



Submitted application for Economic Development Committee

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First Name *

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Last Name *

Gustafson

Address 1 *

[REDACTED]

Address 2 (optional)

City *

[REDACTED]

State *

CA

Postal Code *

What district do you live in? *

District 4

What district do you want to serve in?

District 4

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

White

Gender

Male

Primary Phone *

Alternate Phone

Please identify how you prefer to be contacted.

Email

Are you currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group? *

Yes

If yes, please list

I am interested in serving on the Economic Development Committee.

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve

My background is in the environmental social sciences and I have held teaching and research roles in the United Kingdom, Germany, and the US. Currently, I am an assistant professor of Environmental Studies at California State University – Monterey Bay. In this role and in previous roles, I have routinely researched and taught on issues related to the public's interests in sustainability, environmental issues, urban planning, and development. I lead our department's Sustainable Communities degree concentration and have devoted my own professional interests in working in and with community partners on questions of sustainable development. I have experience working in universities in several states and countries, each with their own distinct relationship to the towns, cities, and regions in which they are located. I see the 'town and gown' relationship as one full of promise and potential, but often times untapped. Higher education has an important role in the economic futures of Monterey County and I am eager to discover ways to build enduring relationships between the sector and the county. I also have expertise in environmental sustainability, which is fundamental for any economic future the county envisions.

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board committee/commission/district.

Representing the Higher Education sector on the County's Economic Development Committee would be a privilege and a tremendous opportunity. I continue to grow in my participation in our community on a range of service boards and I hope to join this one as well. My expertise and experience in understanding issues of local sustainability and development would be an asset, especially from the first-hand personal and professional experience I have gained living in other communities. Serving on this committee would also be a tremendous learning opportunity and opportunity for collaboration across sectors with natural ties to higher education.

Have you served on an advisory group before?

Yes

If yes, please explain

I currently serve on the Advisory Committee for the Monterey Bay Air Resources District. Though not technically advisory groups, I also am a PTA officer for our local elementary school in Marina and I am a board member for the non-profit O'Neill Sea Odyssey in Santa Cruz.

How did you hear about the position?

A friend and colleague mentioned it to me.

County of Monterey Policy - states that Commissioners are required to attend meetings on a regular basis. If appointed, will you be able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill your duties as a member *

Yes

Background Information

Upload a resume with the names, addresses, and dates of employers for the last five (5) years.

[View Resume](#)

Employer

California State University - Monterey Bay

Job Title

Assistant Professor

Occupation

Professor

Employer Address

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Information Regarding Conflict of Interest and Filing of Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700)

State and local law requires that you abstain from participation in decisions that may affect your financial interest, including sources of income and interest in real property or investments. In addition, if appointed you may be required to fill out a disclosure statement that identifies certain of your financial interest beginning with the immediate 12 months period prior to your appointment.

In accordance with Government Code Sections 87313 and the County of Monterey's Conflict of Interest Code, this Board/commission/Committee/District, you may be required to file statements disclosing certain types of information so that the public can be made aware of potential conflicts of interest. The types of disclosures are:

- Investments
- Interests in Real Property Held by a Business Entity or Trust
- Investments Held by a Business Entity or Trust Income (other than loans and gifts)
- Income – Travel Payments, Advances, Reimbursements
- Income gifts

- Business Positions
- Commission Income Received by Brokers, Agents, and Salespersons
- Income and Loans to a Business Entity or Trust Income from Rental Property

If you have any questions regarding disclosure requirements, please contact the Clerk of the Board's office at 831-755-5066.

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

n/a

I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF DISQUALIFICATION AND TERMINATION, THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Enter Your Initials *

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SETH GUSTAFSON, PH.D.

PROFILE

Interdisciplinary environmental social scientist conducting collaborative research and making findings relevant for communities, stakeholders, and policy makers. International experience in Europe, New Zealand, and United States with extensive writing and editing experience and training in and familiarity with a range of qualitative and quantitative social science methods.

RELEVANT SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Writing and editing for a wide range of academic and non-academic audiences
- Qualitative and quantitative environmental social science research
- Communicating science to diverse stakeholders and non-scientific audiences
- Contributing to ongoing ecological research as a social scientist
- Developing and applying integrative approaches to human dimensions of environmental issues

CURRENT AND RELEVANT PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies, California State University-Monterey Bay

-August 2022-present; 38+hours/week; salary available upon request

- Conducts and publishes multi-method, community-based, and interdisciplinary environmental social science research
- Effectively teaches the required writing class for environmental studies students, research methods, and other topical courses
- Writer, editor, and teacher with excellent student reviews of courses

Lecturer in Human Geography, University College London (UK), Department of Geography

-August 2016-July 2022; 38+ hours/week; salary available upon request

- Administered a 70+ student MSc program in Environment, Politics, and Society
- Taught geography students at all levels of the undergraduate and graduate programs

Post-doctoral Research Associate at INTERCOAST, University of Bremen (Germany)

-June 2014-August 2016; 38+ hours/week; salary available upon request

- Led the PhD-level interdisciplinary educational component for INTERCOAST doctoral students working in coastal aspects of bioscience, social science, geosciences, and law
- Supervised ongoing research and activities of PhD students in Germany and New Zealand

Research Assistant to the Coweeta Listening Project, part of the Coweeta Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) project, University of Georgia

-August 2011-June 2014; 20 hours/week; salary available upon request

- Developed a community-engaged environmental social science research program in an ecological research setting using surveys, citizen science, oral history, and collaborative writing
- Improved existing and created new mutually beneficial relationships between social scientists and physical scientists as well as between scientists and the public

EDUCATION

The University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA

2009-2014 Ph.D., Geography

2007-2009 M.A, Geography

Grove City College, Grove City, PA, USA

2003-2006 B.A., History, Minor in Philosophy