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**Profile**

Michael

First Name

Rabinowitz

Last Name

Middle  
Initial

Email Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Napa

City

CA

State

94559

Postal Code

**Mailing Address (if different than Resident Address above)**

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Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

**Length of Residence in the City of Napa:**

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4 years, 7 months

**Length of Residence in the County of Napa:**

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4 years, 7 months

**Registered to vote in the City of Napa?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Caltrain

Employer

Transportation Planner

Job Title

**Ethnicity \***

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

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**Interests & Experiences****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

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Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTa) Active Transportation Advisory Committee  
(ATAC) : Submitted

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### Community Service Experience:

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N/A

### Education:

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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:

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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.

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## Additional Questions

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

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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?

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No

### What duties of this board are most interesting to you?

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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?

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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?

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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)?**

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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?**

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No.

**Please list two local references and their phone numbers:**

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**How did you learn of this vacancy?**

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☒ 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