



Contra
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County

Print Form

Please return completed applications to:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1025 Escobar Street, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553
or email to: ClerkofTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Home Address - Street City State Postal Code

Primary Phone (best number to reach you) Email Address

Resident of Supervisorial District (if out of County, please enter N/A): [District Locator Tool](#)

Do you work in Contra Costa County? ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, in which District do you work?

Current Employer Job Title Length of Employment

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

Board, Committee, or Commission Seat Name

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

Please check one: ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, how many?

EDUCATION

Check appropriate box if you possess one of the following:

☒ High School Diploma ☐ CA High School Proficiency Certificate ☐ G.E.D. Certificate

Colleges or Universities Attended	Degree Type/ Course of Study/Major	Degree Awarded
University of California at Los Angeles	B.A./English-Speech	☒ Yes ☐ No
Harvard University School of Law	J.D.	☒ Yes ☐ No
		☐ Yes ☐ No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Other Trainings Completed:
 Certificate Awarded for Training? ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please explain:

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

I want to serve on the Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging because of a long-time interest in the difficulties seniors face and their needs. I had not thought of a County Board before now but a friend called my attention to this. I had participated some 30 years ago on a similar advisory board for the disabled in Los Angeles when I was living there. I also believe my background with Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and Medicare litigation will be useful. Covid concerns prevented me from continuing with volunteer work I was doing for Legal Assistance for Seniors in Alameda County. I recently moved out of Alameda County and continue to be interested in serving my community. See also the attached biography which demonstrates my continuing interests. [I lived in Contra Costa County from approximately 1975 through 1991 and returned to Contra Costa County in 2021.]

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

My qualifications include service in the United States Peace Corps, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, 30 years as a United States Administrative Law Judge deciding Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and Medicare claims, six years as a California State Bar Court Judge deciding attorney and law student disciplinary cases, and 8 years as a volunteer with Legal Assistance for Seniors in Alameda County advising and representing seniors in Social Security and Supplemental Security Income litigation. See my resume for further important details.

I am including my resume with this application:

Please check one: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Please check one: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

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

I served as a volunteer with Legal Assistance for Seniors in Alameda County, advising and representing seniors in Social Security, SSI and Medicare litigation. As a judge, I lectured various legal organizations and associations. I also taught as a volunteer at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. See my Resume for further volunteer and community activities.

Do you have a familial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section on page 3 of this application or Resolution No. 2021/234).

Please check one: ☐ 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?

Please check one: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

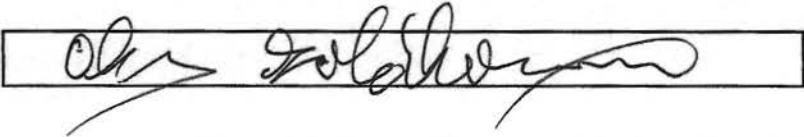
I am a Harvard Law School graduate. Immediately after graduating, and passing the California Bar Examination, I entered the United States Peace Corps (1966-1967) where I was trained in Puerto Rico and then assigned to a small village (Recuay) 12,000 feet high in the Peruvian Andes. On return to the United States in 1967, I worked for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, initially as a staff attorney and then promoted to the position of Director of Major Case Developments. I left Legal Aid in 1971 to start my own Law Firm which was recognized by the American Bar Association as one of the first Public Interest Law Firms in the United States due to its concentration on consumer class actions, Social Security and welfare litigation and representation of minority associations. I was also President of the West Hollywood Bar Association then.

I left private practice in 1974 for employment with the Social Security Administration, first as a Hearing Examiner and then, in 1977, as a United States Administrative Law Judge (1977-1989 and again in 1996-2011) with the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) in Oakland, California. As an Administrative Law Judge for 30 years, I served as Chief Judge in the Oakland office, Chief Judge in the San Rafael Office and served on the Policy Council of OHA. I heard Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare cases all over the United States. I belonged to the Association of Administrative Law Judges and served for several years on its Board of Directors. OHA honored me in 1988 for ten years of "extraordinary achievement in promoting, fostering and implementing continuing judicial education programs".

I taught law courses at two different law schools: Administrative Law at John F. Kennedy University School of Law and Professional Responsibility at Golden Gate University School of Law. I lectured attorneys and Judges and developed courses for OHA's Judges. I taught courses in administrative law at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. I stepped away from the Social Security Administration in 1990 for six years when selected as a California State Bar Court Judge, the first full-time court in the United States for the adjudication of attorney and law student disciplinary matters. As a State Bar Court Judge, I belonged to the California Judges Association and served four years on the Association's Committee on Judicial Discipline and Disability. In my capacity as a State Bar Court Trial Judge, I gave lectures to California Judges, attorneys, and various organizations. When my term as a State Bar Court Judge expired, I returned to the federal government in 1995 and was appointed Chief Judge in its San Rafael Office in 1996.

Over the course of my career, I have had many articles as an attorney, as an Administrative Law Judge, and as a State Bar Court Judge published in a variety of legal publications. I taught courses several times at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. I wrote a regular column for the Continuing Education of the Bar's Civil Litigation Reporter while serving as a California State Bar Court Judge. I retired from federal service in 2011 and, afterwards, served as a volunteer with the AARP Tax Program in Berkeley, California, and then with the Legal Aid for Seniors program in Oakland, California. Because of Covid I discontinued my activity as a volunteer with Legal Services in 2017. I volunteered this year as a Mentor for Harvard Law School students and, as a volunteer, I also rated scholarship applicants for the University of California at Los Angeles.

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 understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand and agree 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.

Signed:  Date: 4/27/2024

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*Questions about this application? Contact the Clerk of the Board at (925) 655-2000 or by email at
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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.