

Application Form

Profile

Scott W Gordon
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Home Address Suite or Apt
Martinez CA 94553
City State Postal Code

Primary Phone

Email Address

District Locator Tool

Resident of Supervisorial District:

☒ District 5

Law Office of Scott W. Gordon, PC Principal
Employer Job Title

Length of Employment

24 Years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

District 2

How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

60 + years

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association (CCCERA): Submitted

Seat Name

BOS Appointee 4

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

120 + Meetings attended

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

☒ High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

UC Santa Barbara

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

B.A., Economics

Degree Awarded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

UC Hastings College of the Law

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Juris Doctor

Degree Awarded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Washington State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Economics

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses**Other Training A**

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

I am serving my forth full term as a Pension Board Trustee, and am currently serving as Chair of the Board. I have served as Chair the last 4 years. CCCERA as an agency, and the Board is a body, have thrived and grown in the past years during my time as a Board member. We have a solid Board that has successfully transitioned through a difficult period with the adoption of PEPRA (and later navigated the Covid 19 pandemic) and have had considerable success based on strategic asset allocation decisions and directives for the retirement fund that have proven successful, even in difficult periods for the public markets.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

As noted above, I am serving my fourth full term as a Pension Board Trustee and believe I am qualified based on my experience, leadership roles, and the performance of the CCCERA fund over a difficult period including the Covid 19 pandemic. I believe i have demonstrated the qualities necessary for an engaged trustee to meet our fiduciary obligations, and should be re-appointed for an additional term. I have an excellent attendance record for our Board meetings, and as noted am currently serving as Chairperson of the Board, in my 5th year as Chair. I previously served as Secretary of the Board and Vice Chair. When appointed in 2013, the Board was mired in litigation and hearings on various policy issues, was often deadlocked or governed by 5-4 votes, and with time and the engaged effort of the trustees we are now a healthy, performing independent District/agency with a working collegial board and talented staff. I am proud of my role in the selection of a new CEO, and i think we have a bright future. Our employee pension fund has now grown to approximately \$12 Billion and is over 90+% funded, a fund health metric that all of our Board members are extremely proud of. I believe i have served successfully as an appointed fiduciary in the public interest, serving to enhance the benefits of all active members and beneficiaries as is our duty.

Upload a Resume

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please explain:

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

CCCERA Retirement Board

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

Arts & Culture Commission

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

Prior service includes the County Arts & Culture Commission (AC5), Martinez Education Foundation, Martinez Community Foundation, and Non-profit boards that made substantial public improvements for both MDUSD and MUSD athletic facilities.

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Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and undersand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

☒ I Agree

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
 - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
 - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
 - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

Statement of Qualifications
For
Scott W. Gordon

Scott W. Gordon received his Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1977, and his law degree (*Juris Doctor*) with high honors from U.C. Hastings College of the Law in 1981, where he was *Order of the Coif* and a Member of the Thurston Society (Top 5% of 1981 Class).

Mr. Gordon has been a Member of the State Bar of California since 1981 and carries an AV rating with Martindale-Hubbell. He previously served as Legislative Aide to the late former state Senator John A. Nejedly, R- Walnut Creek, and has held both elected and appointed positions. Mr. Gordon is a member of the Los Angeles County and Contra Costa County Bar Associations. He is also an appointed Trustee and currently serving as Chair of the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association Pension Board, appointed by the Board of Supervisors in July 2013 and re-appointed in 2016, 2019 and 2022. He has served as Chair of the Retirement Board since 2021.

2001 – Present: Law Offices of Scott W. Gordon, a Professional Corporation. Mr. Gordon has established an environmental and public agency practice specializing in land use, regulatory compliance and permitting and business transactions for private clients and public agencies. Mr. Gordon provides advice and assistance on business and transaction issues in three principal marketplaces: the nine county San Francisco Bay Area, the greater Los Angeles County – Orange County metropolitan area (including the Inland Empire), and Ventura County. His practice also includes the representation of public agency and private clients in land use entitlement and environmental matters, including all

aspects of CEQA and NEPA compliance, transactional due diligence matters, permitting and related litigation.

1991 – 2001: Partner, Bruen & Gordon, A Professional Corporation.

Mr. Gordon's practice at the firm included the representation of public agency and private clients in land use entitlement and environmental matters, including all aspects of CEQA and NEPA compliance. Mr. Gordon handled a number of business transactions for private clients, including acquisitions, divestitures, and complex contractual arrangements. Mr. Gordon also handled several major CEQA and CERCLA litigation matters as well as representing both public and private clients in administrative agency proceedings before state and federal agencies.

1982 – 1990: Mr. Gordon joined the Contra Costa County law firm of Gordon, DeFraga, Watrous & Pezzaglia, where he became a partner in 1987, in charge of the firm's environmental practice. Mr. Gordon's practice at the firm included the representation of clients in the oil and chemical refining industry, solid and hazardous waste industries, public entity tort claims defense, as well as representing both public and private clients in administrative agency and litigation matters. Mr. Gordon formed Bruen & Gordon with long time law and business partner Thomas M. Bruen in 1991, specializing in Environmental Law, Land Use Planning, and Public Agency Representation.

Relevant Experience:

Mr. Gordon has extensive experience in representing public and private clients in industrial facility land acquisition and facility permitting, including securing environmental permits and approvals from resource agencies. In addition to transactional work handling environmental aspects of real estate transactions and property investigations, he has prior CERCLA litigation experience in representing both plaintiff and defendant responsible parties in cost recovery and apportionment actions.

Representative Projects and Litigation Matters

Types of matters handled directly by Mr. Gordon:

- Planning, Zoning and Land Use for Industrial and Commercial Projects
- Land Acquisition and Due Diligence Matters, Environmental Investigations
- Municipal Franchising Agreements (Solid Waste and Product Pipelines)
- Principal Draftsperson and Sponsor Support for Legislation (California)
- State of California Tort Claims Act Litigation
- CEQA and NEPA Litigation (including as Petitioner's CEQA counsel)
- CERCLA Compliance and Cost Recovery Litigation
- Preparation of SEC 8K, 10Q and 10K Reporting

Industrial Permitting Projects:

- City of Brentwood Transfer Station Modifications
- Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Lewis Road Landfill Closure Project
- Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Jolon Road Closure Plan
- Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Regional Facilities Project (Monterey County)
- Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority Conversion Technology Resource Park (Monterey County)

- Los Flores Canyon Solid Waste Management Facility (City of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County)
- West Contra Costa County Bulk Materials and Organic Materials Processing Facility
- Acme Fill Expansion and Wetlands Fill Mitigation Project (Contra Costa County)
- Acme Fill Closure Plan Approvals (CIWMB, DTSC)
- Keller Canyon Landfill Project (Contra Costa County)
- Forward Landfill Expansion and Organic Materials Facility (San Joaquin County)
- Golden Bear Transfer and Resource Recovery Station (West Contra Costa County)
- Vasco Road Landfill Project and CUP Renewal (Alameda County)
- Sunrise Mountain Landfill; EPA Compliance Orders and Re-Use Plan (Clark County, Nevada)
- Potrero Hills Landfill Expansion Project (Solano County)
- Chiquita Canyon Landfill Expansion Project (County of Los Angeles)
- Cold Canyon Compost Facility (San Luis Obispo County)
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- Eagle Mountain Landfill and Recycling Center Project (Riverside County)

Litigation Matters:

- *IT Corporation v. County of Solano* (Calif. Supreme Court)
- *Center For Environmental Justice, et al v. County of Riverside, et al. (I and II)*
- *Abboud v Consolidated Disposal Service, L.L.C. et al (Class Action)*

- *Lewis Road Citizens Action Committee v. County of Monterey*
- *Members of the GBF Pittsburg Landfill(s) Respondents Group v. Contra Costa Waste Services, Inc. et al (CERCLA Cost Recovery, represented the owner operator steering committee plaintiffs)*
- *United States of America v. County of El Dorado et al and related Third Party actions (Meyers Landfill Litigation [for Douglas County, Nevada])*
- *DTSC Remedial Action Order (RAO); In re the Matter of West County landfill, Inc.*
- *DTSC Remedial Action Order, GBF/Pittsburg Landfill(s) (Contra Costa County)*
- *City of Pittsburg v. County of Contra Costa (Keller Canyon Cases No. I, II and III)*
- *Protect the Marsh et al v. County of Solano, et al*
- *Northern California Recyclers Assn, et al v. Potrero Hills Landfill, Inc.*