

Subject **Application for GCRC D Associate Director position**
From Kat Baumgartner-Wilson <katwilson593@gmail.com>
To Stephanie Moreno <smoreno@gcrcd.org>
Date 2020-11-16 02:45 PM



Hi Stephanie,

Please allow this email to be my official **letter of interest** for the Guadalupe-Coyote RCD Associate Director position. As per the policy, I am a registered voter within the District boundaries. I will follow-up with two letters of recommendation. **I would imagine you need them before the Board meeting this Thursday?**

I am a retired Fire Captain with the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Since I departed from the Fire Department, I have been an environmental activist and advocate in the Bay Area on multiple fronts. In 2014, I was trained by former US Vice President Al Gore as a Climate Reality Leader, where I gained the knowledge and tools to shape public opinion, inspire action, and lead the global fight for climate solutions. I currently serve with our local chapter as a member of the Speaker's Bureau, giving presentations to various stakeholders and the Legislation & Policy Team. Last year our Legislation/Policy team took pivotal leadership to pass San Jose's new building construction electrification reach codes.

In 2017, I graduated from Green Foothills' Community Advocacy Leadership Academy. The training focused on how to lead effective environmental advocacy campaigns grounded in social justice. As part of the curriculum, we learned how to develop advocacy campaigns to address current, local environmental issues while integrating racial justice.

I recently was the Campaign Manager on Measure T—the Open Space Authority's Open Space, Wildlife Habitat, Clean Water, and Increased Public Access Measure. This Measure passed by 81% majority— one of the highest passage rates for countywide parks or open space measures in California history! Before that, I was the Field Director on five other winning campaigns; focused on protecting open space, affordable housing, infrastructure and public safety, and a San Jose City Council race.

I have deep ties to community leaders within San Jose, Santa Clara County, and several leading community groups and organizations. I believe I can apply these skills to this position and help GCRC D achieve its strategic long-range goals, specifically in the areas of fire risk, climate change, public engagement, and district operations.

In addition to the above experience, I possess the following skills and qualities:

- Enthusiastic Team Leader
- Highly Effective Communication
- Creative Problem Solving
- Highly Productive
- Conflict Resolution
- Self-motivated
- Strong Interpersonal Skills
- Empathetic
- Google Docs, Sheets, etc.
- Microsoft Office
- Apple Office Suite
- Web Design
- Data Analysis

"If applicable, I authorize the District to conduct a background check."

Thank you for the opportunity.

Warmest Regards,

Kat Wilson