

Josh Rafner has lived in Kent Woodlands with his wife Angela and three children for more than ten years. He has served on the Board of the KWPOA since 2006 and as its president since 2007.

While on the KWPOA board, Josh's main focus has been to bring professional management to the Association, to establish a fair, efficient and professional architectural review process, to build a sense of community through the newsletter and improved social events, to improve the neighborhood's roads and safety, and to create effective working relationships with the County and other agencies.

In addition to the KWPOA, Josh has been active in innumerable community and non-profit activities, including as a trustee and officer of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, a member of the board of the Kentfield Schools Foundation, the founder and president of the Ralston White Retreat Foundation, a director of the Zephyr Music Festival, President of the Princeton Club of Northern California, a member of the College of Marin Measure C Citizen's Oversight Board, and a member of the Kentfield Visioning Committee appointed by former Supervisor Hal Brown. Josh is currently a co-organizer of the Kent Centenary Celebration project and is forming the Kentfield Historical Society.

A classical pianist, Josh has organized music events at his home and at other venues in Marin. In addition to music, Josh's interests include running, biking, backpacking, and skiing, and adventure travel with his family.

Josh is the founder of Ridgecrest Capital, a technology-focused advisory firm headquartered in Marin providing funding and merger and acquisition services for entrepreneurial companies. Prior to founding Ridgecrest, Mr. Rafner was a Senior Managing Director at Bear Stearns & Co. with primary responsibility for that firm's global mobile internet and wireless software banking effort. Josh also spent nine years at Hambrecht & Quist, where he was head of International Investment Banking. While at H&Q, Mr. Rafner opened that firm's London office, founded a Paris-based investment bank known as Hambrecht & Quist Euromarkets and served as its CEO, and co-founded the firm's Tel Aviv strategic alliance, Tamir Fishman.

Mr. Rafner is also an attorney, and practiced for 7 years with the international firm of O'Melveny & Myers. Mr. Rafner served as a law clerk to Chief U.S. District Judge Frank A. Kaufman in Baltimore, Maryland. He has been a member of the bars of California, New York and Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rafner graduated from Princeton University, where he was awarded the Pyne Prize, Princeton's highest undergraduate distinction, and earned his degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He is also a graduate of Stanford Law School, where he was an editor of the Stanford Law Review. In addition, Mr. Rafner was the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship, and pursued graduate studies at

Stockholm University, Sweden, and at Oxford University, England. Mr. Rafner speaks Swedish and French.