



Contra Costa 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	
Victoria	R	Smith	
Home Address - Street	City	State	Postal Code
	Orinda	CA	94563
Primary Phone (best number to reach you)	Email Address		
Resident of Supervisorial District (if out of County, please enter N/A): 2 District Locator Tool			
Do you work in Contra Costa County? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, in which District do you work? 2			
Current Employer	Job Title	Length of Employment	
Law Office of Victoria Robinson Smith	Sole Proprietor	30 yrs.	
How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County? 45			

Board, Committee, or Commission	Seat Name
Affordable Housing Funding Committee	Central County Representative
Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?	
Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	
U.C. Berkeley	BA/Political Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
U.C. Law San Francisco	J.D.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Occupational Licenses Completed:	Licensed attorney, CA; licensed CA Real Estate Broker;
Other Trainings Completed:	Certificate Awarded for Training?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

If Yes, please explain:

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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.

The need for affordable housing in our county is great, and it is very difficult to finance and build. I have served since 2018 as the President of the Orinda Senior Village Foundation, which owns and operates the Orinda Senior Village. The Orinda Senior Village is a 150-unit senior low income apartment project. The residents are all low, or very low, income seniors, and since 1982, OSV has served over 1,000 residents. However, the need for senior affordable housing is great, and OSV currently has a five-year waiting list. To my knowledge, most of the other providers of affordable housing in Contra Costa County also have extremely long, many times multiple years long, waiting list. At the same time, we knew that the cost of housing in the San Francisco Bay area is extremely high, and that with every increase, there are more community members who need affordable housing.

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

In 2018, the Orinda Senior Village, created a sister organization, the Orinda Senior Housing Foundation, to build and operate a second senior affordable housing apartment project, the Vista Verde Community Housing Project. In the six years that I have served as President of OSHF, we have planned the design and construction of the building and grounds, completed design, received City approvals, selected a developer, selected a lender for construction and perm loans, and at this point are planning to break ground in early 2026. My work as President has generally involved working closely with the Project Manager, the Construction Manager, the affordable housing Financing Consultant, the attorneys, architects and contractors, other design professionals, the Asset Manager, and our mission partner, the Orinda Community Church. I have been involved with managing the professionals and consultants, working with the financing consultants to obtain construction and perm loan funding, coordinating with the Church and coordinating with the neighbors. I believe that my experience would be helpful to the Affordable Housing Finance Committee in evaluating requests for the allocation of public funding and development grants and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

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:

Assessment Appeals; Sustainability Commission; Local Agency Enforcement Hearing Panel

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

Family Children's Trust Committee

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

See attached resume.

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: See attached.

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:

10/10/25

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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.

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Do you have any financial relationships with the county, such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

Please check one: Yes

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

My husband is a CC County retiree, and as a member of the Assessment Appeals Board, I receive a per diem for attending hearings.

Victoria Smith

Education

University of California, Berkeley, CA	A.B., 1978
Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA	J.D., 1981

Professional Experience - Law Practice

1995 - present - Law Office of Victoria Robinson Smith, Orinda, CA

Practice areas: Represent individuals and businesses in real estate, contracts, business and commercial matters.

1987-1995 - Partner, Alborg & Dictor, Oakland and Walnut Creek, CA

Practice areas: Represented individuals and businesses in real estate, professional negligence defense and financial services litigation.

Professional Memberships

Licensed California Real Estate Broker
Contra Costa County Bar Association – Board Member/President Women's Section (1997-2003)
Orinda Chamber of Commerce

Public Service

Mayor, City of Orinda (2008, 2010, 2016), City Council Member, City of Orinda, 2004–2016

Orinda Infrastructure Committee

Public Works Aesthetic Review Committee

Liaison to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Liaison to the East Bay Regional Park District

Liaison to the Friends of the Creeks

Liaison to the Orinda Unified School District

Liaison to the Acalanes Unified High School District

Alternate Member: School Bus Committee Liaison, Southwest Region Planning Committee (CCTA),
Lamorinda Project Management Committee, Lamorinda Fee & Financing Authority

City of Orinda, Planning Commissioner, 2003-2004

Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority, Board Member/ Chair, 2005-2016

Contra Costa Mayor's Conference, Board Member/Chair, 2011-2014

Contra Costa County Assessment Appeals Board, Board Member, 2021-Current

Contra Costa County Local Enforcement Agency Independent Hearing Panel, Chair, 2018-current

Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission, Commissioner/Chair, 2017-current

Contra Costa County Family and Children's Trust Committee, Board Member, 2000-2004

Community Service

Orinda Senior Village Foundation, President, 2017-current

Orinda Senior Housing Foundation, President, 2017-current

Strive for Change Foundation, Grants Coordinator and Board Member, 2015–current

Boy Scouts of America, Registered Adult Leader, 1992–2021

Parent’s Clubs: Sleepy Hollow Elementary School

Wagner Ranch Elementary School, Orinda

Intermediate School and Miramonte High School, Board Member, 1991-2006

Justice James J. Marchiano Distinguished Service Award, Contra Costa County Bar Association, 2024