

**CITY OF RENO  
BOARD OR COMMISSION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please be advised that all information contained in this application is part of the City of Reno's public record and is, upon request, available for public review. These positions are limited, in most cases, to residents of the City of Reno. The City Council makes a conscientious effort to appoint persons who represent all of the various communities within the City of Reno. Please be advised that certain boards and commissions require filing of financial statements with the Secretary of State or have special requirements. Contact the City Clerk's office at 334-2030 with any questions.

Name: Nash Emrich

Name of Board or Commission for which you would like to apply:

Planning Commission

**Home Address:**

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City: Reno State: NV Zip: 89509

Home Phone: 970-769-4456 (cell) E-mail: nash.emrich@gmail.com

**Occupation and Business Address:**

Job Title: Associate, Sustainability

Business Name: Buro Happold

Address: 800 Wilshire Blvd 16th Floor

City: Los Angeles State: CA Zip: 90017

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**Preferred Contact:** *If appointed, the address, phone number and e-mail address you wish to use for your contact information.*

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How long have you been a resident of the City of Reno? 1 year

Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Reno? Yes: X No:

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*Date:* 6/3/2023

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**WAIVER OF NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER NRS 241.033(1)  
TO ALLOW CITY COUNCIL TO  
CONSIDER CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, OR COMPETENCE  
OF PERSON TO BE APPOINTED TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER  
PUBLIC BODY FOR THE CITY OF RENO**

The City Council for the City of Reno will be considering on a future posted agenda your appointment to a board, commission or other public body for the City of Reno. Pursuant to NRS 241.033(1), in order to consider the professional competence of an applicant, notice need be provided to that person of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with such statutory provisions.

By signing below, it is confirmed that I have been provided notice of the meeting at which my appointment will be considered by City Council. Further, I knowingly and voluntarily am waiving my rights to all written notice requirements under NRS 241.033(1) pertaining to my qualifications, competence, and character to hold this appointment and consent to the evaluation of my character and competence by the Reno City Council in a public meeting.

Further, the undersigned acknowledges that he may at any time withdraw both this waiver and related application for appointment.

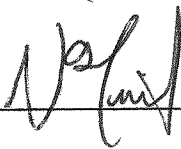
Dated this 03 day of June, 2023.

Name of Board, Commission or Other Public Body to which the undersigned is seeking

City Council's consideration: Planning Commission

(Board/Commission/Public Body)

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_



By: Nash Emrich

(Printed Name of Applicant)

Dear Councilmember Duerr,

I'm grateful for our chance encounter at the Earth Day festival. I enjoyed learning how you're serving our community, including supporting people like Matt Basile that day in their efforts to improve Reno's urban forest. I'm particularly thankful that our conversation uncovered the potential to serve the City of Reno on the Planning Commission. I believe that our community should improve the health and happiness of all inhabitants. Our built environment can provide equitable access to resources, support the local economy, and operate in balance with the Truckee Meadows ecosystem. I am encouraged that the ReImagine Reno master plan embodies a similar perspective, and am excited to help achieve this vision as a commissioner. I anticipate the work will require a mix of collaboration, conviction, and expertise. My diverse range of experiences have required and built these skills, including architecture, community engagement and planning, and sustainability.

My work as an architect in Montana ranged from the adaptive reuse of historic buildings in downtown Billings to projects in surrounding rural communities like a Boys & Girls Club and a fire station. I either managed or contributed to over five LEED Platinum certified projects, including some that were listed on the National Register of Historic Places. I worked with a range of clients, including real estate developers, nonprofits, economic development agencies, and local governments. Many required zoning approval and collaboration with city planning. Across the board, our designs delivered optimal sustainability performance and in areas, revitalized areas of their communities.

My career started with the design of individual building projects, but quickly, I sought out work on larger scales. I was the project manager for the East Billings Urban Revitalization Master Plan, facilitating partnerships with city planners, property owners, community stakeholders, and designers. As board president of a bicycle & pedestrian nonprofit, TrailNet, I built key partnerships, obtained government funding, and navigated local approvals. Under my leadership, the organization evolved from a small, obscure, all-volunteer group to a household name in the Billings community and increased the number of multi-purpose trails in the city by 20%. I served on the Billings Livability Partnership, a public-private coalition created to align to the U.S. EPA-DOT-HUD Partnership for Sustainable Communities. At Buro Happold, I have facilitated the establishment of sustainability visions and implementation plans for mixed-use neighborhood planning projects in Arlington, VA; Atlanta, GA; and Park City, UT. Contributions like these to community organizations and neighborhood projects are pivotal to increasing the scale of positive impact.

From the start, my motivation as a professional has been the sustainable development of our built environment. The past nine years as a sustainability professional has included managing projects of all types and sizes, from high-profile projects like the 30 Park Place skyscraper in NYC, US Embassies, and Fortune 500 corporate headquarters (Hertz, Expedia, and Amazon), to high performance work like a net zero, LEED Platinum luxury eco-resort in French Polynesia (*The Brando*) or a City of Seattle maintenance shop & office pursuing net positive energy and Living Building Challenge Petal certification. I have guided projects through the intricacies of zoning approvals and entitlements in jurisdictions across the US. Most importantly, I've learned how to support developers' business values while still maintaining integrity through sustainability.

In each role, I have navigated challenging situations. I balanced different perspectives, and drew upon my expertise to build trust with various stakeholders. I am passionate about the sustainable growth of Reno. I would be honored to serve on the planning commission. I am committed to ensuring that local development contributes to the master plan vision, especially the values of safety, affordability, a well-maintained and attractive city, and sense of community. I look forward to supporting you and the Council to achieve these goals, regardless of the role.

Sincerely,



**Nash Emrich**

NCARB, LFA, LEED AP

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am committed to facilitating the development of healthy, equitable, and regenerative communities, and aligning the built environment with nature. I am experienced in sustainable design, visioning and workshop facilitation, architecture, net zero energy/water, biophilic design, project management, and community engagement.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Associate & Manager, Sustainability / Buro Happold\*** (January 2022 – Present)

- Manage a team of junior staff; Member of senior leadership and team culture committees.
- Selected for Urban C:Lab, an internal innovation program focused on exploring emergent disruption in built environment
- Senior project lead for large, complex, multi-disciplinary projects (ex. Amazon HQ2; >5 million sq. ft. confidential resort)
- Key account leader for US Dept. of State, Overseas Building Operations projects

\*Joined Buro Happold via acquisition of Paladino and Company

### **Senior Consultant, Associate Consultant, Senior Analyst / Paladino and Company** (May. 2014 – December 2021)

- Leader of Technical Delivery Team; Member of senior leadership Round Table group
- Completed LEED Platinum certification for The Brando, a carbon-neutral, net-zero water, eco-resort in French Polynesia
- Hertz Corporation key account & LEED prototype manager; Multifamily vertical market leader (dev. '15/16 strategic plan)
- Managed an average of 20 green building certification projects at a time; developed templates & tracking tools

### **Architect & Project Manager / High Plains Architects, P.C.** (2008 - 2014)

- Project Architect and LEED administrator on LEED Platinum Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County (2012-2014)
- Contributor on (2) net zero energy, (1) LBC, & (4) LEED Platinum projects including (1) Nat. Register of Historic Places
- Managed budgets (construction & design), timelines, scope, contracts, staff, and workflow
- Designed, coordinated, and produced preliminary, schematic, construction, and bidding documents
- Performed construction administration, including site visits, RFIs, submittal reviews, progress meetings

## PUBLIC SPEAKING, PUBLICATIONS, & RECOGNITION

*Experiential Proof: The Business Case for Biophilic Design* / Speaker, Greenbuild Conference, 2018

*Biophilic Design Brings the Outside In for Happier, Healthier Humans*, Redshift, April 2017

*Everything you need to sound brilliant when talking about biophilia*, Building Design + Construction, Jan. 2017

*Influencing Decision Makers: Making the Right Pitch for Sustainability* / Speaker, WWU Net Impact, 2016

*Architects on the Architects They Admire*, insureon: A Different Angle, Aug. 2016

*Abundance: The Paladino Blog*, Paladino and Company, April 2015-2021

**Billings Business 40 Under 40** / *Billings Gazette*, 2013

**Trail Champion Award** / *Billings TrailNet* - 2013

## COMMUNITY & CIVIC EXPERIENCE

**Urban Land Institute NW** / *Interactive Programs Committee* (2016 - 2018)

**Artemis Institute** / *Advisory Board Member* (2013 - 2016)

**DC Living Building Collaborative** / *Member, Volunteer* (2014 - 2015)

**TrailNet** / *Past President* (2009 - 2013) & **Billings Chamber of Commerce Trails Committee** / *Member* (2009 - 2014)

**US Green Building Council MT Chapter** / *Past Board Member* (2009 - 2011)

**Billings Livability Partnership** / *Member* (2010 - 2014)

## LICENSES & EDUCATION

**Registered Architect** / *State of Montana* / *License #5497* / 2012-present

**Montana State University** / *Bozeman, MT*

►Master of Architecture, 2008 / Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design, 2007 / University Honor Roll, 2007

►Vice President (2004) and President (2005 - 2006) of MSU Men's Soccer Club

**Remote Studio** (Artemis Institute) / *Paradise Valley, MT*

►Extensive design-build project and outdoor education program (Fall 2007)