Member of a supervisorial district - focusing on County-wide reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increased carbon sequestration and increased community climate change preparedness.

Availability to Attend Meetings

Night Meetings

Availability to Attend Meetings (Other)

With advance notice, I can notify work and attend daytime meetings as needed.

Interests & Experiences

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Special Expertise, Experience, or Interest in This Area?

Hello my name is Shai Larsen, and I am applying for the opportunity to participate on the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee. The intrinsic value of earth, its inhabitants, the interrelatedness and interdependence of all natural systems, has always been of utmost importance to me. I believe that the perfection of our planet and its systems is the ultimate teacher of evolution, mutually beneficial relationships, and the connectedness of us all. The destruction of the earth for human greed must be mitigated by those of us who understand that while environmental issues may once have been perceived as elitist, they must now be known as public health and environmental emergencies. Those of us lucky enough to live in California are in the unique position to be able to put forth policies that other states can adopt and implement. I would embrace the opportunity to work with others to evaluate issues, analyze and put forth compelling, viable and bold solutions. The moment is now. When I was 16, I traveled to Fairbanks Alaska to study the impacts of climate change on musk oxen herds. This experience influenced my decision to earn undergraduate and masters degrees in environmental studies and policy. I have worked at the Environmental Protection Agency as an analyst and sector liaison, helping to draft a hazardous waste law, and creating environmental management systems and preformance metrics to facilitate environmental improvement. I have also worked as a land use analyst with a law firm and consulting firm. In all positions I was tasked with learning about the complex issues at hand, speaking with impacted communities about their needs and concerns, managing diverse stakeholders, and facilitating and advising a plan and path forward. In my current position, I assist a CEO and Board of Directors working to create no unnecessary harm to the environment through standardized performance measurement, benchmarking and transparency of the environmental and social labor impacts of the apparel, textile and footwear industry. I believe wholeheartedly that there is nothing more important than addressing what is happening to our earth. I love Mendocino, and would be honored to contribute my skills, time and passions to this position, as well as to learn and grow with my colleagues along the way. I hope to be able to be of service to our planet and local community in this capacity. Thank you for your efforts, time and consideration. Shai

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Certification

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Please read the following statements and indicate your acceptance thereof.

I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the State of California, County of Mendocino, a citizen of the United States, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election. I am not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that assuming this public responsibility could result in public knowledge of my background and/or qualifications, including financial interests. Applications will be kept on file for one year.

✓ I Agree *

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