



KENSINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Application to Serve on the KCSD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Please review the attached Emergency Preparedness Committee Protocols (draft) and Board and Committee Member Remote Meeting Attendance

Name: _____ Date: _____

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- Other _____

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EXPERIENCE AND CURRENT EFFORTS IN AREAS OF INTEREST

I have been a member of the EPC since its inception and have constantly contributed to the committee's efforts, especially with regard to emergency evacuation, resident notification mechanisms and household emergency preparation.

Areas of Interest:

Evacuation Preparation:

- * Recommended and aggressively encouraged the two BOD members of the EPC to meet with the president of the Sunset View Cemetery to open up their roads for emergency evacuation traffic per recommendations in the 2020 Kensington traffic consultants report. Those cemetery roadways are now posted as an evacuation route and are estimated to accommodate up to 30% of emergency evacuation traffic.

- * Working with the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and 2 other EPC members, co-authored the Kensington Emergency Evacuation brochure that encourages residents to take responsibility for preparing for and executing their own evacuation in the case of wildfire. (#)

- * Recently participated an 8 hour FEMA class on Evacuation Planning, Strategies and Solutions (at Marin County EOC).

- * Planned and led Lake Drive neighborhood evacuation preparedness meetings.

- * As a member of the CCC Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, participated in county evacuation drills (including Lafayette and Orinda).

Emergency Notification:

- * Introduced the advantages of using Nixle for emergency notifications with a presentation to the KPPCSD BOD (2017). The BOD approved implementation of this system and it remains the primary local emergency notification tool used by the KCSD. (#)

- * Personally campaigned to ensure that residents in my neighborhood (S. Lake Drive) are subscribed to CWS and the cell phone App Watch Duty alerts (93% successful). (#)

- * Set up a Phonevite network for emergency phone notification on S. Lake Drive. (#)

Collaboration and Coordination with Other Agencies:

- * As a member of the CCC Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team (17 years), responded to the Camp Fire in Paradise and two North Bay wildfires.

- * Trained and vetted as a Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder (WEMR).
- * Participated as an observer in Orinda Evacuation Drills and worked with their PIO to discuss efficacy and value of this type drill.
- * Former member of the KFD volunteer fire department; trained regularly and backed up the department fire fighters as needed (mid 1980s).
- * Member of CCC Medical Reserve Corp (2018 - present)

Hazard Mitigation:

- * Worked directly with the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and 2 other EPC members to review all applications for the Hazardous Plant Removal grant applications. (#)
- * Along with another EPC member, researched and recommended the formation of a subgroup to pursue a vent screen grant program for Kensington residents. The subgroup is now in place and working on program details.
- * Accompanied district fire personnel on tours of Kensington neighborhood hazard mitigation walk-throughs. (#)

Development of Firewise Neighborhood Designations.

- * Council member of the Redtail Ridge Firewise Group (#)
- * Accompanied the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and KFD Fire Marshal at selected neighborhood block parties and emergency preparation events; assisted as needed. (#)

Public Education About Emergency Preparedness, Earthquakes and Related Topics.

- * See noted (#) items above.
- * Supplied and maintained S. Lake Drive Emergency Storage Shed (2009-2024)
- * Organized and led annual hands-on training for the S. Lake Drive Neighborhood Emergency group (~2009-2020).

Red Flag Day Parking Strategy

- * Organized and established original Red Flag day parking plan for S. Lake Drive (~2012-2020).
- * Supporter and EPC member of Red Flag Day parking protocols subcommittee.

WHAT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WOULD YOU RECOMMEND FOR THE WORK PLAN?

* Much thought, discussion, planning and subgroup work has been done by the subcommittees dedicated to the projects in the current work plan and I believe that all of them are important to improving the emergency preparedness of the Kensington community.

Some Specifics:

* I strongly believe the current Kensington Elementary School (KES) Red Flag Day Closure Plan needs EPC review, discussion and possible revision. Include potential evacuation protocols. Compare to Berkeley's ridgeline wildfire evacuation plan.

* Emphasize evacuation readiness and personal (household) planning. The Kensington public, in my opinion, does not fully recognize the seriously dangerous location of at least the upper section of Kensington relative to the threat of wildfire. Further public education on this subject is paramount.

* A meeting with CWS representative(s) on the subject of implementing an LRAD system in Kensington seems vital to moving forward (or not!) with this proposed project. Does Kensington need to involve the county in planing and implementing an LRAD system? Consult with Berkeley fire/police on lessons learned and path forward. This project has been presented and discussed for years without any tangible forward motion.

* Continue the Hazardous Vegetation Removal Grant Program to help reduce the fuel load in Kensington and also to raise awareness of wildfire danger.

* Retain the House Hardening Support Program subcommittee which is in the process of establishing a vent screen grant program.

* Retain and promote the Firewise Development program which continues to expand and I believe can play a major ground-up role in promoting wildfire danger awareness and activity in the Kensington Community (a sincere thanks to the EP Coordinator, Johnny Valenzeula for his dedicated work and successes in this area).

* Pursue the Red Flag Day Parking Program which is turning out to be a difficult project and needs further effort to resolve the best path forward to promote resident participation.

* Re-incorporate Earthquake Preparedness into the current EPC Workplace; establish an EPC subcommittee and specific goals including resident preparedness education.



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Name: Kay Blonz

Date: 12/9/25

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Please explain your experience and current efforts in your areas of interest:

- Established Maybeck Firewise in January 2024.
- Held 4 educational events, 2 chipping days and a fire extinguisher exchange event.
- Evaluated vehicular and pedestrian potential evacuation routes from Maybeck Firewise.
- Conducted a survey for Willamette residents to determine if the number of cars parked on the narrow street could be lessened by driveway and garage parking, how Willamette residents' felt about making the road between Purdue and Highland one way and if residents could effectively remove their cars from Willamette in the event of a red flag day.
- Transformed the 900' Purdue median from dry grass and invasive weeds into a drought tolerant landscape, which I continue to maintain with the support of Maybeck Property Owners Association.
- Persuaded Rochelle Johnson, Special Districts Manager Public Works to remove 11 dead trees and prune dead wood on the Arlington median, Kensington's only north – south evacuation route. The tree work was completed this summer.
- Lisa Coronna and I documented the poor conditions on the medians and plan to meet with Rochelle Johnson to understand and clear any obstacles that prevent the restoration of the irrigation system, the removal of the invasive weeds and the replanting of the median with a native and drought tolerant landscape.
- Successfully worked with Hilltop School Grounds Keepers for the past 5 years. With our encouragement, we have a commitment from CCCUSD to annually reduce fuel on the campus southern hillside, adjacent to our Maybeck Firewise community.
- For 30 years I have been working on my property adjacent to EBRP to remove 23 Monterey Pines and dozens of mature poison oak vines clearing the way to establish a shaded fuel break.

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- Develop an educational campaign for Kensington residents about the importance of off-street parking. Design a survey to evaluate resident's ability to park in their driveway or garage and to determine which constraints can be mitigated.
- Establish a red flag pilot program on key evacuation streets.
- Work with property owners and C.C. C. Public Works to determine which party is responsible for the removal of hazardous vegetation along evacuation routes and verify that clearance is achieved and maintained.
- Work with Public Works to restore water, remove invasive weeds and replant trees and shrubs to our 5 Arlington Medians.

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Name: Katie Gluck Date: 12/17/25

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co-chair of the Kensington Public Safety Council (KPSC) for 11 years,
Certified member of CERT since 2010, certified under the Department of Homeland Security.

Along with my colleague we wrote the previous (LHMP) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was in effect for 5 years.

I have 100's of hours of FEMA training.

Have worked on acquiring the LRAD system since the beginning of the EPC.

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I hope to encourage residents to become more involved in their own safety and evacuation plans and hopefully become engaged with their neighbors along the same lines.

I am very interested in seeing that an LRAD system be acquired.

I would like to work on LRAD's and evacuation plans as well as interacting with our neighbors and exchanging thoughts and ideas.

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Name: Peter Liddell Date: 12/19/25

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I have been a member of the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) since its inception.

Co-wrote the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

Certified CERT since 2010

Extensive FEMA training

Co-chaired the Kensington Public Safety Council for 11 years (KPSC)

20 years with the RED Cross.

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I am interested in helping to develop a safe and efficient evacuation plan.

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