

# **ATTACHMENT 2**

## **APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

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## City of Costa Mesa Application for Commission Appointment

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**APPLICANTS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION AND PLANNING COMMISSIONS  
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Name: Kristina Marie (Krissie) Bogner

Indicate the name of the Commission you are interested in serving on:

Parks and Recreation Commission



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I first began my engagement in our community and our local government bodies when I was introduced to the growing population of homeless people and the challenges that brings to our neighborhoods. I wanted to learn more about how we can try and help some of these individuals while also helping to solve the negative impacts upon our neighborhoods. The homeless/transient population was much more prevalent than I had been used to. I began meeting with neighbors and city leaders to find out how we could address the issues that were affecting our quality of life. I began to watch and attend Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission and City Council Meetings. I had and have a strong desire to be part of the solution and not just point out the problems.

I started forming informal relationships with some of the regular homeless individuals that I would see in and around Wilson Park. I wanted to find out what their needs were; why they were homeless and what I could do to help. I was introduced to individuals who are instrumental in helping those in-need in the city and have been working with them ever since. I am committed to helping to find solutions to help those most in-need in our city while balancing the quality of life for our residents. I went through the Fresh Beginnings Life Support Mentor Training and have recently been appointed the Fresh Beginnings LSM Volunteer Coordinator. I have already been working and/or meeting with members of the Network for Homeless Solutions, the city and the police department to find plausible solutions for all those affected.

In addition to the safety issues, it is also important to preserve the beauty and accessibility of our parks and parkways. The city has made strides to improve and maintain these open spaces and it is important to continue in a direction that is best for the city.

Recreational activity offerings are important to keep citizens of all ages healthy and engaged. I have been involved in participating, leading and managing different activities in my community and throughout my career. Both of my children were active in community activities, including dance, soccer, basketball, swimming, karate, and cheerleading, of which I was the coach and coordinator.

### Education:

- \*Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies; Health in American Society from Cal State Fullerton
- \*California Teaching Credential: CLAD, K-12 Health Science
- \*Master's Degree: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

### Employment:

- \*Teller/Customer Service Representative, Bank of America (4 years)
- \*Accounts Receivable and Newspaper in Education Coordinator, USA Today (6 years)
- \*High School Teacher, Corona Norco USD (19 years)



Education Career:

Subjects: Health, Online Health Education, Biology, Special Education Math and Language Arts, Peer Assistance Leadership, UNITY, AVID, Cheerleading

Extra/Special Duties (Present):

- \*Tobacco and Substance Abuse Prevention Education Coordinator
- \*School Leadership Team (Department Head/Collaboration Leader)
- \*District Curriculum Committee
- \*Intervention/Discipline Team

Extra/Special Duties (Past):

- \*Student Assistance Program/Peer Assistance Leadership Coordinator (12 years)
- \*UNITY Diversity Education Leader and Coordinator (12 years)
- \*Cheerleading Coach (8 years)
- \*Spirit Club Advisor (6 years)
- \*8th Grade Outreach Coordinator (2 years)
- \*Co-created, piloted and implemented first Online course for District
- \*Teacher of the Year, 2004

I feel that my greatest asset is that I am able to work well with many different types of people. As an educator, I work with many different personalities on a daily basis. I have successful working relationships with students, parents, colleagues, and superiors. I am able to work well with others, professionally and responsibly, even if we do not agree. I believe in listening to concerns and making decisions based on the information provided. Sometimes having difficult conversations and making tough decisions can be a challenge; but I am able to separate my personal feelings from professional decisions, when needed. I am also able to accept decisions that may not necessarily go the way I expected; but am able to accept and tolerate decisions of which I may not agree.

On a personal note, I have been married for almost 25 years and have 2 adult children, one of whom attends Orange Coast College. Both work part-time and go to school full-time. We have made our home in Costa Mesa and are dedicated to help make and maintain this beautiful community we have been afforded, for years-to-come.

If appointed as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner, I pledge to educate myself about all information provided as well as meet with residents and city staff. I pledge to work as a team for what is in the best interests of the residents and the city. I look forward to using my experience and talents to serve the city of Costa Mesa.

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Name: Mark Buchanan

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My name is Mark Buchanan. I have been a resident of Costa Mesa for many years. My wife and I raised our two boys here, where they attended Woodland and Kaiser Elementary, Ensign Intermediate and Newport Harbor High School. I attended the same schools growing up. I enjoy living here and am proud to call Costa Mesa my home.

I was pleased to hear that the new City Council is opening up the Parks and Recreation Commission to new members. I believe it would benefit from some fresh eyes and ideas. Growing up, my boys were active in AYSO soccer, Boys' and Girls' Club basketball, and many other community activities. I was a member of the Boys' Club and played Little League Baseball on the same fields as a kid. Obviously, times have changed, and there are not always enough fields and facilities for today's youth to enjoy the same activities that I did.

I have spent my career in the commercial real estate business as a manager, investor and developer, which often involves prioritizing, organizing and evaluating options. I believe that these skills would be useful when trying to find the best ways to accommodate the changing needs and space demands of our growing population.

I coached and refereed for AYSO soccer and Boys' and Girls' Club basketball, and I served on the Board of the Newport Harbor High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Club for several years, so I understand how challenging it is to find places to practice and play.

On a larger scale, I was very involved with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and their plans to refurbish the schools and add new facilities. I served on the Citizens Oversight Committee for the Measure A School Bond, serving as Chairman for two years. The Measure A funds were used to refurbish all campuses in the District. After that, I led the campaign to pass Measure F, the follow up school bond that continues to provide new facilities, including elementary school science classrooms, Tewinkle Middle School's gym, Estancia High School's Jim Scott Stadium, and Costa Mesa High School's Theater and Middle School Enclave.

Part of Costa Mesa's appeal is its suburban tradition, a place to be away from the hectic pace elsewhere, a place where residents can share in community activities. I would like to help restore some of that tradition. If you think I would be a good fit for your vision of Costa Mesa, please consider me for an opening on the Parks and Recreation Commission.



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Name: Shannon Crossen

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I wish to serve on the Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Commission because it will allow me to utilize my professional expertise in environmental planning and wildlife biology to assist the City in making defensible, science-based, cutting-edge, and community-minded planning decisions. This position would also allow me an opportunity to take a leadership role and give back to my community, which I am deeply passionate about.

My experience as an Environmental Planner (Natural Science) at the California Department of Transportation and my experience as a Senior Biologist in my current position, make me a great candidate for serving on this Commission. I have experience working on many California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents, including General Plan Environmental Impact Reports/Environmental Impacts Statements (EIR/EIS), large-scale transportation projects EIR/EISs, and focused biological resource issue documents. I also have over 7 years of experience working with local, state, and federal agencies including Orange County Parks, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. I have wide-ranging experience obtaining both planning and environmental regulatory permitting and extensive experience consulting with local and regulatory agencies including Section 7 consultations under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

This experience has allowed me to develop a robust understanding of the environmental planning processes and their regulatory framework. It has also enabled me to become adept in both project delivery and project management processes and gain a high degree of proficiency working within a government agency, interfacing with the public, teaching, public speaking, writing, and collaborating with people outside of my technical area and on interdisciplinary teams. Attached is my resume which I believe demonstrates that my experience and expertise in environmental planning and wildlife biology will be a valuable asset to the City's Parks and Recreation Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

# SHANNON R. CROSSEN

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## Qualifications and Skills

- Over 9 years of experience conducting both plant and wildlife biological surveys and environmental planning in southern California
- Experienced in acquiring development permits from federal, state, and local permitting agencies
- Practiced in regulations including State and Federal Endangered Species Acts, CEQA, NEPA, the California Coastal Act, and the Clean Water Act

## Professional Experience

Senior Biologist - 2014-Present

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- Conducts inventory and species-specific wildlife and plant surveys
- Prepares biological resource technical studies and reporting for Environmental Documents (CEQA, NEPA)
- Writes Biological Resource sections of CEQA and NEPA Environmental Documents including EIR/EIS
- Prepares Federal Endangered Species Act reporting and consultations
- Conducts assessments for and design of wildlife movement corridors and wildlife crossings
- Specialized in transportation planning and transportation ecology
- Performs project management, proposal development, training, and mentoring

Associate Environmental Planner - Natural Science 2011-2014

California Department of Transportation

- Prepared and oversaw preparation of biological resource technical studies for Environmental Documents (i.e. CEQA, NEPA) and environmental oversight for document preparations
- Conducted and oversaw biological resource surveys, impact assessments, biological resource monitoring, project development and design, and environmental planning for state projects
- Planned, managed, and monitored habitat level and species-specific mitigation projects
- Conducted interagency consultation and coordination for biological resource impact assessments, including mitigation plans, FESA Section 7 consultations, and obtained regulatory permits for state projects. Agencies included US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, US Army Corps of Engineers, and local agencies
- Served as National Marine Fisheries Service liaison to the Orange County Caltrans District, conducting section 7 consultations for impacts to federally listed species/habitat including anadromous fish species and migration corridors



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Biologist May 2011-Present  
Environmental Intelligence, LLC

- Performs pre-construction biological surveys and habitat assessments on company projects for biological resources including bats, birds (including nesting birds), reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and plants
- Performs wildlife relocations
- Performs biological resource construction monitoring on company projects.
- Documents avoidance of biological resources in and around active construction work areas in daily biological reports

Assistant Field Biologist 2008-Present  
Subcontracted Biologist

- Assists in conducting biological surveys and assessments of bat population both pre and post-construction in Orange and Los Angeles Counties
- Experienced in species identification, population density estimates, presence/absence surveys, pre and post-construction population assessments, acoustic equipment set-up and use, and training new assistants

Biological Researcher 2009-2011  
National Science Foundation Environmental Biology Research Scholar  
California State University, Fullerton

- Served as project manager and lead researcher in an Olympia oyster, *Ostrea lurida*, restoration (mitigation) project in Newport Bay, Newport Beach, CA
- Conducted and oversaw project permitting, interactions with regulatory agencies (i.e. USFWS, CDFG, California Coastal Commission, CRWQCB), water quality sampling, marine epifaunal and infaunal biodiversity assessments, data collection, training of employees, advanced data analysis, and technical report writing

Environmental Biology Research Experience Summer 2009  
California State University, Fullerton

- Surveyed and assessed Mojave Desert rodent responses to artificial illumination
- Assessed water stress in riparian and coastal sage scrub plant communities
- Assessed thermal stress on marine invertebrate communities

## Education

Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana  
**Master of Science, Environmental Science**

Capstone Topic: Animal-Vehicle Collision Data in Orange County, California, Exploring Influences of Land Cover, Spatial, and Species Effects

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California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, California  
**Bachelor of Science, Biology**  
Concentration: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Conservation Biology

Thesis Topic: Restoration of Olympia Oysters: Oyster Settlement and Community Biodiversity on Constructed Oyster Beds in Newport Bay, California

## Publications

D.C. Zacherl, A. Moreno, S.R. Crossen. Exploring Restoration Methods for the Olympia Oyster *Ostrea lurida* Carpenter, 1864: Effects of Shell Bed Thickness and Shell Deployment Methods on Shell Cover, Oyster Recruitment, and Oyster Density. *Journal of Shellfish Research* 34(3):819-830. December 2015.

## Presentations

South Sound Science Symposium. Annual Meeting, Olympia, WA 2016. **Poster Presentation.** Exploring Restoration Methods for the Olympia Oyster *Ostrea lurida* Carpenter, 1864: Effects of Shell Bed Thickness and Shell Deployment Methods on Shell Cover, Oyster Recruitment, and Oyster Density

California Department of Transportation, Annual Environmental Meeting, Irvine, CA 2014. **Oral Presentation.** Exploring Advanced Bat Mitigation Techniques.

Southern California Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Pomona, California 2011. **Oral Presentation.** Title: Restoration of Olympia Oysters in Southern California: Oyster Settlement, Survival, Growth, and Community Biodiversity on Constructed Oyster Beds

Western Society of Naturalists Annual Meeting, San Diego, California. 2010. **Poster Presentation.** Title: Restoration of Olympia Oysters: Oyster Settlement, Survival, Growth, and Community Biodiversity on Constructed Oyster Beds.

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science National Conference, Dallas, Texas. 2009. **Poster Presentation.** Title: Nighttime Recovery from Water Stress in Southern California Coastal Sage Scrub and Riparian Plant Communities.

## Professional Affiliations

2009-Present The Wildlife Society  
2009-Present Ecological Society of America  
2008-Present Society for Conservation Biology

References and letters of recommendation are available upon request



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Name: LEAH ERSOYLU, PhD



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This is my fourth time applying for this Commission in the past ~7 years; my personal knowledge and usage of the Park & Rec system in the city has continued to grow during this time. Over the past 15 years, I have been afforded unique perspectives on different parks across the 4 CM neighborhoods in which I have resided (from 16<sup>th</sup> Place to Fordham Dr, to Elden to our current home in Mesa Verde); I have also had the opportunity to engage with the excellent recreation programming- from to salsa lessons, to shooting hoops during open gym, to mommy-and-me baby classes and now, having my 5.5 year old enrolled in Park & Rec gymnastics. I understand the programming offered and have countless ideas for innovation and sharing best practices with the Commission. We are an extremely high-use family of the Park & Rec system here in this city!

Most recently, we have settled into what we hope is our 'forever home' in Mesa Verde and I have been able to benefit from the excellent park system in this community (Smallwood is a 2 minute walk from us). As a member of the Commission, I will focus on ensuring similar infrastructure is in walking distance to all homes in Costa Mesa. I am a resident with a strong interest in serving my community. At this time, I feel that my professional and family obligations will allow me sufficient time to dedicate to serving Costa Mesa.

Professionally, I own a planning and research firm focused on-among other things- physical activity programming and park infrastructure. In particular, I have done work Park & Rec in several localities: Santa Ana Park & Recreation Youth & Family Master Plan (2009), physical activity program planning and impact monitoring for City of Ontario Park & Recreation Dept, community park audits for Kaiser Permanente HEAL Collaborative in Anaheim, to name a few. Most recently, we were just contracted by the City of Irvine to conduct a Strategic Plan for Disability Services- including audit of physical activity opportunities.

I also believe that resident engagement is critical to any public policy and have co-authored a book chapter entitled, "Community Engagement in Design & Planning" in "Making Healthy Places: Designing & Building for Health, Well-Being & Sustainability" (Dannenberg et al, 2011). In addition to having taught Public Policy, Urban Politics and American Government at CSULB and UCI, I have given guest lectures to the UCI Masters in Urban Planning students over the years about, among other things, how to create, implement, and measure successful physical activity community based programs. Nationwide, I have given the following invited conference presentations, representative of my career with an unwavering focus on park equity, safety and usage for all.

"Two steps forward, two steps back: Changing the physical activity environment in Santa Ana, CA." Presentation at American Public Health Association Conference, Washington, DC, November 7, 2007.

"Health Policy through Collaboration: Merging Public Health & Public Safety." Presentation at NALEO Healthy Communities Policy Institute, Seattle, WA, April 28, 2007.

"Active Living by Design: Lessons Learned." Presentation at 6th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy & Livable Communities, Los Angeles, CA, February 8-10, 2007.

"Building Healthy, Active Communities: A Case Study of Santa Ana." Presentation at 2nd Annual Obesity Forum, CSUF Center for the Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles, Fullerton, CA, April 13, 2006.

In addition, I am a great listener, a proven consensus builder and a firm believer in data-driven decision making. I also try to not take myself too seriously, as I find humor can relax a tense crowd... And, I'm a mom...

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I appreciate your consideration.

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Name: JEFF R. MATHEWS

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

This is my application for the position of Commissioner on the Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Commission. While I have also submitted an application for reappointment to the Planning Commission (under separate cover), in the alternative I also wanted to apply to this Commission. As you may know, I had served as a Parks & Recreation Commissioner from 2009 until 2012.

During my four years on the Parks and Recreation Commission for our City, I worked with the City, the schools, and residents to improve services relating to sports fields and lighting, recreation programs, and city trees. Our Commission at the time dealt with issues such as tree removal requests, field lighting, recreation program fees, sport group user status, and park beautification and maintenance. I was one of the Commissioners who advocated for the city Parks Tours – where 1-2 members of the Commission would regularly tour the City parks to make note of any maintenance and improvement needs, and meet with members of the public to respond to immediate questions and concerns. I served the City in this capacity with loyalty, while making decisions by adhering to the relevant City Codes.

By way of experience, I have continued to work with many important and current issues – including homelessness (former Chairman of the Homeless Task Force 2010-2011), sober living facilities, and various Planning Commission duties and responsibilities (while serving as a Planning Commissioner from 2012 to 2016). I currently sit on the ad hoc Public Service Grant Committee, and the Network for Homeless Solutions group.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would greatly appreciate your support.



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Name: Liz McNabb

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As a twenty-year beneficiary of Costa Mesa's Parks and Recreation Department, I wish to serve on the Commission so that I can give back to the community that has been so good to me and my family.

Twenty-nine parks are located within Costa Mesa. Maintaining and enhancing them benefits the entire city. Making Parks and Recreation a high priority ensures a healthy environment for us all. Access to quality parks and recreation fosters good will in neighborhoods.

With such diversity, it is important to communicate the activities that are available at each. From Jack Hammett to Fairview, from the skate park to Smallwood, there is something for everyone in our city. The beauty and tranquility of nature offered at our city parks is invaluable.

Is there a happier place than a park in which children can play, families can picnic, young people can be active and Senior's can walk their dogs? We offer all of these wonderful experiences for our citizens. Promoting the parks' use can only make Costa Mesa stronger.

The recreational opportunities are equally as abundant. Our family has used many of the exceptional offerings: Balearic Pre-school program, gymnastics, swimming lessons, Ju-Jitsu, cooking classes, Snow Hill and Concerts in the Park to name a few. The wide ranging offerings welcome us all and are very affordable. Having creative offerings for all ages enhances the quality of our community.

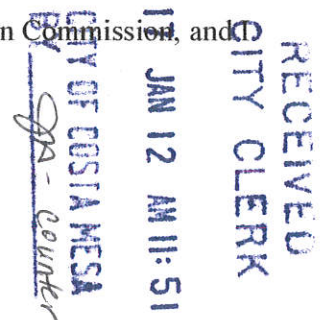
I have worked with and donated to organizations in and around Costa Mesa including: the Fairview Park Preservation Alliance, Save Banning Ranch, the Environmental Nature Center, the Bolsa Chica wetlands and the Back Bay Nature Preserve. Maintaining these wonderful environments is of utmost importance to this and future generations.

I have a Marketing degree from the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University. My sales, marketing and communications expertise are well suited to the position of Commissioner.

It would be an honor to serve the residents of the City of Costa Mesa on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Liz McNabb



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Name: Barbara Morihiro

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I'm a long time resident and homeowner in Costa Mesa (over 30 years) and raised our two children in Costa Mesa public schools. We enjoyed access to local parks and programs for our children and myself throughout the years. I've also worked part time for local schools and am very familiar with the unique benefits of our parks and recreation programs as they coordinate with our local schools and facilities.

I was very fortunate to serve on the Costa Mesa Library Services Committee (1996-7) when we were assigned to study the possibility of a central library in Costa Mesa, among other things. I became very familiar with the city process of study and reporting as a committee.

I am a graduate of UC Davis and experienced first hand the unique layout of a town and community that is centered on bikes as transportation and lifestyle. The community is also very connected with nature and the environment which is something we share here in Costa Mesa.

I really enjoy our community and would like to see a balance on our city council as well as all the commissions with folks of different backgrounds, experience, ages, men and women. Our parks and recreation services should support and reflect the diversity of our population which is a strength in our city, and our representatives should draw from the diversity of our residents.



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Name: GARY PARKIN

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I would like to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission to better improve our parks, parkways and our relationship with the citizens of our city.

I would like to improve and update with new technology to save water and cost to our city. My experience as an engineer should be helpful to understand the needs of our city.

EDUCATION : B.S. CAL-Poly Pomona  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

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MANAGER AND ENGINEER

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Name: KIM PEDERSON

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I would like to continue to serve on the Parks commission because we are moving into an important time in the city with the need to improve our recreation fields. My 29 years of experience working with recreation users and field renovation and 10 years on the Costa Mesa Parks Commission would help with any questions from the public or other commissioners. I look forward to serving the council, city staff and the public for four more years as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Kim Pederson

My experience or qualifications that may apply to the commission that I wish to serve on include 29 years as an employee of the City Of Newport Beach's Parks Division. I have had two four year terms serving as Vice President of Halecrest Swim and Tennis club in Costa Mesa. I also have served on or advised the volunteer boards for Costa Mesa National Little League, Costa Mesa Pony Baseball, Costa Mesa High Baseball, football and track booster groups, AYSO region 107 and Pop Warner Football. I have been working with all the user groups in Newport on the field renovations that are required to keep the fields safe and in good working order.

Thank you,

Kim Pederson

Kim A. Pederson

January 2017

Accolades:

Certificate of Achievement: Disaster Service Worker Training

Emergency Management Institute – FEMA

Introduction to the Incident Command System

National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction

Learning **Tree** University

Plant Identification & Selection

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Irrigation Principles, Adjustments & Repair, Irrigation System Troubleshooting, Controller Programming, Irrigation Scheduling

Kellogg Supply Inc

Soil Technician Course

City of Newport Beach and Coast Community College

Successful Completion in Turfgrass Management

Southern Calif Gardener's Federation & UC Cooperative Extension, Calif Association of Nurserymen

Short Course in Horticulture

Maintenance Superintendents Association and meets OSHA Standards

Chainsaw Safety Training Program and A1 Forklift Certified Operator Training

Pesticide Certified



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## City of Costa Mesa Application for Commission Appointment

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**APPLICANTS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION AND PLANNING COMMISSIONS  
MUST BE A COSTA MESA RESIDENT AND REGISTERED TO VOTE.**

Name: Arlis Reynolds

Indicate the name of the Commission you are interested in serving on:

Parks and Recreation



City of Costa Mesa  
77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

1. Indicate why you wish to serve on this Commission. Provide any experience or qualifications you may possess that you think would be beneficial to this Commission. A resume (optional) may be attached. (Note: All information contained on the resume is public information, will be distributed to the public and posted on the City's website).

Thank you for the opportunity to volunteer to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission for Costa Mesa. Please see the next page for the application letter.

City Councilors:

Thank you for the opportunity to volunteer my time to serve as a Commissioner on the Costa Mesa Parks & Recreation Commission. I am interested in applying my skills and experience toward protecting and celebrating our unique cultural and natural resources, enhancing recreational opportunities for residents of all ages, and working collaboratively and constructively with all stakeholders.

**I am a committed and proud resident of Costa Mesa, and I have enjoyed this city as a child, teenager, and adult.** Growing up, I attended Pomona and Victoria Elementary schools, TeWinkle Middle School, and Estancia High School. I spent my summers riding bikes or running with my dogs through the neighborhoods and exploring the parks and riverbed. Today, I rely on our parks, tree-lined streets, and recreational facilities as refuge from “adulting” and to maintain a high quality of life. Costa Mesa residents are blessed with great parks and recreational opportunities, and I hope to help maintain and enhance these important aspects of our quality of life.

**I am a problem-solver with consensus-building experience.** I am a mechanical engineer by training and have worked since 2011 as a consultant specializing in the evaluation of clean energy programs. My engineering training helps me process complex and detailed information and provides the skills to develop creative solutions. My consulting experience has trained me to quickly understand problems, conduct required research, scrutinize potential solutions, clearly articulate recommendations, and continually solicit feedback. I have successfully managed projects that require developing solutions and building consensus among multiple and diverse stakeholders, including projects that span state, regional, and national levels. My clients – including the U.S. Department of Energy, the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, and the Consolidated Edison Company of New York – rely on me to manage stakeholder relationships and develop solutions that all parties understand and endorse.

**I am committed to fairness, transparency, respect, and clear communication on all issues.** A critical aspect of any leadership or decision-making position is earning and maintaining the trust of stakeholders. In all areas of my work and life, especially when serving in leadership positions, I strive to maintain these values that are essential for constructive discussion, collaboration, and eventual buy-in among stakeholders. As a commissioner, I would continue to embrace these values and hope to increase satisfaction among residents and to foster more collaborative efforts on complex or controversial issues.

**I am committed to preserving and enhancing our parks and recreational opportunities in Costa Mesa.** Costa Mesa has a unique park system with special cultural and biological resources that we should both protect and celebrate. I am a member of Sierra Club and Greenpeace and have actively campaigned to protect open space and natural resources. For example, I worked with residents on the successful “Save Banning Ranch” and “Save Fairview Park” campaigns. I also recognize the importance of recreation (especially outdoor recreation) for people of all ages and want to help increase the recreational opportunities for all residents. In some cases, we may need to balance preservation and recreation goals, but more often these two efforts enhance each other. For example, the Sierra Club motto of “Explore, Enjoy, Protect” is based on the theory that, to foster conservation mindsets, we must help residents connect with and enjoy nature. I believe that we can enhance quality of life and protect unique natural resources in Costa Mesa by creating more and better opportunities for all residents to explore and enjoy our parks.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve my community as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. I will provide my resume and references upon request.

Thank you for your consideration,

Arlis Reynolds



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Name: Steve Smith

Indicate the name of the Commission you are interested in serving on:

Parks and Recreation

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I want to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission to help preserve our precious parks for generations to come, and to help develop recreational programs for the benefit of Costa Mesa residents.

I have lived in Costa Mesa for 30 years. I am extremely familiar with our parks, having served as a soccer, softball and baseball coach. I have also been involved with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and have a complete understanding of the challenges facing youth groups that wish to use more school fields.

As the president of the Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee, I was the only member who voted against every attempt to change the natural condition of the park.

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Name: Carla Navarro Woods

Indicate the name of the Commission you are interested in serving on:

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*Please see attached.*

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January 17, 2017

Dear City Council Members:

I respectfully submit my application to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Costa Mesa. I am a Costa Mesa homeowner who regularly uses and enjoys the City's open spaces. I would bring my expertise of land management to City parks with the goal of engaging the community to love our open spaces.

For the past seven years, I have worked as an Environmental Scientist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. My main role is to manage the State's Ecological Reserves in Orange County. My normal duties include many of the same duties performed by the City's staff. I am responsible for the management of public facilities to ensure they meet standards of public safety and create enjoyable visitor experiences while protecting sensitive species and habitats. I work with staff to ensure facilities, trails, fences, signage, kiosks, trash and weeds are regularly maintained on nearly 2,000 acres of protected land.

I enjoy working with others and have devoted my free time to working in collaborative groups. I currently serve as Chair for the Orange County Marine Protected Area Council, a local collaborative that includes coastal Cities, State and Federal resource agencies, universities, businesses, and non-governmental organizations with the unified goal of education and outreach, research, and enforcement for marine protected areas. My leadership role indicates that I am able to lead an organization to reach the collective objectives and maintain a good working relationship with a diverse set of individuals and organizations.

I love Costa Mesa and want to engage our community to enjoy our open spaces as a way to connect with others, connect with nature, and have some fun!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carla Navarro Woods'. The signature is fluid and cursive, starting with a large loop for the 'C' and ending with a long horizontal stroke.

Carla Navarro Woods

Carla Navarro Woods  
(contact information on file)

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**Education**

**California State University, Fullerton, California**

**Master of Science in Biology**, Marine Biology Emphasis, August 2009

Thesis: Feeding Rates of Native Herbivores on Native and Non-Native Seaweeds

**University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California**

**Bachelor of Science in Aquatic Biology**, March 2000

**Professional Experience**

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

*Environmental Scientist*

[www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov)

Newport Beach, CA  
November 2009-Present

- Administer the daily management of State Ecological Reserves including Upper Newport Bay, Coal Canyon, Laguna Laurel, and Trabuco Canyon.
- Represent the Department on assigned Cooperative Management Committees and Technical Teams for ecosystem restoration, habitat and lands management.
- Lead for permanent and seasonal staff to ensure facilities, trails, fences, signage, kiosks, trash, and weeds are regularly maintained.
- Conduct biological monitoring, analyze data, and determine level of management needed for sensitive species and habitats including coastal wetlands, sage scrub, and chaparral habitats.
- Prepare, implement, and revise adaptive management plans for ecological reserves.
- Prepare monthly reports, annual work plans, and budget information. .

**Orange County Marine Protected Area Council**

*Chair*, Two year term

January 2016-Present

*Co-Chair*, One year term

2015

*Secretary*, One year term

2014

[www.ocmarineprotection.org](http://www.ocmarineprotection.org)

- Volunteer position focused on research, education and enforcement issues in marine protected areas (MPA) in Orange County.
- Organize and lead regular meetings composed of City, State and Federal governments, non-governmental organizations and University researchers.
- Oversee grant progress, deliverables and authorize sub-contractor payments.
- Communicate marine policy to public and connect with interested parties for potential collaboration.



Carla Navarro Woods  
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**CSU Fullerton, Department of Biological Science**  
*Graduate Researcher*

Fullerton, CA  
September 2005-October 2009

- Conducted near-shore marine species surveys and intertidal habitat restoration.
- Compiled and maintained 12 years of biological monitoring data.
- Prepared and presented scientific findings at research workshops and educational institutions.
- Helped write USC Sea Grant proposal funded for \$140,000 to conduct Master's thesis research.
- Purchased laboratory supplies and performed routine maintenance on laboratory equipment.

**National Marine Fisheries Service**  
*Marine Debris/Coral Reef Specialist*

Honolulu, HI  
March 2002-November 2004

- Conducted snorkel and SCUBA surveys to remove over 200 tons of derelict fishing gear.
- Spent extensive time at sea (~240 days) navigating small boats to field sites.
- Coordinated field collection of marine invertebrate data.
- Trained new personnel in boating safety, remote field operations and gear maintenance.

**AMEC Earth and Environmental**  
*Biologist*

Santa Barbara, CA  
February 2001-March 2002

- Helped prepare environmental documents for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act on various southern California projects.
- Provided technical support for biological assessments, mitigation compliance, and restoration projects including wetlands mitigation, desert plant restoration, cell tower locations, and avian studies.
- Undertook project management responsibilities for a 250-acre desert restoration project in the western Mojave.
- Compiled and analyzed data using statistical procedures, and summarized results for client reports.

**Marine Science Institute, UC Santa Barbara**  
*Staff Research Technician*

July 1999-January 2001

- Assisted with field sampling efforts in sandy beaches.
- Field and laboratory analysis consisted of macro faunal sorting, identification and sediment processing.
- Conducted dive operations at offshore oil platforms using underwater sampling methodologies.

## Carla Navarro Woods

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### Special Skills

- Trained in sensitive species monitoring.
- Certified NOAA/CDFW *Caulerpa* surveyor and eelgrass surveyor.
- Experienced in nearshore marine, wetland, and coastal sage scrub habitat surveys.
- Can read, write and speak fluent Spanish.

### Publications

- **Navarro, Carla.** 2009. Feeding Rates of Native Herbivores on Native and Non-Native Seaweeds. Master's thesis. California State University, Fullerton.
- McGinnis, Michael Vincent and **Navarro, Carla.** 2001. Setting the Rigs to Reef Agenda: The Case of the Gulf Experience. *In: The Politics, Economics, and Ecology of Decommissioning Offshore Oil and Gas Structures.* MMS OCS Study 2001-006.
- McGinnis, Michael Vincent and **Navarro, Carla.** 2001. Wetland Conservation and Planning in California. *In: Making the Watershed Connection: A Profile of Watersheds, Wetlands and Regional Planning Efforts for the South Coast.* University of California Ocean and Coastal Policy Center, Marine Science Institute, White Paper #4.

### Awards & Scholarships

- Kennedy-Kolpin Bolsa Chica Conservation Award 2013
- Graduate Research Scholarship, CSU Fullerton, \$500 2007 & 2008
- Natural Science & Mathematics ICC Student Award, CSU Fullerton, \$50, 2007 & 2008
- Paul Nurhemburg Research Diving Scholarship, UCCB, \$200 2000
- Lee Scholarship, UCSB, \$500 1999

Interests: Costa Mesa Little League, hiking and native plant gardening