

Application Form

Profile

Sharon

First Name

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Middle Initial

Pinkstaff

Last Name

Home Address

Billing Address Line 2

Suite or Apt

Walnut Creek

City

CA

State

94598

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Email Address

District Locator Tool

Resident of Supervisorial District:

☒ District 4

US Environmental Protection Agency

Employer

Assistant Director

Job Title

Length of Employment

30 yearas

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?

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Hazardous Materials Commission: 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?

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Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

☒ High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

San Jose State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BS/Chemistry

Degree Awarded?

☒ Yes ☐ No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

San Jose State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

MS/Civil Engineering

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

OSHA HAZWOPER

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Other Training B

Federal Leadership Development Program

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Professional Engineer, Commonwealth of Virginia ■ Awarded in January 2001

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I am interested in serving on the hazardous materials commission because I want to serve my community at large by applying my technical and legal knowledge and experience. I have 30 years of experience as a federal regulator on hazardous materials matter (Superfund and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act). I'm experienced in working with local, state, and federal partners including elected officials to deliver tangible benefits to the most vulnerable communities. I have experience in building technical and regulatory capacity for the regulated community and local regulators to ensure environmental compliance. I have experience in providing training and outreach to the most affected communities by environmental pollution. I strongly believe that I have right experience and knowledge to successfully carry out the duties of a HM commissioner.

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

I am currently serving as an assistant director in the USEPA Superfund Program, overseeing hazardous wastes cleanups in Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, and Pacific Islands. In my 30 year career with the USEPA Agency, I have promulgated, implemented, and enforced federal environmental regulations. Specifically related to the HM commissioner position, I have enforced federal and state hazardous waste laws against refineries and other industries in Contra Costa County. I have conducted compliance assistance workshops for refinery environmental personnel in California. I have trained and assisted hazardous materials inspectors at Contra Costa County Environmental Health (CUPA). In my position with the US EPA Environmental Justice program in 2010s, I have collaborated with Contra Costa Health's Environmental Health Program, Supervisor Gioia's office, and the hazardous materials ombudsman at CC Environmental Health in delivering federal funding and resources to the Environmental Justice communities in Richmond and Concord (Monument Corridor). I am a proud mother of two college students who were born and raised in this county. My son is an Eagle Scout and my daughter is on a full merit based scholarship at a top 20 university. I taught them the importance of volunteerism and community service. I was on the board of the parent faculty club at my children's middle school and frequently volunteered at the Contra Costa and Solano County Food Bank as a member of a mother-daughter service organization based in Walnut Creek. The food distribution activities with the food bank led me to the areas of the county that are most in need. I treasure the opportunities to serve those residents and to connect with them, especially around the holidays.

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.

Vice Chair & Commissioner, Park, Recreation and Open Space Commission, City of Walnut Creek, CA ■ February 2024 - present Service Committee Chair, Teens and Parents Service Organization, Walnut Creek, CA ■ August 2020 - July 2024 Food Rescue Volunteer, White Pony Express, Concord, CA & Contra Costa Food Bank, Concord, CA ■ August 2020 – present Board Member, Golden Gate Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 227, Walnut Creek, CA ■ August 2015 – May 2022 Board Member, Parent Faculty Association, Foothill Middle School, Walnut Creek, CA ■ August 2018 – May 2020 Member, Cross Country Parent Volunteer Board, Northgate High School, Walnut Creek, CA ■ August 2017 – November 2021

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.