



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

March 2, 2017

Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, at the request of Councilmember Nury Martinez, Councilmember of the 6<sup>th</sup> District, I am recommending Mr. Elliott Austin Kuhn, to the Community Forest Advisory Committee. His contact info is attached.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Claudia Luna at (213) 978-0621.

Sincerely,

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ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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**Elliott Austin Kuhn**

**EDUCATION:**

**6/06 – 7/07 M.A. in Education and California Teaching Credential**

University of California Santa Cruz

- ◆ Credentialed in English and Sociology

**9/01 – 6/05 B.A. in Sociology**

University of California Santa Cruz

- ◆ Graduated with Honors.
- ◆ Student speaker at culmination ceremony.

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**9/12 – Pres. Owner and Director of an Urban Farm and Community Education Center**

Cottonwood Urban Farm

- Converted a vacant lot into a viable food producing farm, utilizing organic, biodynamic, and permaculture methods.
- Sold fresh seasonal produce directly to local restaurants, churches, and non profits in Los Angeles.
- Utilized local resources and communities to help affect positive change within the local environment.
- Conducted in school outreach via interactive assemblies on behalf of the Bring the Farmer to the Classroom program facilitated by SEE-LA and funded by the USDA

**9/14-2/16 Program Manager of Our City and Nature Songwriting Program**

GRAMMY Museum at L.A. Live

- Created a multi week interdisciplinary ecology based songwriting program, which utilized national recognized educational standards to provide a unique and original experiential learning opportunity.
- Presided over the national launch of the program, working directly with students and teachers, and meeting the needs of the various entities involved in both the funding and management of the program.
- Created an online platform for the curriculum to facilitate the national scope of the project.

**8/11 – 6/14 Youth Leadership Manager and Park Operations Assistant**

TreePeople

- Presented age appropriate lessons on the natural systems of Los Angeles' urban forest to students, ages 5-18.
- Engaged in routine maintenance, tree care, and construction around TreePeople's 45 acre Coldwater Canyon Park and assisted in the production of the various events held at this location.
- Helped facilitate student lead greening projects around the Los Angeles area, including the installation of native plant gardens, shade and fruit trees, and rain gardens.
- Created and lead professional development workshops and seminars for teachers and students.
- Created original curriculum which was adopted by TreePeople's education department.

**9/10 – 6/11 Organic Farm Harvest Crew and Market Vendor**

Tecolote Farms and Johnson's Backyard Garden

- Member of a 5 person crew responsible for the harvesting, washing, and packing of organic produce provided for local sale and consumption.
- Worked weekly farmer's markets, which included packing and stocking delivery trucks, setting up of market stand and produce display, cash register operation, and dissemination of wholesale and CSA sales.

**9/07 – 6/10 English Literature and Composition Teacher**

Soquel High School and The American School Foundation, A.C.

- Created and implemented 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Mainstream English curriculum which catered to school, regional, and state implemented standards.
- Focused on diversified teaching strategies and the fostering of reciprocal learning environments to encourage peer-to-peer mentorship.
- Conceptualized and instructed a senior class elective which focused on the value of the science fiction genre as a viable means of social discourse.