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Boards & Committee Applications - Submission #1455

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TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A SAN ANSELMO BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

To: San Anselmo Town Council

Date*

2/23/2022

I wish to apply for an appointment to a term/balance*

Planning Commission



Name*

Kim Pipkin

Home Address*

5 Jordan Avenue

Occupation*

Commercial Real Estate Broker & Business Consultant

Employer's Address

Not Applicable

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Work Phone

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kimpipkin@comcast.net

Number of years as resident of San Anselmo*

22

Number of years as a resident in Marin*

24

Education Level Achieved*

Graduate Degree (Major)



Name and phone numbers of three San Anselmo residents who can be contacted for referral information about me:

1.) Name*

Tiffany McElroy

1.) Phone*

(646) 247-4512

2.) Name*

Steve Franklin

2.) Phone*

(415) 793-5062

3.) Name*

Hadley Dettmer

3.) Phone*

(415) 847-6189

I would be able to regularly attend the meetings of this Board/Commission/Committee.*

YES

NO

I would be available to attend additional meetings when they are necessary.*

YES

NO

I am familiar with the responsibilities and functions of this Board/Commission/Committee.*

- YES
- NO

I have attended meetings of the Board/Commission/Committee as a member of the public.*

- YES
- NO

List briefly, previous experience serving the public office, and/or civic commissions, boards, or committees.*

I served as a Planning Commissioner completing the term vacated by a previous Commissioner. In addition to campaigning for a Town Council seat, I was a member of the Economic Development Committee. Often, I volunteered on behalf of former Mayor, Kay Coleman and the Recreation Department for various Town events including:

- Overseeing the Snow Cone Booth at the Country Fair Day
- Running the Pie Booth at the Country Fair Day
- Volunteering for the annual Halloween SPOOKtacular
- Volunteering for the Annual Spring Egg Hunt

Reasons for this appointment.*

There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

What are your qualifications for this appointment.*

No single individual reflects the diversity, interests, and needs of the Town of San Anselmo. Nonetheless, I am confident that my professional background, previous experience on the Planning Commission and passion for San Anselmo would contribute greatly to our Town and the Planning Commission.

Benefits I bring to the Planning Commission follow:

- A demonstrated commitment to community service as evidence by my volunteer participation and 22-year residence in San Anselmo.

- Strong interpersonal and independent decision-making skills along with a willingness to learn and share.

- Planning and design experience gained from attending graduate architecture school at UC Berkeley. This experience is complemented by a comprehensive understanding of land use policies.

- Having a 25-year professional career in marketing and business development for notable Bay Area architecture, engineering, and construction firms. This includes current involvement in industry associations, Urban Land Institute and Commercial Real Estate Women.

- Understanding the importance of protecting the public's interest and ethical behavior.

Briefly, what do you consider to be the most important, one or two current issues facing this Board/Commission/Committee?*

There are several current issues of concern in San Anselmo. These include Land use and planning, fire prevention, homelessness, traffic, and flood protection, to name a few. I believe addressing the lack of housing is one of the most important issues our Town faces.

The Association of Bay Area Government's (ABAG) Regional Housing Needs Assessment has shed light on the lack of affordable housing and set specific goals to address the issue around the Bay Area; this includes cities and towns in Marin County.

Many commercial properties suffer from long-term vacancy, are obsolete, and not generating revenue for property owners. Converting existing structures into housing could be an attractive option for investors. Potential solutions could include making amendments to the Town general plan to allow for adaptive reuse of commercial space and / or rezoning commercial districts to create development of housing. For example, the Bank of America (BoA) could become a highly desirable, mixed-use transit-oriented project. Currently, there is a small commercial building on Pine Street for sale just behind the BoA building, which is about 4700 rental square foot property. It could easily be converted into a 2-4-unit residential property with modifications making it meet code since it's in the flood zone.

I also believe that reinvigorating our downtown commercial is essential not only for our community but to shore up and increase our town finances.

I understand that I and all other applicants will be personally interviewed by the Town Council as part of the selection process for this appointment. I also understand that my application material will be a public document and available on the Town's website. Sensitive materials that you don't wish to be posted on the website should not be included with the application.*

YES

NO

Other Boards/Commissions/Committees on which you would be interested in serving if not appointed to this seat?*

None

You may attach personal resumes or other information which you believe would be helpful to the Council in its selection process.

Choose File No file chosen

Thank you for your interest in serving the Town of San Anselmo and its citizens. For further information, please contact Carla Kacmar, at ckacmar@townofsananselmo.org or 415-258-4660.