

Application for Appointment to a Citizen Commission, Board, Committee, or Task Force



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Last Name *

Parrott

First Name *

Debbi

Middle Initial

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Date *

12/5/2020

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force *

Human Relations Task Force

Length of Residency in Huntington Beach *

23 years

Occupation *

High school Teacher-Pacific High School

United States Citizen? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Currently Serving on a City Board or Commission? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Home Address: *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

Huntington Beach

State

California

Postal / Zip Code

Phone Numbers

Personal

Type* (?) Number*

cell

Phone Numbers

Business

Type (?) Number

business

Personal Email *

Educational Background *

I have a BA in English with a minor in Education from Brandeis University (Summa Cum Laude and Schiff Fellow).

Professional Licenses and/or Associations *

I have a secondary teaching credential in English from Brandeis University and supplemental music credential from Westminster Choir College (Rider University). I also have 60 post-graduation units in education.

Professional Experience *

I have taught high school English as well as some choir and drama for almost 16 years in the Garden Grove School District. I served as Executive Secretary, Production Secretary and President of Orange County Children's Theatre.

Special Knowledge or Skills *

I organized a gala for the children's theatre featuring Krysta Rodriguez that cleared debt the previous board had accrued. I applied for and received two grants this last year for the Children's Theatre and managed to end my term without debt during a year where we had only been able to perform one of three shows due to Covid.

Civic Interests and/or Service Memberships? *

I have canvased, phone banked and text banked for various local candidates.

How will your qualifications best serve the citizen advisory group that you are applying for, and why do you wish to serve on this group? *

My knowledge base as a teacher make me uniquely qualified to serve on this task force because anti-bias training, inclusivity and active anti-racism has been part of my career and ongoing training. My desire to unify and improve communication and relationships in our amazing city is something I feel passionate about. I am a bridge-builder and I am gifted at solving complex problems and finding common ground. My experience on the board of the children's theatre, particularly as president, helped me understand how to fundraise and how to make sound financial decisions for a large organization despite challenges. I believe I will bring a positive energy to the Human Relations Task Force and engaged in actions and dialogue that will build our city up and help Huntington Beach to be a source of beauty, hope and positivity for all its citizens.

It is the policy of the City Council to make appointments to the citizen commissions, boards, and committees, based on the needs of the city, as well as the interests and qualifications of each applicant. Selection will be made without discrimination based on the race, creed, gender, or sexual orientation of the applicant.

Additional information concerning a particular commission, board, committee, or task force or the application process is available through the staff support department identified above. General questions can be directed to Cathy Fikes, (714) 536-5553.