



# Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Silverstein and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Prepared by: Kelsey Pettijohn, City Clerk

Approved by: Steve McClary, City Manager

Date prepared: September 7, 2023 Meeting date: September 25, 2023

Subject: Council Appointment to the Planning Commission

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Councilmember Stewart may make a new appointment to the Planning Commission.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

**WORK PLAN:** This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for FY 2022-2023. This project is part of normal staff operations. Staff continue to work on ongoing projects and normal business while the FY 2023-24 Work Plan is finalized.

**DISCUSSION:** Jeffery Jennings, Councilmember Stewart's appointment, resigned from the Planning Commission effective upon the appointment of his successor. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54974, a notice of unscheduled vacancy was posted on September 6, 2023. Councilmember Stewart may make his appointment at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Notice of Unscheduled Vacancy
2. Applications received to date



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## Unscheduled Vacancy Notice (Government Code Section 54974)

VACANT POSITION	PREVIOUS INCUMBENT	DATE APPOINTMENT CAN BE MADE
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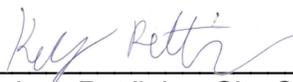
Planning Commission

Jeffrey D. Jennings

September 21, 2023

Interested citizens should contact the City Clerk at (310) 456-2489, extension 228 or by email at [cityclerk@malibucity.org](mailto:cityclerk@malibucity.org) for more information.

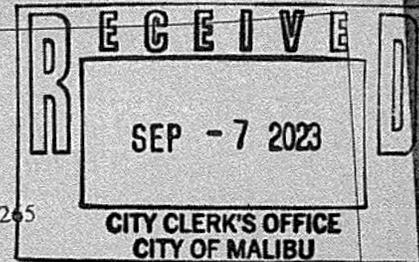
Posted: September 6, 2023

  
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Kelsey Pettijohn, City Clerk



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## City Commission / Committee Member Application

As a candidate for membership on a City Commission / Committee, please complete this application, profile and qualification form in order for the City Council to best consider your application for appointment. Please feel free to provide additional sheets or a resume, if desired. Completed applications are to be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, Malibu City Hall, 23825 Stuart Ranch Road, Malibu.

Name of Commission / Committee Applying for Planning Commission

Applicant's Name Drew Leonard

Street Address & City [REDACTED]

Home Telephone [REDACTED] Cell Telephone [REDACTED]

Work Telephone [REDACTED] Email Address [REDACTED]

**Profile Information:** Please provide detailed information which demonstrates experience or background applicable to the Commission / Committee (including education and experience on study groups, task forces and committees, community / civic and business activities).

I graduated from Cal State Northridge with a BS degree in Psychology in 1988.

I am a licensed real estate agent with Pinnacle Estate Properties Malibu.

I am a licensed general contractor with a B classification.

I have worked in commercial real estate managing multi family properties for over 35 years.

I am a 29 year Malibu resident.

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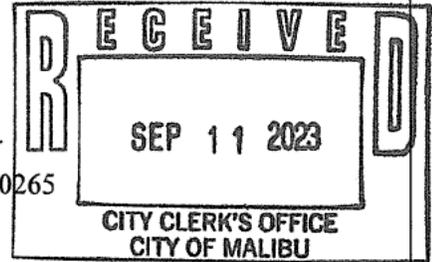
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Name of Commission / Committee Applying for Planning Commissioner

Applicant's Name Jyoti (Jo) Drummond

Street Address & City 20223 Piedra Chica Rd Malibu

Home Telephone [REDACTED] Cell Telephone [REDACTED]

Work Telephone [REDACTED] Email Address [REDACTED]

**Profile Information:** Please provide detailed information which demonstrates experience or background applicable to the Commission / Committee (including education and experience on study groups, task forces and committees, community / civic and business activities).

I have been a board member of my HOA in both Miami and Malibu for a total of 9 years serving as President in both areas overseeing architectural development, brush clearance, view preservation, fire & hurricane safety, etc. I have successfully worked with staff and the Mayor of both cities to beautify neighborhoods, increase safety & enforcement. I have been on Public Works Commission for almost two years because of my knowledge on the sensitive geology and dewatering in our community of Big Rock. I serve as President of Malibu Township Council - the 75 year old organization that brought the City of Malibu independence from LA County and I chair meetings that constantly advocates for responsible development in the City. I stand for all development that is resident serving such as the middle & high school, community parks & recreation & small projects that need expediting in city planning that have been stuck in there for years because of misrepresenting the existing codes. I am dedicated to upholding the vision and mission statement in all builds and the wish to sacrifice some urban comforts for a more rural setting. I support the Formula Retail Ordinance hard fought to keep local businesses in this city and help them thrive. I have no real estate or contractor connections to cause any sort of conflict of interest. I would love to be the first woman in a long while to be on planning commission.

**Qualifications:** Please provide detailed information which demonstrates professional skills and talents applicable to this Commission / Committee.

I know the codes very well having studied the MMC & LCP the past five years for specific development projects.

I understand how variances work and when and where they should be applied and when they should NOT be applied.

I have great organizational and financial skills having been a former financial & estate planner and understand the cost

of projects and how much applicants must go through in order to create, manage & build a project. I am also President of

Arts Angels - the fundraising arm of Malibu Middle & High School's Visual & Performing Arts Programs and raise & distribute funds

for much needed art teachers, coaches, supplies, projects, instruments, uniforms, all plays and productions, costumes, etc.

I love Malibu and it's fragile coastline and will do everything in my power to have planning and residents follow our codes so it is

protected. I have lived here for over 10 years and have an open mind to all projects and will weigh things fairly and equitably for

the benefit of our community as a whole. I will make decisions that will apply the codes correctly so there will be less possibility .

of unnecessary appeals and work with planning to make sure codes are followed so neither of our precious time is wasted.

**Role and Issues of Commission / Committee:** Please provide detailed information which demonstrates your opinion as to the role of a City Commissioner / Committee Member and issues you feel need to be addressed by Malibu which relate to this Commission / Committee.

I honor and treasure the role as a city commissioner as I am currently one now. We should be impartial, fair and weigh things with regards

to our Vision & Mission Statement in everything we do and LISTEN to ALL residents who submit comments regarding specific projects so

that ALL residents have a voice that is listened to and heard loudly and clearly. Issues that need to be addressed are the lack of code enforcement

and interpretation of certain codes - in particular for projects that should be exempt of building permits yet for some reason require a variance.

These projects should be fast tracked and not waste the planning dept and planning commission's time. The definition of new development

when it comes to variances needs a reinterpretation so that only structures over 10% of existing square footage should require a variance,

thus saving both planning dept, and residents much time and money. I understand having been trying to permit a deck that should have

been permit exempt for the past two and a half years. I am part of the regular residents of Malibu trying to get small projects done and

cannot because of our antiquated system. I would make sure like for like plus 10% rebuilds get through quickly and larger rebuilds

that want to change the character of the neighborhood go through the proper scrutiny provided by our municipal codes. I support

preserving community, local businesses, and the environment and to encourage residents to WANT to apply for a permit in this City.



Signature of Applicant

September 8, 2023

Date

Planning Commission application cont'd – Jyoti Drummond

I also helped to bring generators to our community of Big Rock by working with the City, Dave Rydman formerly of LADWP, and our BRMPOA Board so that we have power to pump up the water during a power outage in a wildfire. I helped raise funds to purchase our own generators but then worked with the City to have LADWP fund a “Generator Pilot Project” in Big Rock. It has worked very successfully and should be applied to all neighborhoods in Malibu that need power to pump water up to the community, so they are all wildfire resilient. I can help make this happen also.