About Ian Bain

Ian has served as a member of Redwood City’s city council since 2003, and currently serves as Mayor. Since being elected to the Council, Ian has been a leading voice for government transparency, a strong supporter of small businesses and a champion for the average citizen.

Ian is a life-long Bay Area resident who grew up on the Peninsula. He attended local public schools and graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Political Science. In addition to serving on the City Council, Ian runs corporate communications for a global technology company. He and his family live in the Woodside Plaza neighborhood.

Ian serves on the Public Arts Task force, Council Sub-Committees including Personnel, Finance/Audit, Bayfront Canal and Charter Review, as well as regional boards including the San Mateo Emergency Services Council, the Pre-Hospital Emergency Services JPA, and the Peninsula Clean Energy JPA. He previously served on the Airport Roundtable, the Council’s Communications Sub-Committee and C/CAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Key Accomplishments

• As a member of the revenue and finance committee, he's worked to ensure that we can continue to fund essential city services
• As chair of the environmental initiatives committee, Ian led the effort to conserve energy in public buildings, resulting in a 22% decrease in electricity and 34% decrease in natural gas
• As our city's representative on the County's Emergency Services Council, he's led disaster preparedness efforts for the City, and as a result, we're more prepared than ever
• As part of the City's Bayfront Canal Drainage Committee, he's working to find permanent solutions to the flooding issues in Friendly Acres and other neighborhoods
• Ian has worked with neighborhoods throughout the city to reduce speeding and secure stop signs for dangerous intersections, and worked to secure funding for projects that make our city safer for pedestrians and bicycles
• He's worked with our Parks and Recreation Commission to renovate existing parks and bring a new dog park to Redwood City
• He's worked to re-design our tree preservation and sidewalk plan, focusing on priority areas and finally fixing sidewalks that were desperately in need of repair

Prior to serving on the Council, he served as chair of Redwood City's Housing and Human Concerns Committee, and worked for, supported, and served on the board of numerous non-profit organizations in the community.

Past Community Involvement:

• San Mateo County Traffic Authority Citizens Advisory Committee
• Chair, Redwood City Housing and Human Concerns Committee
• Board Member: Sequoia Awards, Peninsula Habitat for Humanity
• Volunteer: Kainos Home and Training Center, Project Read, Sequoia YMCA
• Chamber of Commerce Education Committee