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Dear City Council members:

I'm writing to you in support of Silja Paymer for appointment to the Environmental Planning Commission. I've personally worked with Silja for some time now on community activities, such as those through GreenSpacesMV, Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning (MVCSP), and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Mountain View team (these of which I manage). For GreenSpacesMV, Silja has been the primary driving force behind establishing the pollinator garden at Cuesta Park, and she and I have collaborated on advocating for updated lighting standards for our city that reflect standards and guidelines established by the International Dark Sky Association and other relevant organizations and bodies. For MVCSP, Silja has provided support for updates to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and other matters of interest. For the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Mountain View team, Silja has helped to advocate for a variety of measures that support active transportation. For all three groups, she has been highly present in all of our activities, not at all a passive member, and I've found I can count on her for initiating and supporting much of what we endeavor to accomplish.

In general, I am aware that Silja is interested in city goals that support the biodiversity strategy, development of more dense housing to promote affordability and availability, reduced vehicle parking infrastructure, and increased and sustained attention on alternative transportation.

I believe that you will find that Silja, if she is appointed, will be a solid addition to the EPC, which will most certainly benefit from her contributions.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Bruce England

