

Peninsula Community Planning Board
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend Ana Birmingham. We have worked with Ana over the past year through her position as one of the two students to fill the new pilot program rolls of “Student Liaison” in the Peninsula Community Planning Board’s Environmental Subcommittee. Through this position, Ana was required to participate in the monthly subcommittee meeting and complete a final project.

This project required that the two students work together to identify a local environmental problem and use the knowledge they had developed in the previous months to produce a final letter with a recommendation to address this problem. The students had to follow standard board practice by presenting the letter draft to both the subcommittee and to the main board to be put to the vote. Both the main committee and the subcommittee approved this letter, making it eligible to be sent to city hall on behalf of the PCPB.

The two students identified an issue concerning the street-sweeping schedule within the city. The lack of street sweeping has been identified as contributing to the pollution of the storm drains and, consequently, the ocean. With a suggested recommendation of more regular sweeping regiments in combination with the proper signage, this letter has the potential to result in actual changes that will benefit the environment and everyone who resides here.

Ana exhibited commitment, flexibility, and creativity throughout her time in this student liaison position. Not only did Ana meet expectations, but she far exceeded what was requested by showing up to participate in meetings beyond the required attendance quota. As this was a pilot program, Ana had to be adaptive and work with the board members as we sought new projects and opportunities for her role.

Ana followed through on this commitment with dedication. It is clear that she has a passion for environmentalism and exhibited the traits to be a successful problem-solver and leader in future endeavors and roles. Ana has developed the skills to help facilitate productive conversations with a diverse team.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Ana Birmingham. The leadership and adaptive skills she exhibited will lend her to be successful in various positions.

Sincerely,

Fred Kosmo,
Chair, PCPB