

Attachment 1

# COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

## Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee (E/D TAC)

Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission conference room, located at 1523 Pacific Avenue in downtown Santa Cruz. At least one meeting each year will be scheduled for an alternate location. Please refer to the Committee description, bylaws and recruitment process for more information.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please complete this application, and return it to the Regional Transportation Commission office. Applications are due by the end of February, unless other arrangements have been made.

### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

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Length of residence in Santa Cruz County: 22 yrs

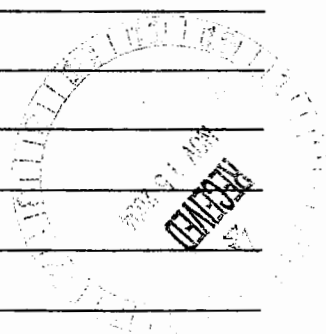
Position(s) I am applying for:  Any appropriate position

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### Previous experience on a government commission or committee (please specify)

NO PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT OR COMMISSION EXPERIENCE

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**Relevant Work or Volunteer Experience**

Organization	Town or Address	Position	Dates
EASTSIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	830 N. CAPITAL AVE. SAN JOSE, CA 95133	ENGLISH TEACHER	9/72-6/93
SANTA CRUZ MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF HELP	3 PRIMROSE STREET APTOS, CA 95003	CO FACILITATOR NEWSLETTER WEB PAGE	6/95- PRESENT
TOM'S FREEDOM E-TRIKES	119 HEATHER COURT SANTA CRUZ, CA 95123	OWNER DESIGNER	12/95-9-10/01
ECOLOGY ACTION	333 FRONT STREET SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060	DISABILITY SENIOR CONSULTANT	2001- PRESENT

**Statement of Qualifications:** Please attach a brief statement indicating why you are interested in serving on this committee and why you are qualified for the appointment. If you have served on this committee in the past, please summarize your accomplishments on the committee and indicate which of the committee's potential future endeavors most interest you.

**Certification:** I certify that the above information is true and correct and I authorize the verification of the information in the application in the event I am a finalist for the appointment.

  
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 Signature

11/12/04  
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 Date

**Return Application to:** SCCRTC  
 Elderly & Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee  
 1523 Pacific Avenue  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
 fax: 460-3215 email: trc042@co.santa-cruz.ca.us

**Questions or Comments:** (831) 460-3200

E/D TAC Application from Tom Crain (cont.)

Interest and Qualifications:

Since being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in January of 1989, I have had a much keener awareness of those challenges we all must deal with, especially if one has a disabling disease. Because my early problems had been following a very slow erosion process over several years, I was diagnosed with probable chronic progressive MS following a barrage of tests in 1989. It was because of my first hand experience that I am able to understand how many damages take their toll on the human body through disease, accidents and age, and continue my desire to do all an able-bodied person may. Besides losing many of my physical faculties, I was observing how others had to deal with their losses. Because I had been athletic as a daily runner and swimmer, I swore to train myself in any manner possible to continue my desire for movement and health. In 1995 I designed my first three wheeled bike for physically challenged adults. One could peddle as slow or as fast as desired but stability would be assured. People could choose to bike safely on a schoolyard blacktop, local neighborhood or travel in the bike lanes all over town. This passion to help myself and other disabled people led ultimately to the earliest of electric assist biking for the physically challenged.

My disease continues to progress, my biking is slipping away and I am now looking for ways to improve people's lives in wheelchairs. Over the last several years I have analyzed many disabilities for the electric bike program through Ecology Action, co-facilitated the Santa Cruz County MS Self-Help Group and tutored dozens on adaptive keyboard and voice activation computer. I am very qualified to serve on this committee as the eyes and ears of the disabled and senior community. My desire is to improve those conditions the disabled and elderly face in all forms of transportation.