



## **Noah Griffin**

### **Town Council**



Noah was elected to the Town Council in 2021. Noah was asked to lead the Town Hall on the Yema incident in 2020. He was subsequently appointed to the original Diversity Inclusion Task Force in 2020. He is a member of the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and serves as an Organizing Member of the Tiburon Juneteenth Committee.

The Task Force is strictly advisory, however, and Noah saw that a number of reasonable recommendations faced a lengthy process to be considered seriously by the Town Council. When a special election was announced to fill a seat that became vacant on the Town Council, Noah decided to run for the office and was elected.

A resident of Marin (Tiburon) for over forty years, Noah serves Marin in a number of roles including as President of the Central Marin Rotary, and Member of the Tiburon Chamber of Commerce, Buck Family Fund Board, Redwoods Senior Living Facility Board and Lark Theater Board. Noah received the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award presented by the Marin County Human Rights Commission.

Noah's public affairs career grew out of experience mainly with local and federal government. Once Youth Mayor of San Francisco as a senior in high school, Noah returned to San Francisco after graduation from Fisk University and Harvard Law School to work in local government. He served on the Criminal Justice Reform Council of Mayor Alioto, and as Legislative Aide to former Supervisor, later Mayor, and now U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein. As Press Secretary to Former San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan, Noah oversaw press operations and communications with San Francisco's citizens, employees, and partner organizations.

Under the Clinton administration, he served as the California Statewide Deputy Political Director during the president's 1996 reelection campaign. He helped communicate messaging and outreach to the California African American voter base therein he served as a liaison to African American elected officials and offices of U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, along with other community leaders and congresspersons. He later became the Director of Public Affairs to the Charles Schwab Company to spearhead the company's Community and Public Affairs Outreach. Today he contracts as a regular contributor to the Marin Independent Journal to write about public affairs from his unique perspective and background.

Noah is proud to serve currently as a Commissioner on the America250 National Commission. Noah's work has been honored many times over the years, most notably he has received the Black Foster Children's Fund Award, Lifetime Membership in the NAACP, the NAACP Regional Challenge Award, the Caring for Children Award, and the Boys and Girls Club Award.

Many people know Noah through his love of music and the arts. He is the founder and artistic director of the Cole Porter Society. He was a soloist with the San Francisco Boys Chorus which was chosen to sing the boys' parts in the San Francisco Cosmopolitan Opera presentations. The boys shared the stage with Nat "King" Cole, Leontyne Price, and Paul Robeson. While at Fisk University, Noah performed with the historic Jubilee Singers. While with the Fisk University Choir, he sang with the Philadelphia Philharmonic under the baton of Eugene Ormandy. At Harvard Law School, Noah sang with the Harvard University Choir and soloed with Duke Ellington. Locally, he has performed with the Marin Symphony at the Marin Showcase Theater and at 142 Throckmorton Theatre. He has also performed at the hungry i, the Plush Room, and the Purple Onion. Griffin co-composed and has recorded the original official Ballad of the Golden Gate Bridge and composed the song for the Giants on their opening day at the then Pac Bell Park.