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Name of committee which I am interested in serving on (please note that only committees currently seeking volunteers are listed):

(o) Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Traffic Safety

Applicant Information

Full Name	caroline vertongen
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City/Zip	Portola Valley, CA 94028
Number of years in Portola Valley	28
Cell Phone	[REDACTED]
Home Phone	[REDACTED]
Other Phone	Not answered
Emergency Preparedness	Not answered

Preferred Phone Contact Number

(o) Cell

Please state why you have an interest in this committee, and state any background or experience you may have that may be useful in your service to this committee.

Dear Mayor Aalfs and Member of Town Council,
Dear BPTS Chair Holland and members of the BPTS Committee,

This letter is intended to demonstrate my commitment and interest in serving on the Bicycle, Pedestrian, Traffic Safety (BPTS) Committee.

Our family has lived and served this community since 1994. As a member of the teen committee more than 20 years ago, I helped establish "safe routes" to our local schools, Town Hall, Library, and sporting fields used for baseball and soccer, but also to Alpine Hills, which was and still is a favorite "pick up " spot for hardworking parents residing in Portola Valley. Thanks to the leadership of Mayor Steve Toben and the collaboration of Public Works, the Trails Committee, and the equestrians in Portola Valley, we got the job done.

I believe the BPTS Committee can collaborate with other committees and their volunteers to improve public safety along our 2 scenic corridors alongside Alpine Road and Portola Road, as well as on our trails, which are often used by younger residents to commute to our schools, Town Hall, the library, our sporting fields, and Alpine Hills.

I have spent many hours/years attending Town Council and other Committee and Commission meetings, including the BPTS, to understand the concerns and needs of residents and our community.

I grew up riding bicycles in Europe and continue to ride street and mountain bikes, and more recently electric bicycles, not only in California, but all over the world. I hope to share ideas and share how other cities have made their routes safer for bicycles, pedestrians, and overall traffic.

Like many residents I love this town of Portola Valley. I am very grateful we share our beautiful community with so many others who enjoy a healthy lifestyle..

I represent many families in Portola Valley and would like to offer my time and efforts to help BPTS to improve public safety in our community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Caroline Vertongen

Do you have any personal or financial interest that could be perceived by others as a conflict of interest relative to your service on the committee? If so, please describe.

N/A

TIME COMMITMENT: Generally committees meet monthly and require a significant time commitment and participation at regular meetings. Please consider this level of commitment when evaluating your interest in serving on one of the Town's Committees.

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