

Application Form

Profile

Jamin _____ Pursell _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Home Address _____ Suite or Apt _____
Richmond _____ CA _____ 94803 _____
City State Postal Code

Primary Phone _____

Email Address _____

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Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 1

Strongsuit LLC _____ CEO _____
Employer Job Title

Length of Employment

4 years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

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

14 years

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

Environmental Organization

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?

most since appointed

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

CA High School Proficiency Certificate

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

California State University East Bay

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA in Philosophy, BA in Political Science

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

McGeorge School of Law

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Master in Science of Law

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.

Having served on the Hazardous Materials Commission, I am deeply committed to safeguarding our community from environmental hazards and advocating for sustainable practices. My experiences in environmental stewardship, community engagement, and policy advocacy have driven my desire to continue serving in this role. The intersection of hazardous materials management and environmental protection is critical in a region like ours, and I believe that through thoughtful, proactive collaboration, we can ensure the health and safety of both residents and ecosystems. In addition to my work on the Commission, I am actively involved with the Richmond Shoreline Alliance, where I help lead community outreach and educational initiatives focused on environmental awareness. This work has given me the opportunity to engage with local residents on issues related to pollution, shoreline preservation, and the impact of climate change. These experiences have solidified my belief that informed and involved communities are essential for driving meaningful environmental progress. Growing up in Alaska, I witnessed firsthand the profound effects of industrial activities on natural ecosystems, which instilled in me a lifelong passion for environmental protection. Here in Richmond, I see similar challenges with pollution, industrial activities, and the ongoing threat to our natural spaces. I want to continue contributing my knowledge and experience to help address these challenges, ensuring that Richmond's environment is protected for current and future generations. The role of the Commission is vital in promoting safe handling and disposal of hazardous materials while protecting our community's health and preserving our local environment. As we face increasing risks from climate change and industrial pollution, the need for robust oversight and innovative solutions has never been more pressing. I am eager to continue working on strategies that balance economic development with environmental responsibility. I seek a second term on the Hazardous Materials Commission to build on the work we have already accomplished and to deepen our community outreach efforts. Together, we can make Richmond a safer, healthier place to live, while promoting sustainable practices that protect our environment. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving and contributing to the important work of the Commission.

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

I have over nine years of experience in environmental activism and organization, which has equipped me with the skills necessary to serve effectively on the Hazardous Materials Commission. In my current role with the Richmond Shoreline Alliance, where I engage in community outreach and educational initiatives, I have developed a strong understanding of how environmental issues impact local communities, particularly concerning hazardous materials and shoreline preservation. This work has allowed me to communicate complex environmental issues to the public, fostering greater awareness and participation in environmental advocacy. My background also includes experience as a grant administrator for the Crescent Park Healthy Environment Project, where I gained hands-on knowledge of ecological systems and the importance of sustainable environmental stewardship. This experience has been instrumental in developing my expertise in managing programs that align with the Commission's goals of protecting public health and promoting safe hazardous materials practices. Throughout my activism, I have worked closely with environmental justice organizations, helping to design and implement public education programs that address environmental health concerns. These collaborations have strengthened my ability to work with diverse communities and ensure that environmental policies are equitable and inclusive, a key aspect of serving on the Commission. In addition, I am privileged to work with many major environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club, APEN, and 350 Bay Area Action, during my political candidacy. These endorsements reflect my longstanding commitment to environmental advocacy and policy-making, particularly in areas that intersect with hazardous materials management and environmental justice. My qualifications for this appointment are further enhanced by my experience in engaging and educating the public on environmental issues, particularly through my work with the Richmond Shoreline Alliance. This background, coupled with my strong dedication to environmental protection and community health, makes me well-suited for a second term on the Hazardous Materials Commission.

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:

Hazardous Materials Commission

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.

Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Commission Commissioner Fish and Wildlife Committee member Former Reimagine Public Safety Task Force member President of the West County Democratic Club Co-chair and founding boardmember of the Richmond Rainbow Pride Co-chair of the Richmond Shoreline Alliance Richmond Progressive Alliance Steering Committee member Formerly; Neighborhood Watch block captain and organizer, Former Treasurer of the May Valley Neighborhood Council in Richmond, Citizens for a Greener El Sobrante, ASPCA in California and Alaska.

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.

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Experience

Strongsuit LLC

Owner CEO 2020 - current

- Created a product from conception to creation.
- Hired and organized contractors for various creative and administrative needs.
- Coordinated collaboration with manufacturing and contractors..
- Crafted organizational strategies, business practices, ethical standards for staff.
- Maintained timeline for 2023 product release.

Equality California

Externship Jan 2015 - June 2015

- Created informational materials for bills being put forward
- Organized state congressional members to attend lobby day event
- Distributed EQCA materials to all members of state legislators and its agencies.
- Coordinated volunteers for Lobby day and assembled all materials.
- Crafted methods to streamline administrative tasks using technology

Team Richmond

Key Campaign Coordinator Aug 2014 - Dec 2014

- Creating cut sheets for canvassers using Nation Builder
- Generating online presence and crafting web advertisements
- Coordinating events to rally canvassers for the campaign
- Creating script for volunteers phone calls and canvassing
- Crafting campaign material and drafting speaking notes

Mark DeSaulnier for Congress

Volunteer Aug 2014 - Dec 2014

- Assisting coordination and execution of community outreach events
- Assisting with office management and governmental office transition
- Collecting donations and aiding at donor events

Bevan Dufty for Mayor Campaign

Assist. Deputy Campaign Manager April 2010 to Dec 2011

- Sorting of voter registration utilizing VAN
- Accounting verifications for SF city government ethical compliance
- Crafting Materials and coordinating events
- Demonstrating voter registration systems to interns and volunteers
- Managing office inventory and acquiring supplies

Education

- 2017 to 2019 Doctor of Jurisprudence, no degree earned,
University of San Francisco School of Law, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 to 2016 Masters of Science and Law, focus on Capitol Lawyering
University of Pacific McGeorge, Sacramento, CA
- 2009 to 2012 Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy, focus on Human Rights and Social Justice
Bachelors of Arts in Political Science, focus on Constitutional Law
California State East Bay, Hayward, CA
- 2005 to 2009 Los Angeles Community College, Los Angeles, CA

Activities and Interests

Volunteer Board Member and Director of Arts for Richmond Rainbow Pride. Steering committee of Richmond Progressive Alliance. Co-Chair of Richmond Shoreline Alliance. Neighborhood Watch block captain. Treasurer of the May Valley Neighborhood Council in Richmond. Citizens for a Greener El Sobrante. ASPCA animal fosterer.