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## Meet the New Planning Commissioner

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New planning commissioner Peter Gutzwiller with wife Julie, daughter Morgan and son Grant in Healdsburg. Photo provided

the future and addresses the issues that it is confronted with today," said Gutzwiller in his application for the position.

Gutzwiller graduated with a degree in communication from the University of Southern California and is a vice president at Collier's International Walnut Creek office. He has been working on leasing and sales of commercial properties in the East Bay since 2001. Gutzwiller's term will expire in June, 2016.

Instead of serving his fellow citizens as vice chair at the monthly Monday night Creeks Committee meetings, Peter Gutzwiller is doubling down on his commitment to Lafayette with his recent appointment to the Planning Commission - which meets twice per month, also on Monday evenings. Twice the work doesn't mean twice the pay - both positions are strictly voluntary. He didn't seem saddened to be missing Monday Night Football, mentioning that it can always be recorded and viewed later on.

Selected from a number of candidates, the new appointee is filling a vacancy left by departing planning commissioner Rick Humann, who has served since May, 1998. Gutzwiller grew up in Lafayette and currently resides here with his wife, two young children and recently adopted chickens.

"I choose to be involved as a volunteer in Lafayette because I have a vested interest in seeing Lafayette succeed 'smartly' as it plans for

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