

STAFF REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JIM COPSEY, CHIEF OF POLICE/ACTING CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS AND POTENTIAL APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL EXISTING VACANCY

BACKGROUND

As of February 1, 2013, Council Member Phyllis A. Molnar has established permanent residency outside of the City limits and, under state law, is no longer eligible to serve as a City Council Member for the City of Grover Beach. She has tendered her resignation in the letter dated January 28, 2013. Her resignation has created a *vacancy* on the City Council, which the Council at the February 4th meeting, decided to fill through an appointment rather than calling for a special election. State law provides for a 60 day period to accomplish that appointment. The 60-day period began on the first day of the vacancy (February 1, 2013). Therefore, the appointment should be made on or before April 1, 2013.

DISCUSSION

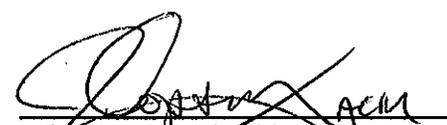
At the February 4, 2013 City Council meeting, Council decided to accept letters of interest from registered voters of Grover Beach for the vacant Council seat which were to be submitted by close of business February 19, 2013. The Council agenda'd the item for tonight's meeting to review the letters submitted, conduct interviews of the candidates and, if a majority consensus is reached, make the appointment to fill the vacancy.

At the close of business, February 19, 2013, thirteen (13) letters of interest had been submitted and the names of the applicants were announced at the Council meeting. (Attachment 1.) Since the meeting Jack Kean has withdrawn his request for consideration, leaving twelve (12) qualified applicants. All applicants were sent a letter outlining the interview and selection process that was agenda'd for tonight. (Sample letter Attachment 2)

Interview Process:

- In the interest of fairness to all applicants, it was respectfully requested that only the applicant being interviewed and those already interviewed be present in the Council Chambers, while all other candidates remain in the **adjoining Conference Room** until called by the Council.

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING


ROBERT PERRAULT
CITY MANAGER

Please Review for the Possibility of a Potential Conflict of Interest:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Identified by Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Lee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peterson | <input type="checkbox"/> Nicolls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bright | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Meeting Date: February 25, 2013

Agenda Item No. _____

- All applicants have the option to give up to a **two minute presentation**, followed by questions from the Council.
- Once their interview was concluded, they may remain in the Council Chambers for the duration of the agenda item.

Appointment:

- If the City Council reaches a decision regarding the appointment on February 25, 2013, the Oath of Office will be administered to the appointee and the newly appointed Council Member will be seated at the dais.
- If the City Council decides to continue its deliberations regarding this matter, the decision needs to be made at future meetings, but by no later than April 1, 2013.
- Once appointed, the new Council Member will be scheduled for an orientation with the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk.

ALTERNATIVES

The City Council has the following alternatives to consider:

1. Interview all applicants who submitted letters of interest to fill the vacancy on the Grover Beach City Council and make the appointment by majority vote or consensus.
2. Continue deliberations regarding this matter to the next Council meeting.
3. Provide other direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council conduct interviews of the applicants who submitted letters of interest to fill the vacancy on the Grover Beach City Council and make the appointment.

FISCAL IMPACT

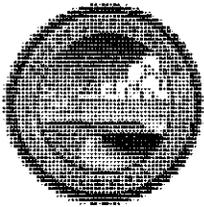
No fiscal impact is anticipated if selection is made by appointment.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The agenda was posted in accordance with the Brown Act. Applicants were sent a copy of the agenda and this staff report.

ATTACHMENT

1. List of names of qualified applicants and associated letters of interest.
2. Sample letter to Applicants



City of Grover Beach

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Attachment 1

LIST OF APPLICANTS WITH LETTERS SUBMITTED FOR
CONSIDERATION OF BEING APPOINTED TO THE
VACANT SEAT ON THE GROVER BEACH CITY COUNCIL

(Listed in Alphabetical Order as of the deadline: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.)

	Name of Applicant	Address	Registered Voter of Grover Beach
1	Greg Alex	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
2	Ronald Arnoldsen, DDS	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
3	Gary F. Clatterbuck	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
4	Debra Colbert	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
5	Jack W. Kean	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
6	Evan Larson	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
7	Christopher F. Long	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
8	Glenn Marshall	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
9	Robert C. Mires	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
10	Mariam Shah	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
11	Anita Shower	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
12	Riley Royce Smith (formerly: Mark Lee Smith)	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes
13	Kevin Woolley	██████████ Grover Beach, CA 94333	Yes

To: City Manager Bob Perrault,
Mayor Peterson and City Council Members

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From: Greg Alex – Planning Commissioner

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Date: 02/11/2013

Subject: Letter of Interest for City Council Member Appointment

As a resident and registered voter of the City of Grover Beach, I'm proud to call this City my home. The City of Grover Beach is a great place to live and raise a family! I'm excited for the opportunity to apply as a City Council Member, and have a willingness to continue the great work that Council and City Staff are engaged in.

To introduce myself; I'm a Christian family man, married to my wife Michelle Alex of 21 years. We have three children; as a family we have attended and been engaged in every school in the area and keep our schedules very active with local organized sports, (water polo, varsity cheer, football, baseball, soccer, swimming and dive). I have been in public safety for 23 years with my employer CAL FIRE serving in multiple positions and Cities as a Firefighter to my current rank of Fire Captain. Three years ago, I was compelled to serve my community as a Planning Commissioner after attending the Grover Beach visioning meeting. Lastly, I have a love for baseball and coached youth baseball for the past 5 years and served in multiple board positions for the Five Cities Youth Baseball League, (Grant Manager, Secretary and Public Information Officer).

I have a genuine desire to participate in making the City of Grover Beach a better community. I'm skilled in writing and managing government grants. This year I have been successful in obtaining over \$1 million federal grant dollars to improve public safety at a countywide scale for CAL FIRE. I was also successful in obtaining a grant for the Five Cities Youth Baseball League for \$30,000 to improve equipment, recruiting and scholarships for low income families.

I'm currently employed by CAL FIRE as the Pre-Fire Engineer for the County of San Luis Obispo for the past three years. I'm tasked with planning, mapping and funding projects that will reduce the damaging effects of natural and nuclear disasters in the County of San Luis Obispo. I work with City and District leaders of San Luis Obispo to gather community disaster planning priorities and provide recommendations. I then assist these communities to enact plans, projects and mapping that enable public safety providers to be better prepared for emergency incidents.

My experience as a Planning Commissioner has been very positive. I understand and have provided input for the development of the City of Grover Beach Land Use Element and the City planning zone adoption. As a Commissioner, I've been active in the planning of the Grover Beach Lodge and Conference Center, Transit Center Expansion, West Grand Avenue Master Plan and Enhancement Phases 1 and 2.

My work with the Planning Commission and City Staff has been both educational and rewarding. I have a lot to offer the City as a Council Member, and honored to be considered to represent this great City and its people.


Greg Alex
Planning Commissioner - City of Grover Beach



12 February 2013

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Mayor and City Council Members:

I would like to throw my hat in the ring for the open city council seat. I have been a business owner in Grover Beach for 31 years. I am currently the Chief Dentist at Atascadero State Hospital.

For the sake of brevity, I will list my past community involvement in Grover Beach.

Charter member of 5 Cities Rotary Club

Charter member of Foot Printers

Charter member of 5 Cities Men's Club

President of 5 Cities Men's Club

President of the Grover City Chamber of Commerce

Chairman of the Harold St. Onge Golf Tournament sponsored by the Chamber of Grover City

Member of the Grover City Grange

Member of Grover City Parks and Recreation Commission

Volunteer for Grover City Haunted House

Member of the Grover City Christmas Parade Committee

Member of the Grover Beach Holiday Parade Committee

Member of Grover Beach City Council from 1992 until 2004; served as Mayor twice.

Represented Grover Beach on the following committees:

- 1) SLORTA/SLOCOG
- 2) Zone Three
- 3) South County Sanitary District
- 4) Air Pollution Control District
- 5) Integrated Waste Management

While on the City Council, the following were major improvements for the city:

- 1) Started Grover Beach Redevelopment Agency
- 2) Constructed new fire station
- 3) Converted fire department from volunteer to full time.
- 4) Consolidated fire service with Oceano and Arroyo Grande
- 5) Retrofitted the Lopez Dam
- 6) Opened Grover Beach Train Station
- 7) Expanded City Hall and constructed new Council chambers
- 8) Constructed South County Skate Park
- 9) Established a reserve fund for all city accounts
- 10) Residential street improvement plan

I have been involved in the hiring of all the managerial positions for the City of Grover Beach, including: City Attorney, City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Community Development Manager.

Additionally, I served as President of the Grover City Chamber of Commerce and as Chairman of the Grover City Parks and Recreation Committee.

I founded the now-annual Dune Run Run and served as chairman of the Dune Run Run for the first two years.

I served as a volunteer for Parks and Rec's Haunted House and with the 5 Cities Men's Club to restore the gazebo at Ramona Park.

I think that the condition of the streets in Grover Beach is the issue of highest priority in the minds of the citizens of Grover Beach. While I was a member of the Grover Beach City Council, a program for residential street improvements was implemented. I would like to work on finding creative ways to revitalize that program. If appointed to the City Council, I will not accept a stipend. I would like that money to be used for street repair. I know that it is a small amount of money, however, the greatest journey starts with a single step.

I am committed to serving Grover Beach, and I am confident that I will be able to hit the ground running.

Thank you for your consideration.



Ron Arnoldsen, D.D.S.



Gary F. Clatterbuck

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To the City Council, City Clerk, City Manager
154 S 8th Street
Grover Beach, CA 93433

I wanted to express my interest in the Council seat that is going to be vacant. I have lived for two years in Grover Beach after moving from Arroyo Grande. Here is a brief outline about me:

- Education includes B.Mus from the University of Oregon, Masters in Education from Southwestern Baptist Seminary.
- I served as associate pastor at several churches over forty years.
- Served on various boards and committees related to ministry emphasis.
- Last full-time position was as a minister to those 55 and older.
- Served on the national board of CASA (Christian Association of Senior Adults)
- Currently semi-retired but driving some for Ride-On Transportation serving the disabled in our area.
- 68 years old, married.
- A recumbent cyclist.
- Active in my local church.

Why would I like to be considered for this position?

- I live and serve in this community.
- I understand the constraints of personal finances which are common to many here.
- I want to see Grover thrive by
 - Becoming extremely business friendly.
 - Getting the roads in better condition, both as a driver and a cyclist.
 - Getting the planned conference center built and used.
 - Finding healthier ways to serve our homeless population
 - Avoiding increases in the cost of services in our town.
 - Making our town accessible to those with physical limitations.

I look forward to serving if selected.

Sincerely,


Gary F. Clatterbuck

Debra Colbert



February 15, 2013

City of Grover Beach
City Council Members

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Dear City Council:

I would like to enter my name for the open position as a member of the Grover Beach City Council. My name is Debra Colbert and I am a Grover Beach native. I have wanted to serve on the City Council of this City since I was in high school, but never took the chance to put myself in the running. I believe now is the appropriate time to apply.

I was born and raised in what was Grover City, and plan to be here until my life is over. This is my home, and I want what is best for the City for many years to come. I have been involved as an adult in youth programs since the early 1980's, first as a Girl Scout leader, then also as a Girl Scout Service Unit Leader responsible for all the leaders and programs in the Five Cities area. Since 1990, I have been a member of the Boy Scouts, both as a Committee member on a Troop board and as a Scoutmaster for a Troop in Oceano. I have learned through the youth how important it is to keep an open mind and to always look at the big picture when faced with a decision or situation. Sometimes short term solutions cause long term problems, and it is better to work knowing what the long term goal is from the beginning.

Since high school when I attended my first City Council meeting, I have wanted to be on the board that makes the decisions that mold this City I call home. I believe that I have the skills needed to look forward, keeping this City on the path for improvement for both residents and tourists alike.

Sincerely,



Debra Colbert

Feb. 14th 2013

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To the Grover Beach City Council

My name is Jack Kean and would like to be considered for the open city council seat. I feel that I am qualified, having served 8 years on the council including 2 years as Mayor and I am in favor of the current council goals including the Grover Beach Lodge.

Grover Beach has been my home for 38 years and want to see it continue to prosper. I'm running to help the council from getting forced to pick someone that may not be compatible or having to use limited funds for an election to fill an open seat. My heart would not be broken if you picked someone that might be a better fit. I just want you to have the option.

Thank you for you consideration.


Jack W. Kean /

Evan Larson

February 13, 2013

Grover Beach City Council
154 S. 8th St.
Grover Beach, CA 93433

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to submit my letter of interest to fill the City Council vacancy.

I am a resident and registered voter of Grover Beach.

I am a graduate of Cal Poly S.L.O., holding a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering and a Master's Degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering. I have been employed as a private consulting engineer for municipal infrastructure projects throughout San Luis Obispo County, the Capital Improvement Projects engineer for the City of Arroyo Grande and have been a contract civil design engineer at Diablo Canyon Power Plant for the last four years. In my experience with municipal projects, I became familiar with Staff Reports and various workings of the City I believe the Council would consider assets.

I am interested in the future of Grover Beach and would like to help guide progress with my fellow residents.

Thank you for your time in considering my interest.

Sincerely,

Evan Larson

19 February 2013

Mayor Debbie Peterson
Mayor Pro Tem Karen Bright
Councilmembers: Bill Nicolls, and Jeff Lee

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City of Grover Beach
154 S. Eighth Street
Grover Beach, CA 93433

Re: Letter of Interest, Vacant Council Seat

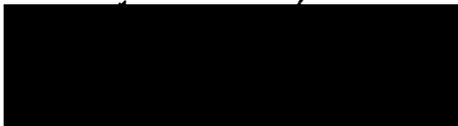
Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my interest in the vacant City Council seat. Please find attached my resume outlining my work experience.

My wife and I bought our home in Grover Beach in 1998. Over the years we have grown to love this area and this City. We love the small town atmosphere in Grover Beach and feel connected to our community. Part of that connection is a result of being a member of the Grover Beach Planning Commission for the past 6 years. I've enjoyed the experience and feel that I have a good understanding of our City's government and major issues.

I am excited for the opportunity to collaborate and work with you on the Council and to serve the citizens of Grover Beach. Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing how I can be an asset to the City of Grover Beach.

Respectfully,

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Chris Long

Christopher F. Long



EDUCATION

California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, CA
Graduate Studies in Forestry Sciences and Watershed Management 2001 - 2004

Humboldt State University Arcata, CA
Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Planning 1992 - 1996

Concentrations in coordinated resource management and geographic information systems.

Colorado State University/CA Army National Guard San Luis Obispo, CA

Sustainable Range Program GIS Coordinator 2012 Present

Sustainable Range Program Coordinator 2009-2012

Integrated Training Area Management Coordinator 2006-2009

Manage the Sustainable Range Program for the California Army National Guard, Camp San Luis Obispo. SRP GIS Coordinator for CA Army National Guard Training Sites; Camp Roberts and Camp San Luis Obispo. Support all program components, including Training Requirements Integration, Range Training Land Analysis, Sustainable Range Awareness, Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance. Range and Training Land Program (RTLTP) support; Range Complex Master Plan (RCMP) development and support. Prepare Performance Work Standards (PWS) and Statements of Work (SOW). Serve as Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) for SRP contracts administered by the State of CA. Recruit, contract and supervise permanent and temporary program personnel. Prepare summary reports for the installation, State and National Guard Bureau command, and environmental staff. Provide review on environmental/cultural resource documentation (INRMP, CRMP). Prepare and review regulatory permits related to range and training land projects. Manage CSLO Army Compatibility Use Buffer Program (Conservation Easements). Manage CSLO cattle grazing program. Grant writing and administration. Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Professional (CPESC #6461). Level 2 Range Safety Course Certification. Active National Agency Check.

County of San Luis Obispo San Luis Obispo, CA

Public Works Department/ Civil Engineering Technician 2005 - 2006

Operation and maintenance of hydrologic stations (rain and stream) throughout the county including data collection, synthesis and presentation. Manage the State Water Program and subcontractor requests on behalf of the San Luis Obispo Flood Control and Conservation District. Process and support water/sewer will serve requests for County Service Areas. Manage all monitoring and maintenance programs associated with the Los Osos Landfill Facility. Duties include budgeting, contract management and regulatory compliance.

Morro Bay National Estuary Program

Morro Bay, CA

Monitoring and Restoration Coordinator

2004

Provide training, scheduling and recruitment for Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program (VMP). Provide scientific and technical support for estuary monitoring. QA/QC monitoring data, monitoring equipment calibration and maintenance. Management of annual eel grass bioindicator remote sensing effort. Land Restoration support. Contract management, grant writing and administration. Conservation easement program development and implementation. GIS administration.

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Luis Obispo, CA

Environmental Specialist

2003

Support TMDL (total maximum daily load) watershed assessment unit including but not limited to; water quality monitoring, GIS support, technical report writing and review. Underground Storage Tank (UST) database quality assurance.

Titan Systems Corporation

Santa Maria, CA

GIS Program Manager/GIS Analyst

1997 - 2003

Program management to include; business development, user requirements definition, prepare Performance Work Standards (PWS) and Statements of Work (SOW), contract administration, budgeting, project schedule development, quality assurance, quality control, technical writing, product delivery, training and follow up. Recruit and supervise permanent and temporary program personnel.

Management and support of Department of Defense natural and cultural resource projects. Projects include; temporary on-site support in deploying PACAF GEOBASE Program (HA WAI, GUAM, JAPAN), web-based map services, orthophotography acquisition, geospatial data development/conversion, database and application development. Fieldwork includes GPS delineation of jurisdictional wetlands, verification and mapping of threatened and endangered flora and fauna, cultural resource site verification. Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan development.

City of Sedona

Sedona, AZ

GIS Analyst

1997

Responsible for designing and developing strategies for the City's GIS; analyzed and managed geospatial data; ensured quality control. Coordinated database development for GIS applications and analysis. Provided assistance and training in the use of associated computer hardware and software. Participation in professional group meetings and assistance with departmental budgeting.

City of Arcata

Arcata, CA

Forestry/GIS Technician

1995 - 1997

Assisted in managing two 600-acre City-owned forests for multiple-use objectives: forest inventory, trail planning, maintenance, and erosion control/prevention. Coordinated and managed volunteer groups for trail work in City Forest. Active role in urban stream restoration and storm water mitigation projects in conjunction with other resource agencies.

Provided technical support in the development of City GIS. Analytical and cartographic duties for various City departments and the general public, using ESRI software. Provide GIS training for staff and general public.

February 9, 2013

CITY OF GROVER BEACH

Mr. Robert Perrault, City Manager
City of Grover Beach
154 South 8th Street
Grover Beach, CA 93433

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RE: Consideration for Appointment

This letter is intended to express my interest for appointment to fill the current vacancy on the City of Grover Beach City Council.

My wife Jennifer and I are ten-year residents of the City of Grover Beach and I am a thirty-three year resident and registered voter of this County, having also resided in the cities of San Luis Obispo and Pismo Beach. I am a licensed civil engineer in the states of California and North Carolina and currently employed with the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works managing the Development Services Division. My education includes an Associate of Arts Degree from Cuesta College and a Bachelor of Science Degree from California Polytechnic State University.

After purchasing our home in the City of Grover Beach (City) I felt an immediate connection to our town primarily due to its more personalized size. This spurred an interest to participate in our local government that resulted in my serving six years on the City's Planning Commission. This coupled with my professional background provides me the experience and comfort necessary to partner with our City's Council, staff and residents to develop solutions to important issues including: budget, public infrastructure, economic development, and the conference center. Only as a coordinated, well-informed and respectful team can we all lead our City towards a more prosperous future.

I understand the commitment necessary to serve on the City Council and appreciate their consideration of my request for appointment. Please distribute a copy of this letter to City Clerk Donna McMahon, Mayor Debbie Peterson, Council Member Karen Bright, Council Member Jeff Lee and Council Member Bill Nicolls. I am available at their convenience to discuss my experience and motivations in more detail.

Sincerely,



Glenn Marshall



ROBERT C. MIRES

CITY OF GROVER BEACH

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February 18, 2013

Grover Beach City Clerk
154 S. 8th Street
Grover Beach, Cal 93433

Ref: Statement of interest in vacant city council position.

I have been encouraged to submit this Statement of Interest by other concerned citizens, and I understand that February 19, 2013 is the concluding day open for submission. Thus, this Statement will be hand carried and submitted in the AM of February 19, 2013.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

I, Robert C. Mires do hereby submit my Statement of Interest in accepting an appointment as a Grover Beach City Council Person to fill the current City Council vacancy, which I understand is the completion of the term of Phyllis A. Molnar ending on or near the end of the Calendar year 2014.

If appointed, will accept the appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Mires

February 12, 2013

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Mariam Shah

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City of Grover Beach
c/o City Manager's Office
154 S. 8th St.
Grover Beach, CA
93433

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mariam Shah, and I am extremely interested in filling the vacant seat on the Grover Beach City Council for the remaining 22 months of Ms. Molnar's term. I have been a Grover Beach resident since August 2010 and am also registered to vote in the city. Prior to August 2010, we lived in Arroyo Grande for nearly three years.

I am originally from Cleveland, Ohio and have lived in many different states, as you can see from my enclosed resume. In 2006, my husband and I decided to drive up Highway 1 like many other honeymooning couples. When we reached the central coast, we both felt that it was probably the loveliest place on earth, and certainly the nicest place we had ever seen in the United States. Aside from the gorgeous weather, we felt that it could offer our family a slower, simpler, down-to-earth lifestyle. Armed with that belief and pregnant with my first child, we left Akron, Ohio, all of our friends and all of our family – including some loudly protesting soon to be grandparents – to make a life for our family here on the central coast.

To be honest, when we first visited Grover Beach, we did not think it would be the place to raise our family. It looked absolutely nothing like the rows of McMansions and malls we left behind in Ohio and we did not know what to make of it. However, as we got to know the area, the wonderful people of the city, the ample shopping and dining and realized Grover Beach could actually offer affordable family housing near the ocean, we were sold! While I have not been a Grover Beach resident long, it is important for the council to know that we chose this city and we believe in it. We live here because we want to, not because our parents lived here and not because we cannot afford to live elsewhere.

I am currently a stay-at-home mother of two young children, Bibi (age 4) and Bobby (age 1). My husband, Asad, is an internal medicine physician working at Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton. I spend many of my days walking my neighborhood of North Grover and taking my children to the numerous parks in the city. We enjoy the many things the community has to offer, especially the farmers' market in Ramona Park, the wonderful holiday parade and the yearly Halloween festivities.

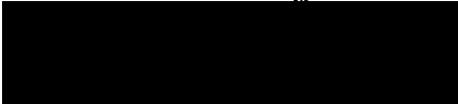
I also see, and bump over, the streets so incredibly in need of repair. I have witnessed too many businesses come and go along Grand Avenue, an area literally starving for beach loving pedestrians. Our family experienced first-hand how our safe streets can quickly change when a meth lab sprang up and thrived for over a year near our home on Newport Avenue. So many times I wished there was something I could do to protect and improve not only my own property value, but also my adopted hometown. Filling Ms. Molnar's seat on the city council and providing my time and past experience is that perfect opportunity.

Prior to my current life as a mother, I was a corporate attorney for nearly eight years. I attended law school at Georgetown because I have been interested in public service and working in government virtually since birth. While other families spent weekends and evenings at picnics or sporting events, we campaigned door-to-door for our local candidates. While in school, I worked on both a congressional campaign and in a congressional office, also improving my Spanish language skills during a summer internship at the Mexican Embassy in Washington D.C.

Student loans and the need for training led me into large law firms after law school. As a corporate litigator, I handled many contract disputes and property taxation issues. I know my way around legal and corporate documents. My clients were large and small business owners, and I understand the importance of the success of small businesses to the success of our city. I also worked on behalf of city governments, representing Cleveland police officers on behalf of the city. If I am selected, I can call on this skillset as we face all that we need to accomplish in the near future for our city.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mariam Shah

Mariam Shah

E D U C A T I O N

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, May 2001

GPA: 3.33/4.0, B+

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts with *High Distinction*, May 1998

Majors: American Culture (Society and Politics) & Spanish

GPA: 3.8

Admitted to Practice in: New York and Ohio

E X P E R I E N C E

Stay at Home Mother

8/08 – Present

Mother, cook, teacher and housekeeper to Bibi (age 4) and Bobby (age 1).

Roetzel & Andress LPA, Akron, OH

Litigation Associate

7/05 – 8/08

Independently handled numerous civil litigation matters and administrative hearings with minimal supervision in areas including contracts, property taxation and wrongful death. Represented areas businesses and school districts in property taxation appeals.

McDonald Hopkins LLP, Cleveland, OH

Litigation Associate

10/03 – 5/05

Summer Associate

Summer 1999

Legal / Administrative Assistant

Summer 1998

Took active and independent role in civil litigation practice, including anti-trust, bankruptcy and civil procedure,

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate

9/01 – 8/03

Summer Associate

Summer 2000

Exposed to all aspects of civil litigation practice including research, writing, discovery and depositions in disputes involving real estate, insurance, securities and contracts. 2001, 2002 recipient of Stroock Public Service Project Award in recognition of pro bono work.

Representative Dennis Kucinich, Washington, DC

Congressional Intern

1/00 – 4/00

Participated in daily affairs of Congressional office including answering constituent mail, attending press conferences and briefings, researching environmental issues and promoting a bill on genetically engineered foods.

Representative Lynn Rivers, Ann Arbor, MI

Campaign Intern

9/96 – 11/96

Participated in all aspects of organization of campaign / fundraising events, working closely with volunteer coordinator in staffing and attendance at events. Assisted in keeping database of campaign donations.

Embassy of Mexico, Political & Congressional Affairs Dept., Washington, DC

Intern

Summer 1996

Worked as liaison between the embassy and political organizations to inform the Mexican government about the 1996 elections. Downloaded, edited and prepared a daily report from Legislate for entire embassy.

S K I L L S

Spanish - ability to speak, read and write

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST HIGHLIGHTS

- 2008 -- Present -- Member of San Luis Obispo Womenade charity
- 2008 -- 2011 -- 5 Cities Mom's Club, President 2010
- 2006 -- 2008 - Women's Endowment Fund of Akron, Spring Banquet Committee
- 2006 - 2008 - Coleman Professional Service of Kent, Ohio, Volunteer Mentor for Mentally Ill
- 2004 -- Legal Aid Volunteer Attorney - Represented tenant in housing dispute with Landlord. Cleveland, Ohio.
- 2003 -- New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI) Volunteer -- Represented student seeking tuition reimbursement allowing him to attend school for children with dyslexia. New York, New York.
- 2002-2003 -- Project Outreach -- Mentor for high school student / aspiring attorney in low-income school district. Brooklyn, New York.
- 2001-2003 Member of the Disability Rights Task Force, a branch of the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
- 2001-2002 -- NYLPI Volunteer -- Drafted Will and Healthcare Power of Attorney for wife of firefighter killed in World Trade Center disaster. New York, New York.
- 2000 -- NYLPI Volunteer - Assisted with legal research for artist seeking to release song containing possibly copywritten material. New York, New York.
- 1998-1999 -- Tutor for Homeless Children -- Tutored children as part of after-school program. Washington, DC.
- 1997 -- Volunteer at Latino Family Services -- Tutored third grade children as part of after-school program, assisted with preschool children. Detroit, Michigan.
- 1995 -- Safewalk Volunteer at the University of Michigan -- Safely escorting students to dormitories. Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 1993-1994 -- Vice-President of Key Club community service organization. Strongsville, Ohio.

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ANITA SHOWER

February 05, 2013

The Honorable Mayor Peterson
Member of the City Council
City of Grover Beach
154 South 8th Street
Grover Beach, CA 93433

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Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Please consider this letter as my Letter of Intent to apply for the open seat on the Grover Beach City Council. Said seat availability is due to the sudden resignation of Council Member Molnar, effective February 01, 2013.

I shall list my qualifications:

- Resident of the City of Grover Beach since June 24, 1974;
- Over the age of eighteen (18) years of age;
- Registered voter;
- Married to Robert Robert on March 30, 2011;
- Candidate, Grover Beach City Council November 06, 2012;
- Property owner in the City of Grover Beach;
- Community Volunteer;
- Previous Member, Membership Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, and Rotarian of the Year of the Rotary Club of Grover Beach;
- Charter President of the Rotary Club of the Five Cities-Eco (Chartered December 14, 2012);
- Community volunteer: maintenance of the Train Depot, Grover Beach;
- Community volunteer: Grover Beach Skate Board Park;
- Member and Vice Chair, San Luis Obispo County Commission on Aging (appointed by Supervisor Adam Hill);
- Atascadero Zoo Committee Member 2010-2012;
- Member, Arroyo Grande-Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce;
- Member and Recording Secretary and Director of the Year, Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce, 2009-2012;
- Member, Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce;
- Senior Standing, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, Oregon; anticipated graduation date of June 15, 2013, with a B.S. In Liberal Studies, a Minor in Business and a Minor in Gender Studies;

- Employed with the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo, 1989-2006 and part-time 2007, 2008;
- Author, "Images of America: Grover Beach;" street date of 2008;
- Etiquette teacher; program offered through the Grover Beach Parks and Recreation Department;
- School volunteer: Grover Heights Elementary and Oceano Elementary Schools; Paulding Middle School and Mesa Middle School;
- Volunteer for the City of Grover Beach: Halloween Festivities; Grover Beach Holiday Parade announcer (2009-currently);
- Member, TANG Committee, Grover Beach, California, 2007-08;
- Captain, North 6th Street Neighborhood Watch, 1992 - currently;
- Volunteer, Exploration Station Grover Beach, California, 2009 - currently;
- President of the Exploration Station, Grover Beach, California, Board of Directors, 2011-2012;
- Previous candidate as a Planning Commission Member, (1998);
- Application submitted for Grover Beach Parks and Recreation Committee, November, 2012.

My desire is to be a part of the City Council of the City of Grover Beach, California. I was a candidate for the City Council in 2012. I want to be a part of the decision-making process for the city. I want to be a part of whatever economic engine comes forth to make the city a better and more viable place to live, work and shop. I want residential street repair to be a priority. I want to see the Lodge and Convention Center be something that brings a financial benefit to our City as well as something that brings people here to an area of the best weather and the best people.

I will work hard to ensure we have a healthy business community. I will be diligent and do whatever I am asked to do. I will prepare myself to make intelligent, fiscal decisions. I am available to attend council meetings as well as special meetings. I would appreciate your vote.

Sincerely,

Anita Shower

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February 7, 2013

To the Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Grover Beach,

My name is Riley Royce Smith, and I am applying for the council position that has recently been vacated by Council Member Phyllis Molnar. I have been a registered voter and resident of Grover Beach since June 1993. I understand the requirements of this position, and I feel that I can meet those requirements without difficulty.

I am retired. I worked for Pacific Gas and Electric Company for thirty years. I spent fifteen years in the corporate headquarters in San Francisco, and fifteen years at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. While at Diablo Canyon, I worked as a Senior Root Cause Analyst, a job that required the investigation of problems (physical failures as well as organizational failures) and the development of practical solutions.

In the mid-1990's, I served as Chairman of the Grover Beach Parks & Recreation Commission. I also personally directed the planning, building, and operation of the Grover Beach Haunted House for several years, and eventually founded/owned the company (Children of The Night Theatrical Group) that was developed specifically to operate the Grover Beach Haunted House as a contractor to the City of Grover Beach.

In 2008-9, I was a volunteer and Docent for the California State Parks, where I eventually became the Manager of the Monarch Butterfly Grove. The improvements that you now see in the grove are the direct result of my work there. I also organized and supervised large public work parties (over 250 volunteers) to eliminate invasive plant species from the area around the Grand Dunes Trail.

I'd like to serve in our local government, because it has been far too long since I have been actively involved in helping my community in a positive and forward-thinking manner. My vision for Grover Beach is fairly straightforward.... I want people in San Luis Obispo or Santa Barbara to get up in the morning and be excited about spending the day in Grover Beach. Getting that vision to become a reality involves a lot of hard work, difficult decisions, and community members who are willing to step up to the plate. I think that I can help with that. I can get things done.

I am comfortable with both the written and spoken language, and I have no difficulty with drawings, maps, and technical data. Although I sport the visage of a stern man, I have never raised my voice in anger in my entire sixty years. I believe that yelling only communicates that you are angry, and that the content of what you are attempting to communicate is lost.

I cannot provide any references from sitting council members, city staff, or politically involved citizens of the area. Quite honestly, I don't know any of these people. This lack of local political savvy can be seen in both a positive and negative light. On the negative side, if selected, it will take some time for me to make the connections necessary to get things done. On the other hand, if selected, I will be able review the work we do with an unbiased eye. I won't be "beholding" to any business(s), individual, or group(s) of individuals.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email, phone, or text.



~~Riley Royce Smith~~
(formerly: Mark Lee Smith)



Kevin Woolley

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Honorable Grover Beach City Council members,

My name is Kevin Woolley and I would seriously like to be appointed as a Grover Beach City Council member. I see this as an opportunity for me to serve my fellow citizens and the community as a whole.

My family moved to Grover Beach in 2005 and has lived here happily since then. A sense of duty to my community has led me to serve as a member of the Grover Beach Rotary Club since 2008. This sense of duty to community leads me now in seeking to become a council member. I have served as a Director on the Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce for 4 years and helped guide the merger process with Grover Beach's Chamber of Commerce. I spearheaded the writing of new bylaws for the Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce.

I understand people from different socio-economic strata as evidenced by my very diverse background:

- Computer Technician
- Grover Beach business owner
- Church volunteer
- M.S. Information Assurance (computer & network security)
- B.S. Computer Science & Information Systems
- Industrial maintenance technician
- Factory worker
- U.S. Army maintaining chemical weapons
- Restaurant worker through High School

Throughout my life, I have sought to serve. I volunteered to serve my country as a young man when I joined the Army. I volunteered to be a member of a fire brigade and became its Maintenance Officer. I volunteered to serve on the AG CoC's Board of Directors. I volunteer as a member of Grover Beach's Rotary Club.

I now stand ready to volunteer to fill the empty seat on Grover Beach's City Council. My background and experience will serve to guide my actions and decisions in this capacity. I look forward to working with the current council members to help guide my community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin Woolley

Sample Letter
(sent via first-class mail and email)

February 20, 2013

[Name]
[Address]
Grover Beach, CA 93433

SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO FILL VACANCY ON THE GROVER BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Dear [____]:

This letter is to confirm receipt of your letter of interest to serve our community as an appointed member of the Grover Beach City Council. The City Council will be conducting interviews of twelve (12) qualified candidates at a special public meeting to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on **Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.** (City Council meetings are televised on Government Cable Access Channel 20 and may be viewed over the Internet at www.grover.org.) A copy of the agenda and staff report will be mailed and/or emailed to you in the coming days. If you are not available to attend the meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office by calling (805) 473-4567 or sending an email to dmcMahon@grover.org.

Interview Process:

- In the interest of fairness to all applicants, we respectfully request that only the applicant being interviewed be present in the Council Chambers, while all other applicants remain in the **adjoining Conference Room** until called by the Council.
- All applicants will be offered the option to give up to a **two minute presentation**, followed by questions from the Council.
- Once your interview is concluded, you may remain in the Council Chambers to hear any remaining interviews and the City Council's deliberations.

Appointment:

- If the City Council reaches a decision regarding the appointment that evening, the Oath of Office will be administered to the appointee and the newly appointed Council Member will be seated at the dais.
- If the City Council decides to continue its deliberations regarding this matter, the future meeting date(s) is(are) anticipated to be held by no later than April 1, 2013.
- A new Council Member orientation will then be scheduled with the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk before the newly appointed Council Member attends the next regular City Council meeting.

Pursuant to state law, the applicant appointed to the City Council will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Fair Political Practices Commission - Form 700). The statement requires reporting sources of income or financial interests (for you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or dependent children) that are located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or having done business within the City's jurisdiction during the past two years. Statements of Economic Interests are public documents. For reference, this form is available in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours or online at www.fppc.ca.gov. Upon appointment, the Form 700 will be provided to you and must be completed within 30 days.

Please also note that prior to the interviews, the City Council will be receiving a presentation regarding fire service financing options. You are welcome to attend the presentation. We look forward to seeing you Monday evening, February 25th.

Respectfully,

DONNA L. McMAHON
City Clerk

c: Acting City Manager/Police Chief Jim Copsey