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### January 27, 2015 - Katie Maynard Appointed As Goleta Planning Commissioner

"Goleta Mayor Paula Perotte appointed **Katie Maynard** to serve as her Planning Commission representative. The position became available when Perotte's former Planning Commissioner, Meg West, resigned to serve on the Board of Directors for the Goleta Water District.

'Ms. Maynard's experience will be very beneficial as proposed projects come before the Commission,' said Mayor Perotte. 'It's wonderful to have someone with her background working in this role, and I am grateful she is willing to serve our community in this way.'

Maynard is a Sustainability Coordinator at UCSB in the Geography Department. Her responsibility is to identify ways that the campus can reduce [its] environmental impact and collaborate with the community to ensure a healthy environment. She has lived in Santa Barbara County for the last 13 years and in Goleta for the last two" ([source](#)).

The Planning Commission consists of a five member advisory body which is responsible for implementing the general plan and administering zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations, as well as promoting public interest in the planning process. Planning Commission terms coincide with the terms of the appointing Council member.

Kudos to Katie, in terms of being chosen for such an important job, in terms of her exemplary qualifications, and in terms of her empowerment to forge closer sustainability ties and commitments between UCSB and our local community.



Geography staff member Katie Maynard, the UCSB Sustainability Coordinator and Event Manager of several UC, CSU, and CCC Sustainability Conferences, including the recent Third Annual Central Coast Sustainability Summit. Katie attended UCSB as a student and started a sustainability organization on campus. The current UCSB faculty at the time liked her organization's mission so much that they let her write her own job description, and she began working in the Geography Department as a Sustainability Adviser.

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