

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT
ALYSON MURPHY
COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Currently I live, work, learn, shop and play within the boundaries of the County of Sacramento, District 1, in particular. I've had an interest in local government since my early college years when I chose to pursue a degree in Government. Since completing my bachelor's degree I have been working towards a Master's degree in Urban Land Development with the intent to utilize my educational experience and knowledge to enrich the community in which I live.

Over the years I have come to understand and appreciate the great challenges that exist in the vastly diverse communities of the County. From North Highlands and Natomas to Antelope and Arden Arcade, the landscape of the County has developed into distinctly unique communities. I believe in a planning philosophy that addresses the individual needs of each community while uniting the landscape to achieve a more cohesive feel. Economic growth and development should be balanced with sustainability and neighborhood preservation. The challenges Sacramento faces must be addressed with a mind toward the needs of the residents and of the region as a whole. Affordable housing, smart growth planning and zoning that encourage infill and revitalization of existing neighborhoods will only help our community thrive.