

Print**Boards & Committee Applications - Submission #1345**

Date Submitted: 11/10/2021

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO

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

To: San Anselmo Town Council

Date*

11/10/21

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

Parks & Recreation Commission

**Name***

Cathleen "Cat" Austin

Home Address*

44 Medway Road

Occupation*

Mother (and also Licensed Landscape Architect)

Employer's Address**Home Phone***

4153888077

Work Phone

Cell Phone

415-755-5007

E-Mail*

cataloo@gmail.com

Number of years as resident of San Anselmo*

14

Number of years as a resident in Marin*

16

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***

Jan Wu

1.) Phone*

773-456-0178

2.) Name*

Eileen Burke

2.) Phone*

415-307-9921

3.) Name*

Julie Wolfert

3.) Phone*

415-308-9631

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.*

If appointed, this would be my first time serving on a public or civic commission. However I have served on the Board of Directors for Ross Valley Nursery School as the Facilities Chairperson. I have worked as a Master Gardener in Marin County beginning in 2013 where I've helped create the annual exhibit for the Marin County Fair, and served as the Chair of the Plant Identification Guild. Before going to grad school I worked for many years for a medical publishing company (Mosby-Yearbook). All of these roles have been great ways to work with and/or manage a team, set goals, and figure out ways to achieve those goals.

Reasons for this appointment.*

I see this Commission as a way to give residents a voice at the table. I have lived many years in San Anselmo. but I'm seeking this appointment now because I "caught the bug" volunteering for the Town during the repair and repainting of Millennium Park. There is much more work to do, and I'd like to be a part of helping to make it happen.

What are your qualifications for this appointment.*

Before becoming a mother, I worked for several years for Don Vita at Vita Landscape Planning & Design in San Rafael. I have been a licensed as a Landscape Architect in the State of California since 2013. This gives me some experience understanding how a park can be designed. But I think more important is my love of the outdoors and specifically Marin. I can't think of a better place to live and raise a family than here. If appointed to this Commission I would appreciate the opportunity to be an advocate for Marin, but more specifically, San Anselmo.

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

I believe the continued funding and maintenance of our parks is an important and challenging issue. I also think it's important to continue seeking ways to involve and use volunteers whenever possible. You never know who or what can be inspired to service through volunteering.

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?*

Flood Committee



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

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.