

Application Form

Profile

Sarah _____ B _____ Foster _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ Suite or Apt
Home Address

Pittsburg _____ CA _____ 94565
City State Postal Code

_____ Primary Phone

_____ Email Address

Which supervisorial district do you live in?

District 5

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

San Francisco State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

MPA- Public Administration

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Eastern Connecticut State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

B.S. Communications- Public Relations

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Diablo Valley College

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Political Science

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other schools / training completed:

Course Studied

Emergency Management/FEMA

Hours Completed

N/A

Certificate Awarded?

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Sustainability Commission: Submitted

Seat Name

Environmental Justice

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

Yes No

If you have attended, how many meetings have you attended?

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Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

• Joining the sustainable commission is a way for me to represent the interests of many disadvantaged communities in Contra Costa County, where I find it unacceptable that low-income, black/brown neighborhoods are the “sacrifice zones” so that the rest of the region gain quality of life benefits that these toxic industries bring. According to the Conservation Law Foundation, residents of these environmental justice communities bear the disproportionate burdens of polluting industries and infrastructure, while having to fight for their share of resources we all need — healthy homes, schools, transit, food, and open space. Each of these disparities impacts the health of residents, while rendering whole communities less resilient to disasters like climate change or the COVID-19 crisis. • Environmental justice requires reversing and repairing the impacts of decades of environmental racism and it will take each of us to work together to improve . Low-income, immigrant, and communities of color have long been left out of conversations that affect the health of their neighborhoods. I strongly feel that my current involvement with the Sustainability Commission is at the intersection of environment, economics, and social and cultural issues —the ‘triple bottom line’ of people, profits, and the planet. I know I’m making a difference in leaving a better earth for our youth and for their descendants to claim.

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

I would like to be considered for appointment to other advisory boards for which I may be qualified.

Yes No

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board, commission, or committee?

Yes No

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

Sustainability Commissioner- Environmental Justice/East County City of Pittsburg Planning
Commissioner TRANSPLAN subcommittee member

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

Since I've been actively involved in public engagement on different government levels while serving in the military as a public affairs specialist, and now, as a planning commissioner with the City of Pittsburg, I'm keenly familiar with land use policies and continue to build relationships with community leaders and residents to represent their interests. I also fulfill the qualifications of living in a disadvantaged community in Pittsburg, one of the several cities served by the East Bay Refinery Corridor where black/brown neighborhoods are the most likely to bear the burdens of polluting industries and infrastructure, while having to fight for their share of resources we all need — healthy homes, schools, transit, food, and open space. I bring experience and continuity from currently serving with the sustainability commission where my contributions and discussions on how to address culture change so that we can adopt sustainable behaviors such as multi-mobility transportation infrastructure, water conservation and energy efficiency which all add value to the Climate Action Plan and to the current draft of the County's general plan.

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Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a Familial or Financial Relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors?

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relations?

Yes No

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

I Agree

Sarah B. Foster

Accomplished, seasoned and intuitive



LinkedIn



Seasoned and accomplished | More than 21 years' experience leveraging integrated programs in strategic communications for stakeholder and public engagement

Curious and intuitive | Systems thinker and thought leader promoting cross-cultural understanding and stakeholder relationships

Flexible and resilient | in challenging roles and environments

Lifelong learner | seizing opportunities for personal and professional growth

EXPERIENCE

Sustainability Commissioner - Environmental Justice

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY - October to present

- Advisory function to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to realize equity and fairness to diverse communities
- Public engagement on sustainability initiatives and issues
- Development of current iteration of Climate Action Plan

Planning Commissioner

CITY OF PITTSBURG - June 2018 to present

- Advisory function to the city council on issues of land use, transportation and current planning
- Preside over public hearings on land use zoning and study sessions on proposed developments
- Supported affordable housing state objectives

Assistant Public Affairs Officer Pacific Area Command (Alameda, California)

Atlantic Area Command (Portsmouth, Virginia)

U.S. COAST GUARD - 21 YEARS

- Senior management roles in stakeholder engagement, public relations, public affairs and high-stakes issues management

SKILLS

ASSERTIVE AND ANALYTICAL KNOWLEDGE

Critical thinking, critical analysis, policy review, SWOT analysis, media analytics, communication campaigns

EXCEPTIONAL WRITTEN/ORAL DELIVERABLES

Position papers, policy development, Associated Press (AP) Style, fact sheets, feature stories, blogs, press releases and newsletters

MULTIMEDIA

Social media content developer, digital still photography/video,

MEDIA RELATIONS

Reputation management, editorial boards and spokesperson interview training, relationship management

ENTERPRISE & SPECIALIZED APPS

Microsoft Office (Mac & PC), PeopleSoft, Moodle, Blackboard, ESRI Business Analyst, DoD and DHS enterprise software

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

CITY COMMISSIONER VOTE on 10 small to medium sized home and commercial property developments, 8 land use rezoning recommendations, and 6 additional project conditions supporting slow growth within urban line limits and meeting state objectives on affordable housing stock

CYBER CRISIS TEAM

INFORMATION OFFICER Executed a federal government-mandated Cyber Domain Awareness campaign based in Washington, D.C. reaching approximately 40,000 workforce stakeholders resulting in 150,000 media impressions; collaborated with counterparts at DoD, DHS and other federal agencies to develop an

- Proven team leader with strong program oversight over multiple project channels
- Nurtured cross-cultural viewpoints from local, regional and national, cultural and stakeholder exposure gained from coast-to-coast tours of duty

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

CURRENT:

American Society for Public Administrators (ASPA)

San Francisco Bay Area Planning & Urban Research (SPUR)

PAST:

Public Relations Society of America (PRSA)

San Francisco Chapter

California Association of Public Information Officers Association (CAPIO)

International Association of Business Communicators (IABC)

San Francisco Chapter

integrated domain awareness communications framework

ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER

Supported joint-agency crisis communications response to Northern California Tsunami (2012), Deepwater Horizon oil spill (2011) and Hurricane Katrina (2005) gaining widest hard news exposure in local, regional, national and international media markets

EDUCATION and TRAINING

**San Francisco State University
Masters of Public Administration, candidate**

Eastern Connecticut State University

Communications, Public Relations (cum laude)

Willimantic, Connecticut

Diablo Valley College

Political Science

Emergency California Specialized Training Institute

Emergency Management

San Luis Obispo, California

Emergency Management Institute

Emmitsburg, Maryland

Defense Information School and Specialist courses

Public Affairs

Fort Meade, Maryland

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Mark _____ T _____ Van Landuyt _____
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District 2

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Balliol College, Oxford

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One member representing environmental justice issues

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Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

Environmental policy on the local level is crucial. It is important to bring in concerned citizens and experts into the process of crafting policy. Contra Costa can be a leader for the state. Excited to help shape the direction for the future Green economy.

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