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## Stephanie Plante joins IJ editorial board as public member

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Stephanie Plante, a lifelong Marin resident and board member of the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, has joined the Independent Journal's editorial board as its public member.

Plante, 49, of Tamalpais Valley, replaces Veda Florez of Novato, who has served on the board since November 2018. Florez ended her term on the board last week.

Plante grew up in San Rafael and graduated from San Rafael High School in 1987. She received a bachelor's degree in mass communications from UC Berkeley and a master's degree in broadcast communication arts from San Francisco State University.

Although she started her career in television broadcasting as a traffic reporter and producer for KRON, she eventually took over management of the company started by her grandfather, Martin Bramante, who acquired the San Quentin Landfill in 1967. The site in East San Rafael has since been commercially developed as the Shoreline Center. Plante is president and CEO of CPI Developers, a real estate development company that owns and

operates the center.

Plante started the chamber's East San Rafael Working Group, a collection of business owners, and she chairs the city of San Rafael's General Plan 2040 Steering Committee.

As the board's public member, a rotating position that has been a long-standing tradition at the IJ, Plante joins IJ President and Publisher Rob Devincenzi, Editor Robert Sterling and editorial writer Brad Breithaupt. The board discusses local issues reported by the IJ and develops stands reflected in that week's editorials.