



## Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee

### Application

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#### Profile

**First name: \*** Kat

**Last name: \*** Selm

**Cell phone: \*** [REDACTED]

**Alternate phone:**

#### Home Address

(Thousand Oaks

residency required): \*

Street Address

[REDACTED]

Address Line 2

City

Thousand Oaks

Zip Code

91360

State

CA

Country

**Email Address: \*** This email address will be used to send you updates about this application

[REDACTED]

**How did you learn about this vacancy? \*** Other

**Please specify: \*** I am the current advisory committee member representing the city of Thousand Oaks

#### Employment Status

**Check all applicable: \***  Retired  Employed  Unemployed  Student  Military  Other

#### Work History

**Company:** Better World Group

**City:** Los Angeles

**State:** California

**Job title:** Senior Associate

**Summary of duties:** (?) I provide environmental and intersectional climate consulting services to private, philanthropic, public agency, and NGO clients. My work includes policy advocacy, outreach, technical writing, coalition development, and strategic planning.

**Why are you interested in serving on this board or committee? \***

I am interested in utilizing my professional experiences in the field of conservation and stewardship to serve my community, and to further my professional development goals. I have experience planning and executing conservation projects including acquisitions, restoration, and public access in my time at The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Ventura County. I have first hand knowledge of funding sources, partnerships, practices, and permitting to complete conservation activities in this project area. I believe these experiences will help me contribute positively to the decision making of the SMMC.

**Briefly describe the experience, skills, or talents you have that you believe will be beneficial to the work of this board or committee. \***

I have worked in the fields of the biological and social sciences and conservation for over a decade. I have published six scientific papers, several in the field of natural resource management and the biological sciences. I have an MS in natural resources and GIS and was a manager for The Nature Conservancy in Ventura County for nearly seven years where I managed over 4,400 acres of conservation lands in Ventura County. I had a diversity of roles and responsibilities as land steward for TNC, including drafting management plans, writing and managing grants, managing public and private partnerships, permitting for restoration and construction projects, planning and managing public access projects, reducing hazards and security risks, managing research projects, initiating volunteer stewardship programs, monitoring properties, and utilizing technology, such as remote sensing, for improved management. In my time at TNC I opened the first publicly accessible preserve to the Santa Clara River in Ventura County--the Santa Clara River Preserve.

**• Please list all relevant work and volunteer experience, including on City boards or committees, the dates of your involvement, and note any leadership roles that you held. \***

In addition to my time with TNC, I was the vice-chair of the Ventura chapter of the Climate Reality Project (2021-2023) as well as a co-founder and steering committee lead of the Conejo Climate Coalition (2021-present). In 2022 I served as a steering committee member for Ventura County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Update, and I was a member of cohort 24 of Ventura County Leadership Academy in 2018. Currently I serve as Thousand Oaks representative on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee (2022-present) and an advisory committee member on Ventura Land Trust's advisory committee (2023-present).

**A resume is encouraged, but not required:** PDF files only

**Certification**

**Please agree with the following statements:**

- All information in this application is complete, truthful, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- If appointed, I understand it is my responsibility to notify the City of changes that would affect my membership on the board.
- If appointed, I understand that I will be required to submit a Conflict of Interest filing with the California Fair Political Practices Commission.
- I recognize that Board membership requires my attendance at meetings and/or events. I am willing and able to make this commitment of time and effort to serve.
- I understand that the Public Records Act (PRA) allows for public review of this application.
- I am not an official or employee of the City of Thousand Oaks.

I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the above statements.

**Certification: \***  I Agree

**Date:** 8/8/2024

**First name: \*** Kat

**Last name: \*** Selm

**Signature: \*** 

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Applications MUST be submitted before the established filing deadline.

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