

Application Form

Profile

Christine

First Name

Burke

Last Name

Middle Initial

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Danville

City

CA

State

94526

Postal Code

Primary Phone

maress

District Locator Tool

Resident of Supervisorial District:

☒ District 2

Independent Living Resources Center

Employer

Independent Living Specialist

Job Title

Length of Employment

6/23/2025 start date

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?

37 years

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub Transitional Community Advisory Board: 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

University of the Pacific

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA Communications

Degree Awarded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Capella University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

MA Leadership

Degree Awarded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

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.

As a lifelong disabled resident of Danville, I provide a unique perspective that is crucial to any authority making decisions for the disability community. If appointed, I would bring not only the perspectives of a disabled resident of Contra Costa County, but as an added voice for the thousands of disabled consumers we serve at Independent Living Resources of Solano and Contra Costa County. Over the past year I've been ensconced in the world of Independent Living and have witnessed firsthand the issues that consumers and IHSS workers alike are facing. Too many of our consumers and even my own peers, have such a difficult time navigating IHSS; I believe I would be a great asset to the collective and would be honored to help serve my community in this additional capacity.

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

I have been a lifelong advocate of the disability community and have served on several boards. I was honored to be elected Ms. Wheelchair America 2022 where I served the entirety of the disability community in the greater United States, running on the platform of "Putting Disability Back in Diversity." I'm an accomplished public speaker and have ample experience working in the nonprofit and Independent Living sectors.

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

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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:

IHSS Committee

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.

Ms. Wheelchair California Leadership Institute - Secretary 2022-present Woodminster Theatre Advisory & Executive Committee Boards - 2015-present

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

Christine Burke

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.

SUMMARY

Passionate advocate and dynamic leader with extensive experience in disability advocacy, project coordination, community engagement, and talent management. Proven success in organizing initiatives that drive positive social change and foster inclusion—delivering projects that increased engagement by up to 40% and fundraising contributions by over 30%. Adept at connecting with diverse audiences, from competitive sports arenas to corporate boardrooms.

EXPERIENCE

Project Coordinator, Fuse Theatre (Apr 2023 – Present)

- Spearheaded the creation of Teatro para Árboles (Theatre for Trees), an environmental arts program that boosted local community engagement by 40% and increased event attendance by 25%.
- Led cross-functional teams across creative, technical, and community outreach departments to ensure project deliverables were met ahead of deadlines, reducing turnaround times by 15%.

Travel Advisor, Incredible Memories Travel (Jan 2023 – Present)

- Advocated for fully accessible travel options, achieving a 95% customer satisfaction rate while assisting 100+ travelers with customized, barrier-free vacation plans.
- Designed tailored travel itineraries that resulted in a 30% increase in repeat business and consistent positive referrals.

Ms. Wheelchair America 2022, Ms. Wheelchair America (Aug 2021 – Present)

- Utilized a high-impact platform to deliver keynote speeches and lead national advocacy initiatives, resulting in a 50% growth in social media engagement and amplified media presence.
- Participated in major disability rights campaigns, significantly driving public awareness and policy discussions across 20+ states.

Ms. Wheelchair California 2020, The Ms. Wheelchair California Leadership Institute (Feb 2020 – Present)

- Designed and executed fundraising campaigns that generated over a 30% year-over-year increase in contributions for disability advocacy initiatives.
- Maintained an active social media presence with a 35% increase in follower growth, while producing engaging content (blogs, reviews, podcasts) that elevated the institute's brand image.

Brand Relationship Manager, C Talent @ Whalar (May 2022 – Jul 2022)

- Facilitated a seamless acquisition transition, representing high-profile Deaf and Disabled talent in securing roles with marquee clients such as Disney, Google Pixel, and Nike.
- Contributed to the global #WeThe15 campaign, supporting initiatives that raised disability inclusion awareness across diverse markets.

Outreach Manager, C Talent (Apr 2021 – Jul 2022)

- Expanded the visibility of disabled and D/deaf talent within the entertainment industry by

forging key partnerships, increasing talent placement opportunities by 40%.

- Managed outreach programs that secured collaborations with top industry stakeholders and enhanced diversity representation in media projects.

Usher Coordinator, Woodminster Summer Musicals (May 2013 – Jun 2022)

- Organized and trained volunteer teams for summer musical productions, enhancing audience experiences and reducing event mismatches by 20%.
- Implemented streamlined logistics that improved show operations and a 98% satisfaction rate in customer service feedback.

Contract Administrator, Robert Half (Sep 2013 – Oct 2020)

- Served as a key liaison between legal teams and field recruiters, streamlining contract processing to deliver weekly reports with 100% on-time accuracy.
- Developed comprehensive contract summaries that decreased review times by 25%, ensuring compliance and clarity in contract management.

Front Office Assistant, Disability Rights Advocates (Mar 2013 – Aug 2013)

- Executed administrative duties and maintained essential inventory systems, contributing to the successful support of multiple high-impact fundraising initiatives.
- Collaborated with the Communications team to capture media opportunities that broadened the organization's advocacy outreach.

Administrative Assistant, ABC LEGAL (Jan 2013 – Mar 2013)

- Supported daily office operations, enhancing internal efficiency and contributing to a 15% reduction in processing delays through meticulous administrative support.

Research Associate, University of the Pacific (Jan 2012 – Jun 2012)

- Conducted in-depth historical research on student life, resulting in a comprehensive written history published and archived for academic use.

Project Assistant, University of the Pacific (Aug 2010 – Jan 2012)

- Coordinated critical community engagement projects, including "Beyond Our Gates" and "Dialogues of Distinction," that increased stakeholder participation by over 20%.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Leadership, Capella University (2016 – 2020)

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, University of the Pacific (2010 – 2012)

Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Media Studies, University of Arizona (2007 – 2009)

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Marketing and Monetizing on YouTube – LinkedIn
- Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging – LinkedIn
- Leadership – Capella University

SKILLS

- Community Engagement & Partnership Development
- Grant Writing & Workshop Facilitation
- Event & Travel Management
- Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Strategic Planning & Project Coordination

HONORS & AWARDS

- Right ON! Ms. Wheelchair California – 2020