

Seat Name

Public Member, Treasury Oversight Committee

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 Joaquin Delta College

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

General Studies, English

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Eastern Washington University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

English, Journalism

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

Summary Attached

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Intergovernmental Management Training (IGMT)

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.

I relocated to Contra Costa County, closer to family, after retiring at the end of 2022 following 33 years of progressive upward growth and experience with Monterey County budgeting, forecasting, and reporting. During my career with Monterey County, I was appointed as Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector by the elected Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC) in January of 2015, and then to Assistant TTC in January 2016. As Asst. TTC, my responsibilities included oversight of upper management positions: Sr. Departmental Information Systems Coordinator, Chief Deputy TTC for Property Tax, Chief Deputy TTC for the Revenue Division, and Chief Deputy TTC for the Treasury, and review of related workload requirements, policies, procedures, and recommendations. In my role, I also represented the Treasurer-Tax Collector as necessary at meetings of the Board of Supervisors, as well as numerous Board subcommittees, and in meetings with local cities and public agencies. I earned and enjoyed each of the growth opportunities I received through my tenure with Monterey County, where I gained comprehensive understanding of government finances, policies and procedures, public and employee relations, and fostered positive relationships with department heads, outside agency and city representatives, and the County Board of Supervisors. After relocating to Contra Costa County, presented with an opportunity to contribute to the success of our community's fiscal health and sustainability, I applied for and am privileged to have been appointed to fill a vacancy for the Public #3 Seat as an alternate member for the Contra Costa County Treasury Oversight Committee. Effective in May of 2024, I have attended every meeting of the Committee since my appointment. With this term due to expire on April 30, 2026, I would appreciate and welcome the opportunity to continue serving, representing the Public #3 Seat through the upcoming term.

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

As detailed above, I possess an understanding of, and extensive experience with forecasting annual revenue and expenditures, overseeing County finances, researching and writing related reports, and presenting public recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. My experience with both the Monterey County Treasury and through the Contra Costa County Treasury Oversight Committee includes annual review and analysis of the Treasurer's Annual Investment Policy, and review of the Annual Treasury Audit conducted by the Auditor-Controller. I understand the critical importance of the Treasury in managing funds and its primary responsibility for safeguarding and prudently investing the funds it maintains on behalf of all County departments, special districts, and school districts.

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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:

Treasury Oversight 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.

Noted in brief background summary, included with this application.

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

Contra Costa County, Treasury Oversight Committee

Public #3 Seat, Alternate Member – May 21, 2024 – April 30, 2026

County of Monterey, Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office – Salinas, California

Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector – January 9, 2016 – September 3, 2022

Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector – January 26, 2015 – January 8, 2016

County of Monterey, County Administrative Office – Salinas, California

Principal Administrative Analyst – June 25, 2007 – January 25, 2015

Senior Administrative Analyst – November 17, 2001 – June 24, 2007

Associate Administrative Analyst – November 18, 2000-November 17, 2001

Administrative Analyst - July 1, 2000-November 18, 2000

Administrative Analyst-Trainee – May 8, 1999-July 1, 2000

Administrative Secretary-Confidential – August 7, 1994-May 7, 1999

Senior Secretary/LAFCO Clerk – July 27, 1989-August 6, 1994

EDUCATION, TRAINING, JOB RELATED ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors (CACTTC) - Annual Conference, annual attendance, June 2015 through 2022 (2020 conference canceled due to Covid) - education credits per session attended.

California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors (CACTTC) - Annual Education Conference, annual attendance - education credits per session attended.

AgKnowledge Class IX Fellow – 2015

California Society of Municipal Finance Officers – “Forecasting and Understanding PERS Retirement Costs” and “State of the State and the State of Local Governments” certificate, May 2014

Lorman Education Services – “CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act” Certificate, 2013

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Institute – “National Incident Management System (NIMS)” IS-00700, September 2006

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) – “Best Practices in Budgeting/Management” Continuing Education/Certificate of Completion, September 2005

Intergovernmental Management Training (IGMT) – September 2004-June 2005 – Certificate of Completion, June 2005

Society for Human Resource Management – “Fundamentals of Human Resource Management” – Certificate of Completion, July 2003

Governor's Office of Emergency Services California Specialized Training Institute – “Crisis Communications and the Media” – Level 1, November 2002; Level 2, May 2003

“Making it Work” – Proposition 36 Technical Training Conference – February 2003 (3rd Annual), March 2002 (2nd Annual), May 2001 (Implementation)

California Probation, Parole, and Correctional Officers Annual Conference – September 2001

County CSAC Joint Policy Forum for the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (Proposition 36) – February 2001

Classification & Compensation – Northern California Chapter of International Personnel Management Association (NCCIPMA) – February 2001

CSAC Annual Conference Host County Planning & Implementation Team, Monterey County – 1999

Personnel Policies, Procedures and Practices Certificate of Completion – March 1995

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Resolution of Appreciation – August 1994

San Joaquin Delta College – Stockton, CA – Associate of Arts Degree w/Honors – English

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND

Member – Supervisory Committee, Monterey County Employees Credit Union, 2007-2009

Monterey County Certified Facilitator – The Pacific Institute “Investment in Excellence” & “Imagine 21”

Contributing Writer, 1994-2000 – The Journal of NAMI California, co-editor *“Mental Illness and the Law”* – September 2000

Member – Board of Directors, Food Bank for Monterey County, 1990-1994; Secretary of Board, Personnel Committee Chair, Development Committee