



Mariam Shah

Mariam Shah was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She attended the University of Michigan, double majoring in Spanish and American Culture. She has a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center and spent seven years as a corporate litigator in New York City, Cleveland, Ohio and Akron, Ohio, representing businesses of all sizes.

In 2008, she and her husband drove up HWY 1 and immediately decided the Central Coast was a great place to escape midwestern winters and to raise a family. After staying at home with her children for a few years, she ran for Grover Beach City Council in 2014. She ran for re-election in 2018 and won a seat on the council for her second term. During her time on the council Mariam served on the executive committees of the Homeless Services Oversight Committee, the Air Pollution Control District and the CA League of Cities. She also sits on the board of the Grover Beach Library and has been active with the Grover Heights PTA for several years, serving 3 years as president. After leaving political office to move to Arroyo Grande, she joined the board of the Five Cities Homeless Coalition.

She is passionate about keeping the Central Coast accessible for families and people of all income levels. She comes to the Panel with hopes that conservation of beautiful open space, economic development and the replacement of head of household jobs can all be part of the decommissioning process.