
Upload a Resume

Community Service Experience:

N/A

Education:

City University of New York, Hunter College- Master's of Urban Planning. December 2015
The George Washington University- Bachelor of Arts, Geography. May 2011

Other relevant experience or expertise:

Thanks to my undergraduate and graduate studies, as well as my professional career, I am very familiar with the transportation planning process. I am also an avid cyclist and love cycling in Napa. I have found the City and County to be very hospitable towards cyclists and I want to work towards making cycling even more popular and accessible.

Additional Questions

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this board?

This role's primary responsibility is to represent the City of Napa while advocating for cycling and pedestrian funding and projects to the NVTB board. This can include reviewing plans, reviewing existing bike/ped facilities, reviewing roadway projects to make sure they meet Complete Streets standards and promoting bike/ped projects.

Have you ever attended a meeting of this board? If so, how many?

No

What duties of this board are most interesting to you?

I'm most interested in actively promoting bicycle and pedestrian capital projects, as well as reviewing roadway plans to make sure they are adequately accommodating for cyclists and pedestrians. About 46% of all vehicle trips are less than three miles; I'm excited to be an advocate for making it easier for people to switch to get out of their cars and onto a bike for these trips.

What activities of this board are least interesting to you?

Honestly, there really aren't any activities on this board that I don't find interesting. I'm detail oriented and I'm interested in the minutiae of planning processes.

What programs or projects would you like to see improved or implemented?

I'd like to see more painted bike lanes and a bikeshare program. Painted lanes help delineate road space so that drivers are primed to expect cyclists on the roadway. I think a bikeshare program would promote cycling for both locals and tourists, which would help reduce congestion, especially during peak tourist season.

How would you approach improving these project(s) or program(s)?

I would work with my committee members to find funding sources within NVTA and work with NVTA staff to advocate for the implementation of these projects.

Are you involved in any organizations or activities that may result in a conflict of interest if you are appointed to this board?

No.

Please list two local references and their phone numbers:

[REDACTED]

How did you learn of this vacancy?

Internet

Michael Seth Rabinowitz

Professional Experience

CDM Smith

October 2019 – Present

Transportation Planner

- Guided work for two stages of a nationwide parking master plan for the nation of Qatar
- Wrote several chapters and appendices for the long term plan for a state DOT's long term plan
- Analyzed data and wrote reports for a study for regional bus-on-shoulder operations in the Bay Area

New Jersey Transit

February 2016 – October 2019

Senior Facilities Planner

- Project Manager for annual inventory of parking facilities serving the NJ TRANSIT system
- Conducted feasibility analyses for potential infill rail stations
- Analyzed existing rail station sites for Transit Oriented Development viability

Meatpacking Improvement Association

June 2014 – January 2016

Planning Associate

- Responsible for all customized streetscape furniture in a 20 block area in the Meatpacking District
- Conducted and managed staff for a district-wide pedestrian traffic survey

New York City Transit

June 2014 – August 2014

College Aide – Subway Operations Improvement

- Analyzed a line segment of the system with subway simulation software to study adjusted operations during platform closures
- Examined interlocking operations at several locations to optimize train routing and scheduling

United States Attorney's Office - Southern District of New York

December 2011 – July 2013

Paralegal Specialist

- Provided litigation support for mortgage, healthcare, and disability benefits fraud criminal cases

Education

Hunter College, New York, NY

December 2015

Masters of Urban Planning

Related Courses: Public Transit Planning, Introduction to Transportation Planning, Land Use Planning, Site Planning, Geographic Information Systems, Methods of Planning Analysis, Environmental Reviews

George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

May 2011

Bachelor of Arts: Geography Major

Related Courses: Transportation and Communication, Land Use and Transportation Planning

Relevant Skills

Programs: Adobe Creative Suite, ArcGIS, SPSS, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access

Languages: Fluent in Spanish