

Fairview MAC Member Biographies – Revised December 18, 2024



Chris Higgins and his wife, Kathy, have been residents of Fairview since 1989. He owns a small technology services firm based in the East Bay. Chris has been an active Fairview advocate for over 15 years. He was a member of the Creek Task Force that worked with Alameda County Planning and public works Departments to re-write the Water Course Ordinance. He was a leader in the successful effort to get grant money for the construction of sidewalks on D street from Maud

Ave to the Hayward City Limits. He is a member of the committee drafting the updated Fairview Specific Plan. He is an active participant in the Eden Area Livability Initiative Governance Group that lobbied for the creation of the Fairview MAC. Chris can be contacted at:

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Todd Anglin and his family have lived in Fairview since 2010, after growing up abroad for many years in SE Asia and several states across the US. After his college job at Disneyland, he spent many years in multiunit retail management for large electronic/wireless/apparel chains, running teams and stores across multiple states. He owns a local State Farm Insurance & financial services agency, and serves on a variety of boards including CEA Advisory, CVEA Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, HOA, private nonprofit school, CVEF (Ed Foundation), and a variety of committees impacting education, community events, and more. He loves positively impacting the community where they live,

along with traveling, cruising, being around water/outdoors, and family time. Todd can be contacted at Todd.Anglin@acgov.org



Sally Philbin and her husband have lived in Fairview since 1984. She was attracted to the area because she could have her horses in her back yard. She earned her Master's Degree in Public Administration from CA State University, Hayward and worked for the University of California in their systemwide offices in Oakland. She finished her almost 30-year career as Manager-Systemwide HR Compliance. She served for several years as the Secretary for the Fairview Community Club. Sally is active in Toastmasters, 4-H Leader with Redwood 4-H Club, Secretary on the Board of Directors for Hayward La Honda Music Camp and honors our veterans by providing service through the Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoys spending Zoom time with her family, gardening, genealogy, and spending time with her

horses. Sally can be contacted at: Sally.Philbin@acgov.org



Beth Farmer has been a Fairview Resident since 1991, bringing in years of professional experience to the Board. Serving as both an inspector for BAAAQMD and a tech in wastewater treatment, Beth's professional experience highlights her STEM background—holding a BA in Biology and a certificate in Environmental Public Planning from the University of California, Berkeley. Beth can be reached at Beth.Farmer@acgov.org



Vanessa Rhodes moved to the East Bay in 2004 and to Fairview in 2018 with her young family. She grew up in Fresno, California with a family deeply committed to social and economic justice. With a Bachelor's degree in Community Studies from UC Santa Cruz and a Master's in Political Science and History from The New School in New York City, she brings a wealth of academic and real-world expertise to her work. As a seasoned labor and community organizer, Vanessa has spent over two decades advocating for workers' rights and building grassroots movements. From organizing picket lines to lobbying for pro-labor candidates, her efforts have empowered countless working families across California. Vanessa can be contacted at: Vanessa.Rhodes@acgov.org