

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



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Last Name*	First Name*	Middle Initial	Date*
Wood	Diane	Dee	10/20/2021

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

Length of Residency in Huntington Beach*
43 years

Occupation*
Educational Consultant - Retired

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

Postal / Zip Code

State

CA

Phone Numbers

Personal

Type* (?) Number*

cell

Phone Numbers

Business

Type (?) Number

Personal Email*

Educational Background*

University Calif., Santa Barbara: M.A. Education - 1981
San Diego State University: B.A.: Fine Arts & Social Sciences

Marine Radio Operator Permit - U.S. Federal Communications Commission 2009
Seamanship School, Newport Beach: Sailing; Power Boat-Twin Screws/ Boat Handling; Power Squadron-
Navigation & Weather.
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Card

Professional Licenses and/or Associations*

California Dept. of Educ: Teaching Credential K-12 Special Ed + Elementary + Administrative Credentials
Certified Behavior Management Trainer

Professional Experience*

1986 to 2006 West Orange County Program Specialist – Serving all Five School Districts Locally: Huntington
Beach Union High School District, Huntington Beach City, Ocean View Elementary, Westminster Elementary,
Fountain Valley Elementary. Focus: Literacy

California Dept. of Educ.: CalSTAT Leadership School Sites Consultant 2005-15

Dwyer Middle School Teacher, Huntington Beach City Schools. Master Teacher. 1979-1986

1980-82 International Ambassador of Goodwill – Selected as Global Grant Scholar from Santa Barbara Rotary.
Studied at the University of Wales in Educational Psychology for one year. Made numerous speeches in Wales
and So. Calif.

Special Knowledge or Skills*

2004 – Bought 60' Fairline Squadron Power Boat in Ft. Lauderdale. Cruised the Intercoastal + Bahamas.

Shipped boat back to California.

Boater for 30 years: Cruising all of Southern Calif. + Sea of Cortez, Mexico, etc.

2017-18 Cruise Underway to Baja (CUBAR) - Cruised in Mexico for 8 months - Received Trophy from LBYC for
'Longest voyage'.

Certified Scuba Diver - Have been diving in Mexico, Fiji, locally, etc.

Basic Hand Gun Training completed.

Civic Interests and/or Service Memberships?*

Long Beach Yacht Club Active Member 30+ years – Chair + 'Cruisers' Board for 20 years.

Huntington Harbour Yacht Club member – Multiple trips to nearby ports + Catalina Island.

Rotary Club - Long Beach + District Mgr.: Global Scholarships for Graduate students

Fourth of July Yacht Club - West End, Catalina. Publicity Chair

Seacliff Country Club - Tennis Membership

National Charity League Advisor - 9 years

Orange County Administrators of Special Education Recognition

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?*

Boating, leadership, and involvement are the mainstays of my life. I would hope to raise the awareness of locals with the work that the Harbor Commission does, and get them involved.

My qualifications will best serve the Harbour Commission because I'm a local who cares. Over the years I've become involved in multiple issues with positive outcomes. Both my personal and professional background has been all about engaging and supporting people – while making positive change.

For example: **'The Fuel Dock Party.'** in 2016 was an effort to maintain access to fuel for boats locally. We kept the Fuel Dock + raised \$15,000. for our local **Huntington Harbour Sailing Foundation Program** for local youth. I believe there are similar opportunities available, e.g., working with the current CSULB research team addressing Oyster Restoration for improved water cleanliness along our coastline.

As a wife & mother of two successful & educated daughters, and an active community participant for years, I've always enjoyed getting involved + know many people locally to garner support.

2013-2016 Built a new waterfront home in Huntington Harbour, Christiana Bay & maintain our boat on our own dock in the Harbour.

2017 – Cruise Underway to Baja Area Rally (CUBAR) for 8 months in Mexico (received Longest Voyage Trophy from LBYC). I have much experience being at sea with navigation, radio, AIS, logistics, etc. - with my terrific, highly supportive husband, Captain Kurt.

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.

