

CANDIDATE LIST
WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2026, 5:30 P.M.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

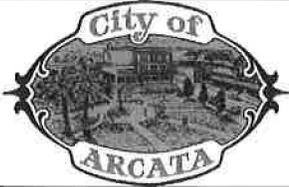
Three Vacancies: One Planning, Two Resident

THREE APPLICANTS

Planning Area	Milia Lando
Resident	Samantha Sauter
Resident	Jeff Schindler

APPOINTMENTS

<u>Planning Area:</u> Term ends March 31, 2027; Effective Immediately.	
<u>Resident:</u> Term ends March 31, 2029; Effective April 1, 2026.	
<u>Resident:</u> Term ends March 31, 2029; Effective April 1, 2026.	



City of Arcata

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General Information

Name: Milia Lando

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: same

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Best Form of Contact (email, phone, cell phone): [REDACTED]

Reside within City Limits OR Live/Work in the Arcata Planning Area
(To determine residency status, please consult the Arcata City Limits street address list and the Arcata Planning Area map at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/329/Vacancies-Applications>)

Length of Time in the Arcata Area: 15 years Email Address: [REDACTED]

Over 18 Years of Age: Yes No

Occupation or Former Occupation if Retired: _____

Employer (if any) Natural Decadence LLC

Work Address: [REDACTED] Arcata CA 95521

Work Phone: (707) 444-2629 ext 5 Your Job Title: Owner, Procurement Manager

Education (last year completed) Assoc Science

Please feel free to use additional paper and/or attach your resumé to this application.

Organizations

Please state any organizations in which you are currently involved.

Reason for Wanting to Serve

Reasons for wanting to serve on this commission/committee.

I live within the City of Arcata Planning Zone, and truly value the quality of life our community offers. I often think about how our streets function for everyone- drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and skateboarders. I consider how thoughtful design can improve safety, access, and everyday experience. Serving on the Transportation Safety Committee would allow me to contribute my perspective and time toward supporting a safer, more connected Arcata, and to give back to the community I care deeply about.

Expertise

Please state expertise you would bring to this commission/committee.

I am a food manufacturing, operations and logistics professional with over a decade of experience managing complex systems, safety standards, and regulatory compliance. I bring a practical, user-focused perspective to transportation planning, with strong interest in pedestrian safety, bicycle and skateboard access, mass transit connectivity, and thoughtful city development. I value inclusive, safe transportation systems that balance efficiency with quality of life.

If appointed, your name, appointment date, and term of office will be subject to public disclosure.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: _____ Date : 2/13/2025

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[Redacted Signature]
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Milia Lando

Arcata Community member - Operations and Logistics professional



OBJECTIVE

I am a community-minded operations and logistics professional with over a decade of experience managing complex systems, safety standards, and regulatory compliance. I bring a practical perspective to transportation planning, with strong interest in pedestrian safety, bicycle and skateboard access, mass transit connectivity, and thoughtful city development. I value inclusive, safe transportation systems that balance efficiency with quality of life. I seek a position on the Arcata Transportation Safety Committee.

EXPERIENCE

Owner and Manager, Natural Decadence LLC, Arcata CA.

Wholesale Food Manufacturer and “Raised Gluten Free” Brand Owner- 2012-present.

Operate and manage a small food manufacturing and distribution business with daily involvement in transportation logistics, safety planning, regulatory compliance, facility maintenance, procurement, and growth/risk assessment.

- Manage transportation logistics, delivery, and freight.
- Identify and mitigate safety risks involving loading zones, and work areas
- Navigate local, state, and federal regulatory requirements
- Evaluate physical layouts and workflows to improve safety, access, and efficiency
- Communicate clearly with regulators, staff, vendors, and partners
- Balance operational needs with community impact, noise, traffic flow, and neighborhood considerations

- Manage purchasing and procurement with awareness of transportation cost, fuel use, and route efficiency

Feng Shui Consultant, Humboldt County- 2009- present

Advise residential and business clients on spatial planning, circulation, and human-centered design.

- Assess movement patterns, flow, and access within built environments and outdoor spaces
- Consider pedestrian experience, visibility, and comfort in space usage
- Provide practical recommendations to enhance the living and working environments based on how people interact with physical infrastructure

Massage Therapist, New York and Humboldt County- 2001-2011

- Developed strong listening, observation, and client-centered skills
- Gained experience working within health, safety, and licensing

Board Member- Mad River Montessori Arcata, CA- 2019- 2025

- Served on the board of a small community preschool providing quality early childhood education and childcare
- Reviewed and approved operating budgets and financial decisions
- Participated in strategic planning during COVID-19 closures and phased reopening
- Helped guide the organization through the difficult decision to close the school

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Golden Gate School of Traditional Feng Shui, Berkeley CA- Certificate program 2011

Swedish Institute of Massage Therapy, NY NY- Certificate program and Associates in Science 2001

SKILLS

- Multimodal transportation awareness (pedestrian, bicycle, transit, freight, skate)
- Logistics & systems analysis
- Regulatory compliance
- Accessibility & human-centered design
- Community-focused problem solving
- Clear written and verbal communication
- Collaborative decision-making

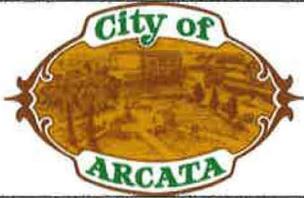
REFERENCES

Rosa Dixon, co-owner of Natural Decadence LLC and executive director of Humboldt Made. [REDACTED]

Abigail Nottingham, designer NottLand Studio [REDACTED]

Susan Ornelas, artist, artist and retired Arcata City Council member [REDACTED]

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General Information

Name: Samantha Sauter

Home Address: [REDACTED] Arcata, CA 95521

Mailing Address: [REDACTED], Arcata, CA 95521

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Best Form of Contact (email, phone, cell phone): email [REDACTED]

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Length of Time in the Arcata Area: 1 year Email Address: [REDACTED]

Over 18 Years of Age: Yes No

Occupation or Former Occupation if Retired: Grant Management & Social Work Administration

Employer (if any) FosterHope Sacramento

Work Address: [REDACTED] Sacramento, CA 95841 (Remote)

Work Phone: [REDACTED] Your Job Title: Grant Coordinator

Education (last year completed) MSSA (Master's)

Please feel free to use additional paper and/or attach your resumé to this application.

Organizations

Please state any organizations in which you are currently involved.

Family Focused Treatment Association (National) - Policy Group
CA Alliance of Child and Family Services (State)
Sierra Club - 5 year member
National Service Alumni - AmeriCorps VISTA

Reason for Wanting to Serve

Reasons for wanting to serve on this commission/committee.

I love being a resident of Arcata and I am looking for ways to get involved and share my skills and talents with this beautiful community. I moved to Arcata after being in Sacramento for several years to be closer to my partner's family. As a macro social worker, it is important for me to get involved in my local community. I have a background in environmental policy and social work administration and would love to lend that experience to Arcata's Planning Commission. I have fallen in love with what the City of Arcata has to offer and hope to be a part of its legacy. I am open to serving on any commission/committee where my passion, skills, and expertise are needed. Being able to give back to my community is something that fuels me and I would appreciate the opportunity to do that by being a member of the Planning Commission.

Expertise

Please state expertise you would bring to this commission/committee.

I come from a policy and community organizing background. I am currently a Grant Coordinator at FosterHope Sacramento and have been with the agency working on its growth and development for four years. I have a BS in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of Maryland and a Master's of Science in Social Administration with a focus in Community Practice for Social Change from Case Western Reserve University. My education paired with my two years of experience in National Service as an AmeriCorps VISTA and VISTA leader give me the understanding of local government and its unique complexities. In my current role at FosterHope I handle contracts and budgets for our agency and support with overall agency operations, I have seen this organization change and grow and have been able to support that through administrative know how and resource development. I am a data and compliance driven person and will bring that to my work on the Planning Commission. ✕

✕ resume included for more information

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I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed:

[Redacted Signature]

Date :

3/19/2025

SAMANTHA SAUTER

Arcata, CA · [REDACTED] · www.linkedin.com/in/ssautermssa

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH
MSSA Social Work - Community Practice for Social Change January 2021 - August 2023

University of Maryland College Park College Park, MD
BS Environmental Science and Policy - Society and Environmental Issues August 2012 - May 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

FosterHope Sacramento Sacramento, CA
Resource Development Specialist March 2023 - Present (Remote)

- Identify, draft, and submit grant and RFP opportunities
- Manage grant outcomes and ensure quality reporting for multiple, and complex, funding sources throughout the entire grant cycle
- Collaborate with staff members on marketing campaigns designed to increase visibility of the organization's mission
- Engage with a variety of stakeholders in the corporate, non-profit, and government sectors to support mission-driven projects of the agency related to policy and resource development
- Create promotional materials, such as brochures and flyers, to solicit donations from corporate partners
- Engage in research to determine best practices for program and resource development to make recommendations to management
- Campaign and event planning for three annual giving campaigns

FosterHope Sacramento Sacramento, CA
MSW Intern April 2021 - August 2023

- Developed master's level social work skills with a focus on macro/community practice
- Engaged system impacted youth clients in meaningful conversations to build rapport and trust
- Participated in team meetings to discuss program development, implementation, and evaluation

Management Leadership for Tomorrow Bethesda, MD
Special Assistant to the CEO November 2018 - December 2020

- Provided administrative support such as scheduling meetings, preparing documents, and maintaining records to grow diversity based initiatives
- Created presentations using PowerPoint to provide updates on project progress and milestones achieved
- Utilized strong interpersonal skills to effectively interact with management, staff, and clients
- Drafted email marketing materials for MLT's end of year giving campaign highlighting success stories of MLT Fellows

NeighborWorks America Washington, DC
VISTA Leader September 2017 - November 2018

- Supported 70 VISTA members by conducting check-in calls to assess morale, compliance, and accomplishments
- Built community through engagement with NeighborWorks' Race, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion initiative
- Created NeighborWorks VISTA program performance progress report by compiling and analyzing data for CNCS review
- Wrote annual MLK Newsletter to highlight the work of VISTA members on their national day of service.

Office of Multicultural Involvement and Community Advocacy (UMD) College Park, MD
Multi-Racial Community Organizing Student Intern August 2015 - May 2016

- Supported diversity-based initiatives on campus, including facilitatin the MOSAIC Diversity and Leadership Retreat
- Hosted events to highlight the experiences of Multi-Racial students
- Built community with other Community Organizers to provide relevant programming for students seeking affinity and community

Capstone on Campus Management
Resident Advisor

College Park, MD
 May 2014 - May 2016

- Planned and hosted events for over 100 residents quarterly
- Wrote duty logs 3+ times a month recording resident interactions and maintenance and safety issues
- Advised upper class off-campus residents of on campus resources
- Mediated conflict between roomates

SKILLS

Professional Skills:	Public Speaking, Verbal/Written Communications, Meeting Facilitation
Computer:	CRMs, Microsoft & Google Suite, Email Marketing Platforms
Higher Education:	Community Engagement, Mentorship, Administration, Resident Life
Social Work:	Community Practice, Resource Developement, Partnerships, DEI&B, Advocacy

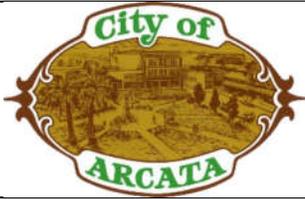
AWARDS

Emerging Black Leaders Scholarship Recipient Family Focused Treatment Association - Sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation
 This mentoring program is designed to support pathways to leadership for emerging black professionals in the health and human services sector. July 2023

Lorde-O'Leary University Award University of Maryland
 The Lorde-O'Leary Award, which is named in honor of author and activist Audre Lorde and the late Professor Ron O'Leary of the University of Maryland Department of Theatre, is presented to the senior class student who has contributed most significantly to the advancement of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender student community at the University of Maryland and the general interest of the University. May 2016

Resident Advisor of the Year The Courtyards (Capstone on Campus Management)
 This award recognizes outstanding performance and a commitment to the Courtyards' mission, excellence in leadership and performance, and maintaining a safe and engaged community for all residents May 2015

Outstanding Citizenship Award College Park Art Scholars (UMD)
 This award recognizes a 2nd year member of the College Park Scholars community that made significant contributions of time, effort, and support to his/her/their program September 2014



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General Information

Name: Jeff Schindler

Home Address: [REDACTED] Arcata, CA 95521

Mailing Address: [REDACTED], Arcata, CA 95521

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Best Form of Contact (email, phone, cell phone): Email

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Over 18 Years of Age: Yes No

Occupation or Former Occupation if Retired: Quality Manager at an Environmental Lab

Employer (if any) Microbac Laboratories, Inc.

Work Address: [REDACTED], Arcata, CA 95521

Work Phone: (____) _____ Your Job Title: Quality Manager

Education (last year completed) 2011

Please feel free to use additional paper and/or attach your resumé to this application.

Organizations

Please state any organizations in which you are currently involved.

Lutheran Church of Arcata - Buildings & Grounds Committee and the Church Council.
Cal Poly Humboldt - Intramurals.

Reason for Wanting to Serve

Reasons for wanting to serve on this commission/committee.

I would like to bring my safety expertise to my community, even if it is more focused on production and laboratory facility safety.

I am interested in promoting community transportation: easier for walking, biking, skateboarding; more accessibility for public transportation such as buses, rental bikes, ride sharing; aiming for a more walkable "15-minute" city concept.

I would like to get more involved with my community and help bring the ideas and concepts that the people of Arcata have to fruition.

Expertise

Please state expertise you would bring to this commission/committee.

- Root cause analysis from both a quality and safety perspective to find the actual issue that needs to be addressed, not just addressing the symptoms.
- Reading, understanding, and explaining federal, state, and local regulations.
- Writing in-house procedures for safety and quality to meet regulations.
- Working in committees to discuss and manage projects and help to implement solutions.
- General safety principles for facilities and work places.
- Bicycling in rain or shine as my main transport for work, and throughout Arcata.

If appointed, your name, appointment date, and term of office will be subject to public disclosure.

I certify under [redacted] under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed

[redacted signature]

Date : 02/17/2025

Jeff Schindler's Resume

██████████ | ██████████, Arcata, CA 95521 | ██████████

Professional Summary

- 8 years' experience of quality assurance and control in environmental laboratory testing.
- 5 years' experience in safety in pharmaceutical production and laboratory testing.
- 5 years' experience in quality assurance and control in pharmaceutical or food production.

Employment History

Quality Manager / Safety Officer: 08/2016 – Present (02/2025)

Employer(s): North Coast Laboratories, Ltd. / Microbac Laboratories Inc. (the lab changed ownership)

Manage the quality system and ensure the laboratory meets regulatory requirements: QC for each test, reporting results to clients & regulators, documentation & traceability, audit laboratory processes, review and meet regulatory changes, work with state and federal regulatory bodies.

Oversee the laboratory safety: perform weekly/monthly safety inspections, organize hazardous materials/waste storage, and disposal, lead the safety committee, review and meet regulatory changes.

QA/QC Analyst II / Safety Officer: 05/2014 – 03/2016 Employer: Hanford Pharmaceuticals

Led several analysts with weekly quality, sterility, and compliance testing for pharmaceutical products.

Oversaw the quality system for pharmaceutical formulation/packaging at a satellite location and performed the quality, sterility, and compliance testing.

Performed weekly/monthly safety inspections. Ensured regulatory compliance.

Quality Technician: 10/2013 – 05/2014 Employer: Chobani

Inspected materials (milk, cream, fruit, yogurt), equipment (production & filling), and final product (packaged yogurt, shipping cases). Performed microbiological testing for compliance.

Research Scientist: 09/2012 – 05/2013 Employer: DeLaval, Inc.

Developed and validated testing methods for agricultural pharmaceuticals with HPLC & IC.

QA/QC Technician / Safety Officer: 06/2011 – 09/2012 Employer: DeLaval, Inc.

Formulated bovine pharmaceutical. Performed chemical & microbiological testing for compliance.

Performed weekly/monthly safety inspections. Ensured regulatory compliance.

Student Manager: 10/2007 – 05/2011 Employer: Rochester Institute of Technology

Managed student-employees: training, scheduling, and resolving employee and customer conflicts.

Education

B.S. in Biomedical Science at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY.

Training (miscellaneous over employment history in NY and CA)

Hazardous Materials & Waste – Hazardous materials regulations for handling, storage, & disposal.

Safety – CPR, AED, First Aid, Emergency Response, Spill Response.

Organizations

Lutheran Church of Arcata – Building & Grounds Committee, Church Council.

Hobbies

Volleyball, basketball, gardening, home improvement projects, board games, home brewing.

EXCERPT FROM TITLE II, CHAPTER 3, ARCATA MUNICIPAL CODE

ARTICLE 10—TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

(Amd. Ord. 1505, eff. 6/15/2018)

SEC. 2242. Creation, Powers and Duties.

The Transportation Safety Committee is hereby created. Its powers and duties shall be to review all transportation safety matters and make recommendations to the Council, Commissions, or City staff as appropriate.

SEC. 2243. Meetings. (Amd. Ord.1352, eff. 5/20/2005; Ord. 1505, eff. 6/15/2018)

The Transportation Safety Committee shall hold regular meetings once a month as set by schedule established by the Committee or as necessary on call of the Chair.

SEC. 2244. Membership.

The Transportation Safety Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Council. Membership shall reflect, as much as possible, interest in all transportation modes, including pedestrian, bicyclist, mass transit and skateboarding in the City of Arcata.

SEC. 2244.1. Term. (Amd. Ord. 1352, eff. 5/20/2005; Ord. 1505, eff. 6/15/2018)

The annual expiration date of a term for a Transportation Safety Committee member shall be March 31.

SEC. 2245. Secretary.

The City Engineer, or his/her designee, shall serve as the Secretary to the Transportation Safety Committee.

Transportation Safety Committee

CONFIDENTIAL

Meets: 3rd Tuesdays or at the Call of the Chair Location: Council Chamber Time: 4:30 p.m. City Liaison: David Caisse, Assistant City Engineer

The Transportation Safety Committee was recreated by the City Council by adoption of Ordinance No. 1292 effective 6/18/99. Its powers and duties shall be to review all transportation safety matters and make recommendations to the Council, Commissions, or City staff as appropriate. The Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council. Membership shall reflect, as much as possible, interest in all transportation modes, including pedestrian, bicyclist, mass transit and skateboarding in the City of Arcata. Regular meetings shall be held monthly. Currently they are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The Director of Public Works, or his/her designee, shall serve as the Secretary to the Transportation Safety Committee. Staggered 3 year terms expiring March 31.

<i>Name / Address</i>		<i>Appt Date</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>	<i>Fax</i>	<i>E-mail</i>	<i>Expertise/Occupation</i>
Johnson ██████████ Arcata	Korina CA	1/6/2021 Apppt'd 1/6/2021, reappt'd 3/20/2024	3/31/2027	██████████ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Resident</i>	██████████ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Planning Area</i>		██████████	Bike commuter, walker. Board Member Hum Trails Council, Hum Bay Bicycle Commuters
Martinez ██████████ Arcata	Peggy CA	9/6/2023	3/31/2026	██████████ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Resident</i>	██████████ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Planning Area</i>		██████████ ██████████	Knowledge & experience with walking the local streetscape. Prof. experience w/ accessibility-related laws/practices.
Ring ██████████ Bayside	Wendy CA	12/1/2021 Apppt'd 12/1/2021; reappt'd 3/20/2024	3/31/2027	██████████ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Resident</i>	██████████ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Planning Area</i>		██████████	Physician, public health professional, avid bicyclist, podcast producer Climate 911
Serna ██████████ Arcata	Genevieve CA	9/21/2022 Apppt'd 9/21/2022; reappt'd 3/20/2024	3/31/2027	██████████ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Resident</i>	██████████ <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Planning Area</i>		██████████ ██████████	Community volunteer; avid multi-modal transportation user
Vacancy			3/31/2029	Mishka (Michael) Straka's Seat. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Resident</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Planning Area</i>			
Vacancy			3/31/2029	Nia Tikoo's Seat. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Resident</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Planning Area</i>			
Vacancy			3/31/2027	Dave Ryan's Seat. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Resident</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Planning Area</i>			