBO and EBBC for as long as I have lived in Oakland, actively volunteering to lend my professional expertise to these groups' advocacy and education campaigns.

With CD+A, I am currently managing the City's *Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Implementation Plan*, and I have contributed my expertise to pedestrian and bicycle planning in Oakland's Central Estuary neighborhood, worked as a designer on San Francisco's *Better Streets Plan*, and worked on pedestrian and bicycle policy and design projects in Berkeley, San Mateo, Marin and Sonoma counties, Hollywood, Santa Monica, and San Diego.

As such, I have unique expertise not only in pedestrian and bicycle policy, but in detailed design strategies and ped/bike project implementation. In helping to direct Article 3 and Measure B funding, and working to implement the City of Oakland's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans, I will seek to create the most robust, inclusive, and world-class pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that is possible. I would be honored to have the opportunity to direct my professional expertise towards improving the place where I live.

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Serving on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission would provide an opportunity for my voice to be included with the possibility of impacting the City of Oakland for the better. Bicycling and Pedestrian advocacy demands diversity and an increase in funding for all areas of the city. As a lower income queer woman of color, I do not see too many people like me at events regarding the implementation and policy of bicycle and pedestrian framework. Yet, when riding, a variety of people from many social and economic backgrounds are represented on two wheels. As a member of the BPAC, I would like to see equitable citywide application of safe bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Unsafe conditions, real and perceived, deter many from bicycling and walking. The Commission would serve as a great opportunity for me to take on a challenge, learn something new and impact my community.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

During Advocacy Day for Transform's Transportation Choices Summit in Sacramento, we met with four representatives of California to promote funding for Safe Routes to Schools and Cap-and-Trade funding. I attended on a scholarship as well as volunteered and plan to do the same for this year's event.

As a member of the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (now Bike East Bay) since Bike to Work Day in 2013, I have volunteered for various events and in the home office. Working with Dave Campbell, I am the Lower Park Blvd. Bikeway Campaign Leader. Building connections and support with local schools as well as businesses and neighbors is important to the success of the project.

Through Walk Oakland, Bike Oakland (WOBO), I volunteered for Love Our Lake Day in 2013.

The Alliance for Walking and Biking is conducting a Winning Campaigns Training 3-day boot camp that I will attend this weekend.

Dancer, Odie

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As a concerned citizen of interest in this community, for the past 2 years (while active in other pedestrian safety organizations), I have had the pleasure of attending community meetings (PSAC-Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee-San Francisco) and events throughout the city of San Francisco. As a resident of Oakland's District 1 I had know idea that such a community existed here. Participating as a outsider, I learned that the many issues affected by this community were put into perspective for me. Those issues being fatalities or projects needed to reduce the problem, issue or fatality. It is to my advantage in serving this commnity and District 1 to learn more about the technical aspects of planning, construction and implementing of these projects and combine them with my personal and professional experiences in hopes to create a new breed of heightend "awareness" to the City of Oakland.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

My involvement with pedestrian and bicyclist issued first began out of anger and frustration, due to the fact that drivers blame pedestrians and pedestrians blame drivers. It seemed as though know one wanted to take responsibility. Through this I then graduated to a more heighten "awareness" to theses issues which required establishing respect and communication with the driver as applies to the rules of the road. Continuing to educating ourselves about the dangers associated with being both a driver and pedestrian is very important as well.

As an avid walker, in 2011 I joined forces with Safety H.U.C. Pedestrian Safety (West Coast Operations), with the mission to create a viable plan to raise awareness to pedestrian safety and to fast forward created an outlet through Pathways To Right-Of-Ways (Non-Profit for pedestrian safety-Director) for all people to explore these differences in light to discover and share solutions for this this viable community.

Dang, Tony

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Having lived car-free for nearly a decade, I rely on my two feet, my bike, and transit for all my daily transportation needs. I am interested in serving on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission in order not only to promote/increase walking and biking in Oakland but also to help mediate any conflicts that can arise between planning and funding for the two modes. Walking and biking are two very different modes of transportation with different needs, considerations, and constraints. As a professional walk advocate and utilitarian bicyclist, I believe that I am well-equipped to balance the needs of both transportation modes in order to make Oakland a vibrant and welcoming place for all its residents.

I am also interested in serving the Commission to help guide implementation of Oakland's recent adoption of a Complete Streets policy and endorsement of the NACTO Urban Streets Design Guide. I would love to share my experience, expertise, and passion for walking and biking to capitalize on this very exciting moment in Oakland's development.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I am currently Deputy Director of California Walks--a statewide nonprofit advocacy group focused on promoting and improving walking for every day transportation and health. Through my work, I am knowledgeable about national, state, and regional policies, funding mechanisms, programs, and design standards relating to pedestrian transportation and regularly provide training to community residents, transportation, planning, law enforcement, education, public health, and other professionals statewide. I am a certified instructor of the Safe Routes to School National Course and have completed the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility course.

I have extensive experience serving on advisory committees relating bicycle and pedestrian transportation issues, including: California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)/California Transportation Commission (CTC) Active Transportation Program Workgroup; CalSTA California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities (CTIP) Workgroup; Caltrans Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Challenge Area 8 Workgroup; California Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CalPED); Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Active Transportation Workgroup; and the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Pedestrian & Bicycle Workgroup.

At the community level, I am a member of Walk Oakland Bike Oakland, Bike East Bay, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, and Walk San Francisco. I am a regular volunteer at open streets events in San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley.

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I have been an Oakland resident for the past 10 years and was previously a resident of Berkeley and San Francisco for nine years. For the majority of these years, I have walked, biked and/or taken transit to work. Today my daily commute involves a 45-minute walk from Oakland to North Berkeley. It had involved a 20-minute bike ride before my bike was stolen. I have firsthand experience with the realities, both pleasant and discouraging, of walking and biking in Oakland.

In addition to my personal use, I am an urban designer by trade and have integrated bike- and pedestrian-friendly features into numerous plans in around the Bay Area and the Western United States. I have worked for the City of San Francisco and now work for a private planning firm. I understand the impediments to creating safer routes, including the constraints on right-of-way, funding sources, multiple user groups, as well as the opportunities to make the most of these constraints and integrate with transit and land use.

I would love to serve on Oakland's Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Board and lend insight on the most effective improvements which can best serve their communities and rally their support.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I am currently or have previously been a member of many Oakland-based bicyclist and pedestrian advocacy groups, including Walk Oakland Bike Oakland, TransForm and East Bay Bicycle Coalition. As an urban designer, all of my professional projects involve improvements to bicyclist facilities, such as trails, buffered or separated lanes, safe crossings, adequate parking, wayfinding signage, etc. Similarly, my plans include walkable sidewalks free from impediments, safer pedestrian crossings, landscaping and building frontage treatment that improves the aesthetic experience for pedestrians in neighborhoods that have a long way to go, as well as in areas that simply need fine tuning. I understand how these improvements must link to transit routes and stations, as well as housing, office and community services. Also, as someone who drives in addition to biking and walking, I understand how education of Oakland's drivers, bikers and walkers could benefit us all.

Fine, Sarah

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As a resident of Oakland's 2nd District, I am respectfully seeking appointment to the City of Oakland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission.

Two factors have driven my application to the Commission. First, I believe my collaborative-based approach to consensus building would be a valuable contribution to the Commission's decision-making process. Secondly, echoing the Vision Zero pledges of many major cities, I believe that creating safer streets for all ages and abilities is not only an unparalleled transportation and health benefit but a community responsibility.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

A range of professional experiences designing and implementing livable, complete streets qualifies me for this position. In my work as a bicycle and pedestrian planner, I have developed implementation-driven pedestrian and bicycle plans for communities and schools, provided guidance to California communities seeking to fund ped-bike projects, evaluated designs of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and interfaced with BPACs and technical advisory committees in Oakland and across the Bay Area. These experiences translate to a familiarity with the planning, policy, and technical questions that a BPAC encounters, but more importantly, to a specialized understanding of the important questions that a BPAC itself must raise in order to bring about truly innovative projects.

Additionally, I am an active member of the Bay Area Chapter of the Association for Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals and the Transportation Research Board's Pedestrian Committee. Through these professional affiliations, I will serve the Commission as a resource for state-of-the-practice bicycle and pedestrian policy, planning, and design.

Finally, my experience as a planner for the San Francisco County Transportation Authority means that I bring to the Commission an understanding of effective treatments for transit as well, ensuring that Oakland's plans for livable streets are truly complete.

Fischer, Eric

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I walk a lot and bike a little in Oakland. Over the past several years, Oakland's conditions for biking have improved while its pedestrian environment has deteriorated. I want to help continue to improve the city for biking, to stop the Public Works Agency from further prioritizing vehicles over pedestrians, to get cars off our sidewalks, and to start making the streetscape changes that will make walking in Oakland a pleasure rather than a chore.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I've spent countless hours over the past several years counting people, measuring streets, studying reports, compiling statistics, testing theories, and making models in the attempt to fully understand what makes city streets feel alive or dead. As part of this quest I've posted hundreds of historical city planning documents online and have made a new career for myself making maps and doing geographic analysis. I've spoken about walkability, maps, and transportation modeling at SPUR, NACIS, State of the Map, Transportation Camp, and the University of San Francisco, and have been invited to speak at additional conferences this year. I was on Walk San Francisco's Better Streets Plan committee.

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Serving on a City Commission, specifically one that focuses on an area of importance to me, is an opportunity to participate in local government, learn more about the city I call home, and become more involved within the transportation discussion. Community involvement is important to me and I view the BPAC as a way to take an additional step towards greater participation. I think all residents should find a meaningful way to participate in the civil process and give back. Oakland has been a wonderful home to me and I welcome the chance to get more involved and see how the City functions first hand. As a young adult I believe I can provide a voice to a frequently under-represented group in civic discussions.

I have always found transportation, specifically alternative transportation and bicycling, to be fascinating. I enjoy learning as much as possible about the fields and view serving on this committee as a means of deepening my education.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

As a life-long cyclist (and pedestrian) I have always been a proponent for alternative transportation. My community involvement stems back to college when I lead an initiative to improve pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure on campus and in the surrounding communities. Since moving to Oakland I have been an active member of the East Bay Bike Coalition, volunteering at events and most recently helping as a neighborhood leader on the Telegraph Complete Streets Project. Over the past few months I've been meeting with business and property owners, residents, and community groups in the Temescal neighborhood to inform them of the project and gather their input on possible changes. In order to prepare for these meetings I've been reading the relevant impact reports and planning studies, which has turned out to be surprisingly entertaining. In my professional career I work at Habitat for Humanity working to revitalize neighborhoods with affordable housing solutions. My role at Habitat is focused on communications with all of our constituent groups – donors, volunteers, homeowners, and the general public. While not bike or pedestrian related, my work at Habitat has provided me the community involvement experience to feel confident in serving on the BPAC.

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I am interested in a Commission appointment to ensure that our streets and our built environment are designed to serve people of all ages and abilities, to bring our urban design standards into line with best and promising practices, and to increase opportunities to pilot concepts in the field. I believe a role of Commissioners is to spotlight walking and bicycling as an economic revitalization and quality of life strategy, not a silo project of the Public Works Agency. It is critical that Commissioners provide guidance and leadership to push city staff and departments to coordinate effectively, to ensure the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans are fully implemented as intended. I also hope BPAC will be a strong vehicle for directing funding towards strategic, high priority projects and under-served areas.

I believe my background in policy and public health, as a strong proponent for data-driven and participatory decision making, as a community advocate, as a long time BPAC participant, and as a resident who bicycles and walks daily makes me a well-rounded thought partner who can collaborate effectively and think creatively with city staff, residents, merchants and all users of the roadway.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

As the current chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and an active participant since 2007, I've had the privilege of seeing an increased focus on issues related to walking and bicycling. I am aware of multi-faceted challenges in designing great communities having played different roles as an advocate with Walk Oakland Bike Oakland, and as a participant in the West Oakland Specific Plan, Laurel Access to Mills, Maxwell Park and Seminary Project, and the Lake Merritt Station Area Plan. All of these experiences have grown my knowledge bank of key design issues, council processes, funding intricacies, engineering exceptions, overlapping and competing project priorities and key community concerns.

My tenure as a volunteer Board member of Walk Oakland Bike Oakland since 2008 and as WOBO's current chair leads me to believe that public processes and decision making feel inaccessible to the general public. Over the years, I have enjoyed working with City staff and using BPAC is a public forum for vetting concerns and solutions.

Lastly, I am a proud resident of Oakland, and delighted to apply for a leadership opportunity in an area that can play a significant role in improving the lives of many people.

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As a born and bred resident of Oakland who has lived in four different council districts over the past 30 years, I have a deep passion for our city. As a professional urban planner specializing in bicycle & pedestrian transportation, I am dedicated to enhancing peoples' ability to walk and ride a bicycle comfortably and safely anywhere in their community.

I am interested in serving on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission because I truly believe that it is where I can make the greatest contribution to my community. Improving conditions for walking and bicycling creates an enormous range of spillover effects, from reducing congestion and emissions to improving public health and neighborhood vitality to improving public safety. In short, bicycle and pedestrian investments can be very simple answers to many of the difficult problems faced by our city and others.

As current Vice-Chair for the Oakland Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, I have demonstrated my commitment to the BPAC over the previous two and a half years. I hope to continue my contributions to bicycling and walking in Oakland through the newly formed BPAC in the years to come.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

My experience, in the pedestrian and the bicycling field, is extensive. My experience comes both from my professional career as well as my volunteer activities.

I have been a serving member of the Oakland BPAC since 2011 and I currently serve as Vice Chair to the BPAC.

I currently work for Alta Planning + Design, a transportation planning firm specializing in bicycle & pedestrian transportation, Safe Routes to School, and complete streets planning. I have worked there for over two years and we have this month relocated our offices from Berkeley to Oakland.

I serve on the board of directors for the California Bicycle Coalition and currently serve as secretary to the board. I have been a board member since May of 2012 and have served as secretary since January of 2013.

In Oakland, I serve on the boards of both Walk Oakland Bike Oakland and of Oakland Urban Paths. I previously worked as an intern for the East Bay Bicycle Coalition.

Levine, Carol

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As a member of the Oakland BPAC since its inception in 1995, I am thrilled that the BPAC will now have a more 'legitimate' role in shaping the future for non-motorized transportation in Oakland. Even as a committee, the BPAC has developed into a strong and respected group

I am very interested in serving on the Commission to continue the good work we have accomplished since 1995, to support the amazing city staff we have at our disposal, and to contribute my experience and expertise to grow the bicycling and walking populations of Oakland. I am a firm believer that the walkability and bikeability of a community is a key indicator of the liveability of a community. While Oakland has made great strides in the last 10 years, we can do more and need to do more to improve our transportation infrastructure for all users whether they walk, bike, drive, or take transit. I would very much like to be a part of Oakland's continuing transformation.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

As I previously mentioned, I have been an active member of the Oakland BPAC since its inception in 1995. In addition, I served on the board of the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition for more than 10 years and am currently seated on the Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Professionally, I am a transportation planner with a focus on bicycle, pedestrian, and transit access. While on staff with Wilbur Smith Associates, I was project manager for the 2007 Oakland Bicycle Master Plan. In 2010, I started my own consulting firm, Spokemore Consulting; most recently we completed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans for San Leandro and Unincorporated Areas of Alameda County.

My professional work has also included evaluation of transit access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and connections between transit modes. These studies were done for MTC, BART, and AC Transit. Community-based transportation planning has been a big part of my work providing transportation alternatives for low-income, transit-dependent communities through extensive outreach to these communities.

Finally, I am a bicyclist, pedestrian, and transit rider within Oakland and the Bay Area so am familiar with the issues facing these mode choices.

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I am a long-term resident of Oakland and Berkeley, and I currently live car-free in Downtown Oakland. I am an urban planner and software developer by profession, working at Calthorpe Associates in Berkeley to create a web-based open-source future land-use planning tool (currently being used by three large California MPOs for regional planning). I dedicate my personal time as an urbanist to improving Oakland and Berkeley by studying public life, designing streetscape and transit improvements, and participating in the planning process. I am an avid road, touring, and mountain biker. I use my bike, feet, and transit to get everywhere, and I am focused on advocating major improvements to downtown Oakland, including cycle tracks, surface rail, pedestrianized streets, and better integration with the natural environment.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I have participated in conferences such as the California By Bike Summit 2013 in Oakland. I am a new member of WOBO. I studied bicycle and pedestrian issues extensively as a masters student of urban planning in Boston. I am a technical advisor to Ecocity Builders, located in downtown Oakland. Most of my advocacy work has been centered around supporting California High Speed Rail, which has a pedestrian and bike aspect to it as far as station access and car-free mobility. Joining the commission would give me the opportunity to balance out my advocacy between transit, walking, and cycling.

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An East Bay native, I am passionate about transforming Oakland into a safer, more just and livable City. Transportation infrastructure that accounts for all road users is vital in ensuring these goals.

I have years of experience working with bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations on both sides of the Bay. I have been riding my bicycle both professionally and recreationally throughout the Bay Area for several years now. Furthermore, I have explored many other cities from New York City to Quito both on foot and by bicycle. And, to be blunt, Oakland offers a substandard experience for both cyclists and pedestrians.

I attribute this to decades worth of auto-centric development. Still, I firmly believe that it is not too late to "right the ship" in regards to Oakland's bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. There are talented and motivated folks working in the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian program, and I do feel that attitudes are shifting regarding local transportation policy.

I believe that my unique blend of personal and professional experience will help me bring a fresh perspective and youthful voice to the City's Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. Please see the below statement and attached resume for further details.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

In 2007, I began a full-time internship with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition (SFBC). While with the SFBC, I was heavily involved in coordinating city-wide outreach campaigns focused on "closing the gaps" in San Francisco's bicycle network.

From 2009 - 2011, I served on the Board of Directors of Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) - a nonprofit organization dedicated to making Oakland a safer, more convenient and enjoyable place to bike and walk. During my tenure, I conducted outreach across Oakland and worked with community stakeholders to organize events such as Oaklavia and Bike To Work Day.

It was during this time that I helped organize and launch the very first East Bay Bike Party - a group bicycle ride that is now several years old and attracts up to a thousand riders each month.

From 2008 - 2012, I worked for City CarShare - a Bay Area nonprofit devoted to providing convenient, affordable access to shared cars in an effort to reduce individual auto dependence and improve the environment and overall quality of life in the Bay Area. My job was an active one: traversing the Bay Area via bicycle to help maintain a fleet of 300+ vehicles.

Currently, I am a proud owner and operator of Pedal Express - the East Bay's only bicycle courier service. We provide a sustainable delivery option for city governments, merchants and residents in Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville. All deliveries are made exclusively by bicycle.

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I would like to be a member of the new City of Oakland Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. I am a resident of North Oakland near the Caldecott Tunnel. Recently, I served the City of Oakland as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. As my term has expired, I am looking for other methods to serve my city.

I regularly bike and walk in Oakland. I bike the hills of hills of Oakland and then ride to downtown. I might cycle a 1000 miles a year. I regularly walk around Lake Merritt and the waterfront. From these efforts, I know of several areas that Oakland could improve that will help the Bicycle and Pedestrian community. It is vital to make these changes so our city can be even more livable.

I have been working on bicycle and pedestrian ideas near my home in Oakland since the 1990s. I have worked with Caltrans and the AACMA on implementing these ideas. It has been a long effort, but the efforts are now succeeding.

I am an officer of the Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore Coalition. Its mission is to improve the infrastructure of cycling and pedestrians using funds from the recent Caltrans settlement.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I have created specific ideas on how to improve pedestrian and bike paths. These projects are currently being built and construction will shortly start.

Unfortunately, due to the limitations of the budget, some ideas could not be implemented. These items are still needed and I want to advocate their completion.

For instance, many years the Landsville Bridge joined the regions. When Highway 24 was built, our neighborhoods were severed. Currently, the walking and biking path requires pedestrians and cyclists to go up a steep hill. This path adds about two miles of extra length. The Caldecott Settlement provides funding for a study on the best way to implement a direct route. After the study is finished, the next step would be to get funding for the project. It would take advocacy of the Bicyclist and Pedestrian group to get funding for the new path.

The importance of this effort is to provide a way to join our neighborhood in North Oakland to the Montclair district. If this would be done, people can traverse the regions without a car. Now it is time, to find a way that the fissure can be closed and pedestrians and cyclists can transverse the neighborhoods.

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Human-powered transportation is important: reduced vehicle emissions, more efficient land use consumption, public health, etc. But the reason that most compels me to walk and bike is a basic preference for enjoyable spaces. I love living in a walkable neighborhood. I appreciate that I live in a welcoming community when I run into neighbors on the street. I like impressing visitors with a walk around Lake Merritt.

As a transportation safety professional, student, and now general enthusiast, I am excited to be in Oakland. We have a fair share of challenges, but also the kind of city staff and engaged residents that can make a positive difference. We have a very active bicycle community, that I'm pleased to be a part of, and while I own a car, I chiefly identify as a pedestrian. It is important for the BPAC to have a specific voice for downtown pedestrian safety. Past design choices (think: ramps at Broadway and 7th) create unsafe areas that stifle economic development (in that case, Jack London).

If selected to serve on the BPAC, I would bring my training in technical analysis (MIT) and design (UC Berkeley) to make Oakland a more welcoming place to explore on foot.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I became active in Oakland's bicycle and pedestrian advocacy community in 2010, when I began a year-long, full-time volunteer fellowship with Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO). Before that, I worked at Cambridge Systematics, Inc. (an international transportation consulting firm), where I focused on transportation safety. At WOBO, I led our policy committee, and steered several campaigns, including ones for a city-wide parklet pilot and crosswalk policy. During this year, I was a member of Oakland's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. I left WOBO a year later to enroll in the Master of City Planning program at the University of California, Berkeley, where I focused much of my research on accessible and successful downtown areas. As a student, I traveled around the country presenting research on pedestrian-centered placemaking to the American Planning Association and the American Pedestrian and Bicycle Association, among others. I remained involved in the efforts of WOBO and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, and upon completion of my graduate degree in May 2013, have increased my involvement with those organizations again. I look forward to seeing bicycle and pedestrian access and safety continue to improve in my community.

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I represent a growing demographic in Oakland, as well as United States cities in general. Four years ago I moved from Los Angeles to San Francisco in an effort to live car-free, and fell in love with the Bay Area. Eventually, San Francisco became too expensive for me, as it has for thousands of other people, so I found a beautiful place in North Oakland to call home. A year and a half later I am still car-free, living in Old Oakland where I walk and bike everywhere with ease. Downtown and West Oakland need to be the vibrant, livable neighborhoods we deserve - flourishing with local businesses and bustling with activity like any major city.

Oakland is the perfect city to take advantage of the benefits of making a city more active transportation friendly. Enabling every one of Oakland's diverse neighborhoods to bicycle and walk will create safer, healthier and more prosperous communities - empowering every Oaklander. With rapid growth ahead, it is vital we seize the opportunity developments give us. We need to make Oakland sustainable and a city built for walkers and bikers.

We will move Oakland forward - and be a leader in encouraging active transportation - empowering our communities and saving lives.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I am the Administrative Director for the California Bicycle Coalition. In the past I have been a political and union organizer. In my current role as Administrative Director with the California Bicycle Coalition, beyond the basics of keeping a non-profit healthy, I have a passion with helping local projects thrive across California. I develop plans to engage the bicycle community to get involved with, and raise awareness for, our campaigns. This year we are working to build modern bikeways throughout California with AB 1193 and promote the soon-to-be-implemented "Three Feet for Safety Act". I have a significant voice in what our priorities, policies, and messaging will be to reach CalBike's goal of tripling bicycling in California by 2020.

Locally, I am working with Bike East Bay's Dave Campbell on a few different projects including the Telegraph Ave and 14th Street bikeways. I hope to be involved in my community as much as possible, and help everyone enjoy the joy and benefits of walking and riding a bike.

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I am interested in serving on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission in order to help make Oakland a safer, more livable, vibrant, and equitable city. People of all ages and abilities deserve to be equally mobile, enabling them to reach job centers, socialize, shop, and live their lives regardless of income level. I believe that giving residents and visitors safe and convenient non-motorized transportation options is the best way to ensure mobility, while also putting dollars back in their pockets to spend locally, creating safer streets, improving their health through active transportation and the health of others through improved air quality. Oakland is well on its way to becoming a world-class city for biking and walking, and through my participation in this commission I hope to continue and increase this momentum into the future.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

Since 2012 I have worked for the Oakland-based bicycle advocacy non-profit Bike East Bay (formerly the East Bay Bicycle Coalition) as the Education Director, responsible for organizing, promoting, and facilitating the now 150 free skills and safety classes offered each year in Oakland and throughout the East Bay to youth, adults, and families in English, Spanish, and Cantonese. I have also taught these classes and am a League of American Bicyclists-certified instructor. Prior to this work I was employed by Bay Area transportation news site Streetsblog San Francisco as their Online Media Intern.

I am a member of the existing Oakland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as a District 1 resident, and have attended nearly every monthly meeting for several years. I have also participated in both the Berkeley and Emeryville Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees, chairing the Emeryville committee for one year. I volunteer regularly in the community for events such as Oaklavia and Bike to Work Day, and have presented on bicycle education and safety issues at conferences such as the 2013 California Bike Summit held in Oakland.

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Active transportation is an important issue for our time. It helps reduce greenhouse emissions and keep people moving. I have been a member of the Oakland BPAC since 2004. I came to the BPAC through updating the Oakland Bicycle Plan. While a bicycle rider most of my life, I became a pedestrian and cyclist advocate as a way of community involvement. The Oakland BPAC is an active community of walkers and riders. It is one of the most diverse walking and cycling advocacy groups in the Bay Area. However, not all areas of Oakland are well represented. Notably East Oakland needs more representation. As a resident of East Oakland, I have made it my mission to get my neighbors involved with limited success. East Oakland may not have the per capita share of walkers and cyclists as the rest of Oakland, but the needs may be more pressing. For many in East Oakland, driving a car may not be an option due to economic limitations. I have seen people commuting across the 880 on streets like Hegenberger and 98th. I want to continue to actively participate in walking and riding advocacy in Oakland through the BPAC.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I am a citizen advocate. I am the current chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission BPAC. I have held that position since 2010. I worked to increase the diversity of the ACTC BPAC in age, ethnicity, and geographic representation. Each area of the county is unique and need an advocate. I was a member of the ACTC Citizens' Advisory Working Group to update the county transportation plan in 2010 and helped develop a set of projects and programs undeded through a Transportation Expenditure Plan. We worked to ensure that all forms of transportation, including walking and bicycling were funded. I am a member of the Oakland Yellowjackets, a recreational riding group. The Yellowjackets is one of the most diverse riding groups in the Bay Area. As a member of the Oakland BPAC and Yellowjackets, I have been able to keep communications flowing as well as share interests and concerns for mutual benefit.

In a prior life, I worked in the private sector as a marketing, communications, advertising, and sales professional. I was an expert in working with communities whose first language was not English. I managed the Asian call centers for Pacific Bell. I went onto a communications position at the Port of Oakland.

Taylor, Royston

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I am an avid cycling in the bay area. I am the member of a number of cycling organizations such as the Oakland Yellow Jackets. I have helped organized cycling conferences for national and local organizations such as the National Brotherhood of cyclist and the the Richmond CA bikefest. I have organized youth cycling activities for young kids and have developed cycling programs for the Boy Scouts of America.

As a cycling resident of the the city of Oakland, I have seen first hand the need for improvemnt in cycling programs for commute, recreational and road cyclist. Some gegraphic areas are underserved in terms of the access to safe and user freindly cycling options. I would like to be a part of the decession process to improve the Oakland cycling communittee.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I own and manage a cycling related apparel business. I am a avid California cyclist and a member of the Oakland Yellow Jackets. I have developed programs to collect and recondition used bikes for use by disadvantaged kids. I am a member of various youth and adult cycling organizatons around the state. I have (5) years experience developing cycling events for groups and clubs. I paricipated in the Oakland Kieren Youth Racing program in 2012, where we recruited Oakland HS kids to race at the San Jose Velodrome.

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For the past five years my wife and I have lived in Oakland without a car. I love living in a city where we have the option to live car-free and get around by walking, biking, and riding transit. Unfortunately, Oakland's streets present numerous challenges for active transportation. Terrifying cycling conditions and dangerous crosswalks are present at too many locations throughout the city.

Despite these challenges, Oakland has great bones to support more walking and biking. Our city's mix of land uses, relatively compact neighborhoods, and beautiful natural environment are perfect ingredients for an active city. I believe smart investments in bicycle and walking infrastructure are a cost effective way to achieve numerous goals. Besides saving lives, these investments can encourage Oakland's residents to live healthier, active lifestyles and can reduce Oakland's contributions to regional air pollution and global climate change.

Over the past several years Oakland has made great strides in making the city safer for biking. I applaud these achievements and hope to dedicate my skills, expertise, and time to help Oakland's planners continue to tackle complicated challenges of how to allocate funds, handle detailed design issues, and balance the needs of all road users.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

As a transportation planner at the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, I use computer models to simulate how millions of Bay Area residents make daily travel decisions. My organization's advanced activity-based model is designed with walking and bicycling in mind. Numerous model enhancements have improved our ability to measure and assess the benefits of investments that make the active modes safer and more convenient. My background also includes two years of experience in traffic engineering and analysis. From this experience I developed an understanding of signal timing, geometric constraints, and other issues related to physical bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

I have a long history of interest in promoting walking and bicycling. As a high school student I organized a student club focused on encouraging more of my classmates to bike to school. For years I was an active volunteer at the New York bicycle, pedestrian, and transit advocacy group Transportation Alternatives. I am currently a member of both WOBO and Bike East Bay and have occasionally attended Oakland BPAC meetings. I am actively seeking new opportunities to get involved and look forward to bringing insight from my professional background to support Oakland's Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program.

Walsh, Jean

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I am a strong advocate for sustainable transportation and public participation, and I'd love to serve on the BPAC.

As a relatively new resident of Oakland, I'm interested in collaborating with other like-minded professionals, learning about the issues facing the city, and seeking out solutions that meet the needs of multiple stakeholders.

I believe my education as a planner and my experience in communications and public outreach for the City of SF would make me a great asset to this process.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I moved to Oakland in 2012 with the purchase of my first home and am active in the Longfellow Community Association and a member of Bike East Bay. I have been a member and volunteer for the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition since moving to SF seven years ago.

In my role managing communications and public outreach for the City of San Francisco's Public Utilities Commission I have partnered with the SFMTA on a variety of joint traffic calming and green stormwater management projects. I also served as the staff liaison for the SFPUC Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Having earned a masters degree in City Planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, I have professional training as a planner and a long-time personal interest in sustainable transportation issues.

Finally, I don't own a car and get around by bike, on foot, using public transportation and car sharing services.

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Please provide a statement of interest in serving on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (200 words or less).

My first taste of freedom as a teenager was not getting my drivers license – that didn't occur until I was 20. It was learning to ride a bike as a teenager so I could visit friends in Berkeley and Oakland. Growing up in the East Bay in the days before we had a network of bike lanes and road diets, I've experienced the hardships of walking and biking in areas without safe access. I am passionate that all Oaklanders who by necessity or choice have to walk or cycle as part of their daily travel can do so safely. I have been an active participant on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and have been a voting member since 2012. While we have made great strides in improving bicycle and pedestrian safety in Oakland more work needs to be done, especially in East Oakland. I am committed to be a voice for bicycle and pedestrian improvements across Oakland. As a member of the Commission, I will advocate and work with leaders across the city to implement the Bicycle Master Plan and update the Pedestrian Plan so that critical public safety and health issues can be addressed through improved bike/ped infrastructure.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I have worked as a transportation planner and activist for improved bicycle, pedestrian and transit access for over 15 years. I completed graduate studies in Transportation Planning at UC Berkeley's Department of City and Regional Planning and am a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

I have worked as a consultant on multi-modal transit and streetscape projects throughout California. From 2006 to 2009, I was the BART station planner for Northern Alameda County. I worked extensively with Oakland Public Works staff while at BART to promote improved bicycle and pedestrian access through projects such as the MacArthur BART Station Access Feasibility Study and the Seventh Street Streetscape Project. I also co-led BART's effort to improve bicycle and pedestrian access at Coliseum and Fruitvale stations.

As an activist, I have lead efforts with the Sierra Club and Transform to advocate for sustainable urban development that incorporates principles of social equity and greenhouse gas reduction in long range plans and transportation projects in Oakland. I have been the Sierra Club representative to the Better Broadway Coalition since 2013 and I am a member and past volunteer with the East Bay Bicycle Coalition/Bike East Bay and SF Bike.

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Please provide a statement of interest in serving on the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (200 words or less).

I am an avid cyclist and walker, so applying to serve on the commission feels natural. I have been active in Oakland and East Bay cycling organizations since my wife and I moved to Oakland after my retirement in 2010. As senior citizens with two children and two grandchildren living in Oakland, we represent three generations of cyclists and walkers.

Cycling and walking contribute positively to a sustainable environment. Because of the threats carbon emissions pose to our climate, thousands of environmentally-conscious people have already turned to cycling and walking for commuting, recreational, and personal trips. The challenge for Oakland is to provide safe and convenient routes to facilitate this movement toward self-locomotion.

Oakland is already a bicycle-friendly city with the ability to achieve a gold or even platinum standard rating from the League of American Bicyclists. I would like to continue to work with Oakland's excellent bicycle program staff to attain peak recognition for our accomplishments and our culture. In some locations, such as Lake Merritt, Oakland is pedestrian friendly. In other locations, crosswalks are either nonexistent or ignored. With effort and attention, we can build Oakland into a vibrant hub of cyclists and walkers.

Please state your past and current professional experience and community involvement with bicyclist and or pedestrian issues (200 words or less).

I am a retired empirical researcher for the federal courts and a former law teacher. As a newcomer to California in 2010, I threw myself into studying the geography and history of cycling in the region. I immediately joined the East Bay Bicycle Coalition/Bike East Bay and have been an active volunteer ever since. I assisted the organization in rewriting its bylaws and formulating board policies. Since 2012, I have served as secretary of the Bike East Bay board of directors and have participated actively as a member of its executive committee. I also spearheaded a history project that helped celebrate EBBC/Bike East Bay's first 40 years of advocacy.

For the last two years, I have been a regular participant in the Oakland Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. By attending meetings and listening carefully to the presentations, I have learned a lot about California, Alameda County, and Oakland transportation policies and practices.

Before moving to California, I lived in the District of Columbia and was vice-chair of a group called the Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail that completed a major commuter trail between suburban Maryland and the District. I also volunteered with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

Tom Willging

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Dang	Tony	
Dudley	Rosemary	
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Fischer	Eric	
Goodwin	Jeffrey	
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Matis	Howard	
Miller	Ruth	
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