

Profile

Ben Neuman
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

[Redacted] Street Address Suite or Apt
Napa CA 94559
City State Postal Code

Mailing Address (if different than Resident Address above)

[Redacted] Primary Phone [Redacted] Alternate Phone

Length of Residence in the City of Napa:

36 years

Length of Residence in the County of Napa:

60 years

Registered to vote in the City of Napa?

Yes No

Retired- County of Sonoma Building Department Manager
Employer Job Title

Ethnicity \*

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals: Appointed
Disability Access Board of Appeals: Appointed

Question applies to Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

3 of 5 Members MUST serve on the Disability Access Board of Appeals. Are you also applying to serve on the Disability Access Board of Appeals?

Yes No

Question applies to Disability Access Board of Appeals

**3 of 5 Members MUST serve on the Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals. Are you also applying to serve on the Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals?**

Yes  No

Question applies to Disability Access Board of Appeals

**2 of 5 Members MUST be part of the Disabled Community. Are you part of the Disabled Community?**

Yes  No

Upload a Resume

**Community Service Experience:**

Board Member, CrossWalk Community Church, 2005-2007 Pete Shaw, Pastor

**Education:**

Santa Rosa Junior College, Associates Degree, September 1981 Calistoga High, June 1978

**Other relevant experience or expertise:**

Building and Safety Division Manager 2012- 2015 Code Enforcement Manager 2002- 2012 Code Enforcement Supervisor 1998- 2002 Building Inspector 1987- 1998 Project Manager - Vintage Structures- 1984-1987 Naval Architect Technician - Mare Island Naval Shipyard, 1980-1984

---

**Additional Questions**

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

The Board of Building Appeals primary role is to render interpretation of adopted building codes and regulations as they apply to specific projects under appeal. The Board of Accessibility Appeals provides the same function and in addition, can approve technical policy and enforcement direction for the complex web of state and federal accessibility regulations for the jurisdiction. The powers of the Accessibility Appeals Board reached beyond building issues and may address land uses and more.

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

Not in Napa. Many in Sonoma County

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

Code interpretation. I'm a bookish nerd.

**What activities of this board are least interesting to you?**

---

None. All aspects are interesting.

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

---

I have insufficient information to respond to this question at this time.

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

---

Same answer as above

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

---

None.

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

---

DeWayne Starnes, [REDACTED] Tennis (JT) Wick, [REDACTED]

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

---

Internet

**Ben Neuman**

Napa Ca

## Experience

### County of Sonoma – Building Division Manager

September 2011 to October 2015 – retired as of October 2015

Management responsibility for the Plan Check, Building Inspection and Code Enforcement Sections. 34 Staff total. Duties included:

- Development of local ordinances and adoption of model codes.
- Department representative for administrative hearings and appeals
- Oversight of all alternative construction methods and materials applications.
- Development of all budgetary items
- Hiring, evaluation, disciplinary action for staff
- General management of all plan review and building inspection functions
- General management of all code enforcement functions including housing, building, accessibility, land use, stormwater quality, grading, septic, and roadway encroachment issues.

### County of Sonoma – Code Enforcement Manager

April 2002 – September 2011

Management responsibility for the Code Enforcement Division. Note- In 2011 the Building Division and Code Enforcement Division was consolidated as a recession related cost reduction. Duties as noted above.

### County of Sonoma – Code Enforcement Supervisor

May 1998 – April 2002

Directly supervised Building Inspectors, Environmental Health Specialists, Planners and clerical staff within the Code Enforcement Division.

## Education

### Santa Rosa Junior College

Associate Science Degree, September 1981

## Certifications

ICC Certified Building Official, Combination Inspector

## References

### Dewayne Starnes, - Retired

Deputy Director, Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management

**Ben Neuman**

██████████ Napa Ca ██████

██████████

Tennis Wick

Director, Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management

[Tennis.wick@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Tennis.wick@sonoma-county.org)

██████████



Question applies to Disability Access Board of Appeals

**2 of 5 Members MUST be part of the Disabled Community. Are you part of the Disabled Community?**

Yes  No

Upload a Resume

**Community Service Experience:**

Napa City Planning Commision 1997-2005 Chaired the 2020 General Plan Napa City Council 2005-2012 Served as Vice-Mayor NVTa 2005-2012 Former Chair Napa County Flood Control 2005-2012 Arts Council 2009-2012 LAC Chair for Chamber of Commerce 2016 Various boards and committees related to City of Napa affairs APAC Committee

**Education:**

Leadership Napa Valley 2009 League of Calif Cities 2008 Leadership School of Hard Knocks 1951-2016 PHD (Piled Higher & Deeper)

**Other relevant experience or expertise:**

Former business owner, experienced in managing employment issues.

---

**Additional Questions**

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

To hear appeals regarding disability, and building codes. Make a fair decision to council.

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

Yes

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

To make recommendations to council regarding appeals

**What activities of this board are least interesting to you?**

We shall see.

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

Not sure till I have had time to assess, if I am selected.

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

---

Each issue would have to be addressed to its own circumstances. First order of business would be to understand the interest of the parties involved before making a decision. Then collaborating to find common interests in order to satisfy the needs at hand.

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

---

Not aware of any.

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

---

Larry Herter [REDACTED] Brian Kell [REDACTED]

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

---

Other