

BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL 2015 ELECTIONS - OCTOBER 20, 2015

CANDIDATES

1. Ashok Chandra-9 [78701]
2. Bryan Christen-7 [78757]
3. Bryan Fermino-9 [78741]
4. Carine Choubassi-9 [78701]
5. Clark Shaffer-1 [78754]
6. David Orr-4 [78751]
7. Hillary Anderson-1 [78702]
8. Jesse Adler-1 [78723]
9. Josh Miller-1 [78702]
10. Kouros Maghsoudi-9 [78705]
11. Marcus Horton – 9 [works in 78702, lives in 78728]
12. Michael Sledge-9 [78741]
13. Miller Nuttle-1 [78702]
14. Patricia Lavieri-9 [78705]
15. Patricia Schaub-3 [78702]
16. Peter Wall-1 [78702]
17. Rebecca Brenneman-6 [78750]
18. Rebecca Gallogly-5 [78704]
19. Richard Maness-3 [78745]
20. Rick Schwertfeger-8 [78749]
21. Sarah Lum-1 [78702]
22. Sophia Benner-3 [78702]
23. Tara Mather-1 [78702]
24. Thomas Butler-3 [78702]
25. Todd Kaiser-7 [78757]

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP CITY OF AUSTIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Name: Josh Miller
Address: [REDACTED]
City: Austin State: Tx Zip: [REDACTED]
Preferred Phone: [REDACTED] Other Phone: [REDACTED]
E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth (must be at least 18): [REDACTED]
Occupation: IT Employer: [REDACTED]

1. Do you reside or work within City of Austin boundaries? No Yes
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2. Education (Schools attended, degrees earned, training received):

Associates degrees in Film + Video + Digital Media
- Full Sail Center for Recording Arts

3. Do you currently hold elective office? No Yes:

4. Affirmative Action information: This information is voluntary, and is being collected both for statistical reporting purposes and to assure diversity on the Bicycle Advisory Council.

Male Female Racial/Ethnic Background: Caucasian

5. List any major paid employment and volunteer activities, which may relate to service on the Bicycle Advisory Council: Dates (from/to) Employer/Volunteer Activities Responsibilities

6. Do you have any special skills or experience that will help you as a member of the Bicycle Advisory Council?

- research of current trends, issues, etc relating to bicycles
- video production?

7. Why do you want to serve on the Bicycle Advisory Council?

I was inspired by a recent trip to Copenhagen to become more involved in promoting bicycle use in Austin. I want to do my part in making Austin a better place to ride and encourage more people to use their bike for transportation.

8. List names, addresses, and phone numbers of two people who may be contacted as references:



9. Describe your bicycle use (check all that applies):

- I bike for transportation year-round
- I bike for transportation in good weather
- I am a regular recreational rider
- I occasionally ride for fun and/or exercise
- I bike with my family
- I seldom ride my bike
- Other: _____

10. Additional comments:

Thank you for your consideration. I am very excited by the opportunity to help make Austin a better place to ride a bike.

Please return completed application form either by email, mail or in person by 5:00 PM WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP CITY OF AUSTIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Name: Kouros Maghsoudi

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Austin State: TX Zip: [REDACTED]

Preferred Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth (must be at least 18): [REDACTED]

Occupation: Employer:

Green Events Co-Director/Student [REDACTED]

1. Do you reside or work within City of Austin boundaries? No Yes
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2. Education (Schools attended, degrees earned, training received):
I am currently an undergraduate at the University of Texas. I am pursuing a degree in Geography, with a minor in Geology. My concentrations include Sustainability and GIS; I am also obtaining a BDP certificate in Urban Public Policy.

3. Do you currently hold elective office? No Yes:

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Male Female Racial/Ethnic Background: Iranian-American (White)

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7. Why do you want to serve on the Bicycle Advisory Council?

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8. List names, addresses, and phone numbers of two people who may be contacted as references:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

9. Describe your bicycle use (check all that applies):

- I bike for transportation year-round
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- I am a regular recreational rider
- I occasionally ride for fun and/or exercise
- I bike with my family
- I seldom ride my bike
- Other: Along with bicycle commuting to work, I am phasing bicycles into my organization to become a key component of our regular operations

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Although I have very limited experience working directly with bicycle infrastructure, I have a wide range of experiences working with the public sector in urban sustainability.

Solar & Sustainability Intern - ***Environment Texas (08/14 - 01/15)***

As an intern, I coordinated with other environmental organizations for multilateral urban sustainability projects. Furthermore, I attended city council forums to converse and document stances on environmental issues. Lastly, I met with city council members (or staffers) individually discuss and encourage future sustainability plans.

Project Coordinator Intern - ***WindFree Solar Energy (05/14 - 09/14)***

For this Chicago-based company, I organized street fairs with the local government for community outreach on sustainable energy and for company branding. Along with arranging community events, created presentations and assisted in proposal writing for our public sector clients, like the Chicago Department of Transportation.

Current experiences with urban sustainability include working for ***Green Events*** as their Co-Director, and volunteering for the disadvantaged (major beneficiary of bike lanes) at ***Front Steps*** (Austin Resource Center for the Homeless) on 7th and Red River.

6. Do you have any special skills or experience that will help you as a member of the Bicycle Advisory Council?

I believe my experiences as an urban cyclist will provide a unique, but valuable, asset to the Bicycle Advisory Council. I not only use cycling as my primary form of transportation, but I consistently couple my bicycle trips with public transport, a key component to urban cycling. Furthermore, the majority of my peers use cycling as a form of transport, allowing me to synthesize the problems Austin cyclists, from different backgrounds, face on a daily basis. Lastly, my passion for urban sustainability and urban planning has allowed me to view Austin's bicycle infrastructure through a different lens.

7. Why do you want to serve on the Bicycle Advisory Council?

The opportunity to utilize one's passion to better their surrounding community is anyone's aspiration; I believe participating in the Bicycle Advisory Council does just that for me. Being able to implement my passion for urban planning, bringing progressive and non-traditional ideas to solve Austin's transportation crisis enthruses me at the very least.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

CITY OF AUSTIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Name: **Marcus Horton**

Address: [REDACTED]

City: **Austin** State: **TX** Zip: [REDACTED]

Preferred Phone: [REDACTED] **0** Other Phone: **n/a**

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth (must be at least 18): [REDACTED]

Occupation: **Sr. Internal Auditor** Employer: [REDACTED]

1. Do you reside or work within City of Austin boundaries? No **Yes**

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2. Education (Schools attended, degrees earned, training received):

The University of Texas at Austin – Bachelor of Business Administration (5/1992 graduate), Accounting major

3. Do you currently hold elective office? **No** Yes:

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Male Female Racial/Ethnic Background: **white**

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Volunteered with Bike Austin for "Bicyclists in Suits" advocacy event

Employed by Capital Metro Transportation Authority (Sr. Internal Auditor) (2/2006 – present)

Served as Staff representative on University of Texas Parking & Transportation Committee (~2002-2006)

6. Do you have any special skills or experience that will help you as a member of the Bicycle Advisory Council?

Familiarity with integration of cycling within public transportation system, including other transit modes (bike/car sharing, etc.)

7. Why do you want to serve on the Bicycle Advisory Council?

Strong determination to advocate for cycling as a sustainable commuting transportation mode,

promoting expenditure in cycling infrastructure and interconnectivity both within and beyond COA boundaries,

encourage use for K-12 schools and promotion of "Safe Routes to School",

increased use of bicycles for short-distance transportation to reduce reliance on single-occupant vehicles and for last-mile connectivity with public transportation

8. List names, addresses, and phone numbers of two people who may be contacted as references:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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- Other: reliance on bicycle for last-mile connectivity

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP CITY OF AUSTIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Name: Michael Sledge

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Austin State: TX Zip: [REDACTED]

Preferred Phone: [REDACTED] Other Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth (must be at least 18): [REDACTED]

Occupation: Software Development Manager Employer: [REDACTED]

1. Do you reside or work within City of Austin boundaries? No Yes
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2. Education (Schools attended, degrees earned, training received):
University of Florida, BS in Economics

3. Do you currently hold elective office? No Yes:

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Pedestrian Advisory Council Alternate Member – 2013 to present

SRCC NA Transportation Committee co-chair – 2013 to present

6. Do you have any special skills or experience that will help you as a member of the Bicycle Advisory Council?

I am a lifelong bike rider but otherwise no special or specific experience.

7. Why do you want to serve on the Bicycle Advisory Council?

Austin has pockets of bicycle infrastructure that make cycling safe and easy but these islands are disconnected from each other and do not yet constitute a network where cyclists can travel safely throughout the city. There are numerous challenges that make extending this network difficult, including a lack of funding and (perceived) conflict with automobile infrastructure. City staff with the bicycle program have done a tremendous job expanding the network over the last few years and I've seen the passion for cycling in Austin in the community from attending BAC meetings over the past few years. If I am elected to serve on the council, I hope to help build on the foundation that already

exists and help the BAC work with the Active Transportation Department, the Mobility Committee, and other groups to mold a bright future for cycling in our city.

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10. Additional comments:

Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the October meeting when elections are held because I will be out of town. I hope the BAC will consider my past attendance and participation in lieu of my presence.

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Name: Miller Nuttle

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Austin State: TX Zip: [REDACTED]

Preferred Phone: [REDACTED] Other Phone: "

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth (must be at least 18): [REDACTED]

Occupation: Organizer Employer: [REDACTED]

1. Do you reside or work within City of Austin boundaries? No Yes
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2. Education (Schools attended, degrees earned, training received):
Wesleyan University, BA in Environmental Science

3. Do you currently hold elective office? No Yes:

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Worked for Transportation Alternatives (2011-2014)

- Ran Bicycle Ambassador, Bike Friendly Business and Volunteer Advocacy Programs

Work for Bike Austin (Fall 2014-Present)

- Oversee membership and advocacy programs

6. Do you have any special skills or experience that will help you as a member of the Bicycle Advisory Council?

- Community outreach, public speaking and diverse stakeholder engagement skills (partially through community street safety forums in under-served neighborhoods in Brooklyn)
- Extensive knowledge of bicycle facilities, including best practices from New York City and other leading active transportation hubs
- Knowledge of the political process and City Departments in Austin

7. Why do you want to serve on the Bicycle Advisory Council?

In a personal capacity, I'm committed to improving active transportation options in Austin. Bicycling, walking and public transportation infrastructure improves our quality of life, economic vitality, public health, sustainability, safety and efficiency. Austin has made commendable progress towards incentivizing these modes of transportation, but more work needs to be done to address our rapid growth, traffic, affordability problems and unprecedented traffic violence. I'm excited for the role that the BAC can play in addressing these issues, and think that my skills would make me a good fit.

In an organizational sense, I also have a direct line to the bicycling community through my role as Campaigns Director for Bike Austin. I am regularly in touch with our 700 members and 13,000 subscribers, and could serve as a conduit for their ideas, suggestions and complaints to the BAC.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP CITY OF AUSTIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Name: PATRICIA LAVIERI

Address: [REDACTED]

City: AUSTIN State: TX Zip: [REDACTED]

Preferred Phone: [REDACTED] Other Phone: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth (must be at least 18): [REDACTED]

Occupation: GRADUATE Student Employer: [REDACTED]

1. Do you reside or work within City of Austin boundaries? No Yes
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2. Education (Schools attended, degrees earned, training received):
UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO - BRAZIL: BACHELOR AND MSC IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
UT AUSTIN - CURRENTLY DOING MY PHD IN TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING.

3. Do you currently hold elective office? No Yes:

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Male Female Racial/Ethnic Background:

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2014 - CURRENT: GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AT CR - UT.

6. Do you have any special skills or experience that will help you as a member of the Bicycle Advisory Council?

TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

7. Why do you want to serve on the Bicycle Advisory Council?

- EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO BECOME A TRANSPORTATION PLANNER
- BICYCLE IS MY MAIN MODE OF TRANSPORTATION.

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