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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) Emergency Preparedness

Applicant Information

Full Name	Randy True
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City/Zip	Portola Valley, CA 94028
Number of years in Portola Valley	5
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.

I'm interested in serving on the EPC both to personally understand what I should be doing to be better prepared, and to help neighbors and the town in whatever ways I can. I believe emergency preparedness and response is a critical function for both local and higher levels of government. Given the risk here in Portola Valley of both severe fire and earthquake, it seems like there is a great deal the town council and committees can do to help citizens be more prepared and to coordinate response. I've been giving this area a lot of thought throughout the pandemic. My wife Theresa commented at one point "you have a prepper streak!". The 2019 CA wildfires were a wake up call for us. I prepped go bags, and we even did a mock evacuation. Considering the road bottleneck concerns being voiced on the PV forum, I loaded our scooter into our SUV and

drove down Alpine. But in the years since, we sold the SUV, the scooter died, and we've let those preparations lapse. Moreover we're woefully unprepared for a big earthquake. I'd like to learn more about the best emergency prep practices, for our context here in PV, and then consider how to effectively communicate that to the community.

My background is in technology development and education. I have physics and engineering degrees from Stanford, founded and ran a successful startup in the biotech space, then founded a STEM education nonprofit when Theresa and I moved from San Francisco to PV in 2017. I love the outdoors and prior to kids, spent a lot of time traveling, camping, backpacking, climbing, fishing, and cycling.

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.

I have 2 potential conflicts of interest. I think they are both likely minimal but I should disclose them. I am currently CEO and majority shareholder of a Public Benefit Company, FloodLAMP Biotechnologies, focused on pandemic preparedness and response, specifically technology and programs for disease screening (currently COVID). We're actually located here in PV across from the fire station and have run one local preschool COVID testing program (donated).

The second interest is as Executive Director of Focus on Foundations, a 501(c)3 STEM education nonprofit. The nonprofit's work is on hold due to the pandemic, and it seems unlikely there would be a conflict of interest with town work, but I might as well mention it.

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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