

Application Form

Profile

LeJon _____ A _____ Payne _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ Suite or Apt
 Home Address

Pittsburg _____ CA _____ 94565 _____
 City State Postal Code

_____ Primary Phone

lejonpayne@gmail.com _____
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[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 5

N/A _____
 Employer Job Title

Length of Employment

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

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

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 Commission for Women and Girls: Submitted

Seat Name

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?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Cambridge College

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Doctorate of Education/Social Justice

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Cambridge College

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Specialist Degree/Leadership Administration

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Oglethorpe University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Masters of Teaching

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

CA Administrative Credential

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

CA Teaching Credential

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

I have 21 years of experience as an educator. I have worked as a teacher, coordinator, specialist, assistant principal, and principal. I have a Bachelor of Social Work Degree, a Master of Arts in Teaching, a Specialist Degree in Leadership Administration, and a Doctorate Degree in Leadership Administration - Social Justice.

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I am deeply passionate about empowering women and girls, having served as a spiritual leader, social worker, and educator in diverse communities. My life's work has been dedicated to uplifting women and girls, particularly in the fields of STEM and STEAM. I have organized outreach programs for refugee girls and childhood brides in Nairobi, Kenya, served as a Girl Scout leader, and collaborated with Girls INC. Additionally, I have written and produced plays that highlight societal issues affecting women. My volunteer work includes providing essential resources to women and children, organizing care packages, and leading clothing drives for women in shelters. I have also served women in homeless shelters and have taken on the role of a foster parent. My commitment to promoting literacy has led me to conduct workshops for women and girls, and I have mentored girls globally, equipping them with the skills and resources needed for success. I am passionate about supporting women and children from diverse backgrounds and would be honored to serve our county with the skills I have developed. Volunteer Experience: Brookins AME Church Oakland, FIRST AME Community Church Bay Point, GIRLS INC., Girls Scouts of America, Women Shelters; I have volunteered for many educational institutions and organizations, and I have volunteered for women's shelters. I have organized and led STEM workshops and initiatives. I have organized and led literacy workshops.

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

I bring extensive experience as a community advocate, social worker, educator, and nonprofit co-founder, which has prepared me to add significant value to the Contra Costa Commission for Women and Girls. Through these roles, I have developed a deep understanding of the challenges women and girls face in our communities and have been actively involved in creating and implementing solutions that empower and uplift them. I am committed to using my skills and experiences to contribute meaningfully to the Commission's mission.

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:

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

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

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 understand 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.

LEJON PAYNE

Community Advocate | Educator

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BIOGRAPHY

Biography: Dr. LeJon Payne

Dr. LeJon Payne is an esteemed community advocate and academician with over two decades of experience as a social worker, spiritual community advocate, educator, and international service community organizer. Her journey in social justice, advocacy, and education is marked by an unwavering commitment to spiritual growth, academic excellence, and community empowerment.

Early Life and Education

Dr. Payne's educational journey began with a Bachelor of Social Work from Clark Atlanta University in 2002. Her passion for teaching and early childhood development led her to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching Early Childhood Education from Oglethorpe University, which she completed in 2008. Furthering her dedication to educational leadership, she earned a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Leadership Administration from Cambridge College in 2009, followed by a Doctor of Education in Leadership Administration from the same institution in 2018. Currently she is enrolled in the Pacific School of Religion, where she will earn her Master of Divinity in 2025.

Professional Career

Dr. Payne has an extensive career in education, having served in various capacities across public, private, and charter schools, as well as in postgraduate studies. Her roles have ranged from classroom teacher to principal, with significant contributions to Maker Education, STEM education, technology integration, community partnerships, and professional development for educators. During her tenure as Principal at Sequoia Elementary in the Oakland Unified School District, she implemented school-wide programs and fostered strong community partnerships. Under her leadership, the school received the Raise the Bar Award for significant gains in literacy among Latino students. As Assistant Principal at KIPP Bridge Academy, she was instrumental in mentoring teachers, enhancing student learning through innovative instructional strategies, and leading the STEM department.

Internationally, Dr. Payne has made significant strides as the Education Manager at GEMS Education in Dubai, UAE, where she managed large-scale educational projects and collaborated with Harvard University on professional development initiatives. Her work in integrating educational technologies, through simulation and virtual reality as well as managing corporate partnerships has left a lasting impact on the global educational landscape.

Community Leader

Ordained as an Itinerant Deacon at Brookins African Methodist Episcopal Church in Oakland, CA, Dr. Payne has dedicated her life to ministry and community service. She has served as a minister, Sunday School teacher, youth leader, and outreach leader and coordinator, organizing youth conferences, fundraisers, and outreach ministries. Her leadership was pivotal in the historic election of the first A.M.E. African American Female Bishop, Vashti McKenzie.

Dr. Payne's spiritual outreach extends beyond local communities. As the Co-Founder and International Service Organizer for the Art of Confidence Foundation, she has coordinated service projects in Nairobi, Kenya, and developed financial literacy programs benefiting members in the States and abroad. Her work in performing arts and financial education has empowered countless youth and fostered international alliances.

Published Author and Speaker

A published author, Dr. Payne has contributed to academic and spiritual literature, sharing her insights on leadership, education, and spiritual growth. Her public speaking engagements have inspired audiences worldwide, emphasizing the importance of faith, education, and community service.

Community Engagement

Dr. Payne's dedication to community engagement is evident in her involvement in various outreach programs. She has coordinated initiatives to feed the hungry, provide clothing, education for refugees and childhood brides and organize toy and book drives for local schools. Her efforts have significantly impacted communities, both locally and internationally.

Personal Life

Dr. Payne is renowned for her compassionate nature, strong leadership, and unwavering commitment to her faith and community. Her life's work embodies her belief in the transformative power of education, community empowerment, and dedicated service to all mankind.