

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



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**Last Name \***

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**First Name \***

Vanessa

**Middle Initial**

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**Date \***

5/12/2022

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

Human Relations Committee

**Length of Residency in Huntington Beach \***

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**Occupation \***

Law Enforcement

**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

CA

Postal / Zip Code

92647

**Phone Numbers**

Personal

**Phone Numbers**

Business

**Type\* (?) Number\***

cell

**Type (?)**

**Number**

**Personal Email \***

### **Educational Background \***

M.S. Emergency Services California State University, Long Beach

Master's Degree in emergency preparedness, public safety, emergency response, coordination and resource management.

B.S. Operational Studies California State University, Long Beach

Bachelor's degree in leadership, grant writing and management.

A.A. Administration of Justice Cerritos College, Cerritos, CA.

Business Accounting.

### **Professional Licenses and/or Associations \***

Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBLI); California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Certified Instructor California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

- Policy of Equality
- Deputy Leadership Institute
- Mounted Patrol and Tactics (including riot and crowd control)

### **Professional Experience \***

Over 21 years of experience in Law Enforcement, currently holding the rank of Sergeant at Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Aide to the Director of the Sheriff's Department, Administrative Services Division.

Responsible for managing the department's \$3.6 billion dollar budget and overseeing

Finance Background

### **Special Knowledge or Skills \***

Experienced public servant and demonstrated leader.

Current subject-matter expert in many public safety-related issues.

Proven navigator of government agencies and community commissions.

Experienced public speaker. Fluent in second language; Spanish

Respected representative of elected official.

Intimately familiar with community advocacy groups, union representatives, administrative managers, and budget analysts.

Keenly organized. Unfailingly professional. Consensus-builder.

Cognizant of legal and ethical requirements of the Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Order.

**Civic Interests and/or Service Memberships? \***

Department Liaison to the 5-member Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Committees:

- Mounted Patrol Posse
- Biscailuz Training Center Track Resurfacing
- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Weekly Covid-19 updates, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department representative.
- Multi-Agency Task force for Illegal Cannabis Grows

Board Member and Treasurer of Los Angeles Sheriff's Athletic Association

Sheriff Community Advisory Council

Community Law Enforcement Partnerships Program (CLEPP):

Managed resources, and budget, and coordinated personnel and volunteer response to various community and charity events. Built relationships with the community and local businesses.

Success Through Awareness and Resistance (STAR):

Personnel and finance manager. Organized youth summer camps. Facilitated contracts with school districts that enabled specially-trained deputies to provide drug, gang and violence prevention education classes.

The program involved 34 school districts, 202 schools and reached 40,000 youth annually.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) through FEMA:

Personnel and finance manager. Certified FEMA CERT instructor providing volunteer training on disaster preparedness and basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

Catholic Big Brothers and Sisters:

Program creator, "Bigs with Badges"

Matched Los Angeles County department personnel with local youth in mentoring relationships. Drafted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department formalizing the relationship. Participated in numerous community events and school beautification efforts.

Sheriff's Advisory Council:

Point person between the Sheriff Department and influential community leaders

**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? \***

I have been recommended to apply by V.C Rhone, Chairperson of the Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee for which I am currently a volunteer.

I have been interested in applying for the committee for some time and have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity. I am committed to serving and representing the community with dedication, commitment, and integrity and providing a space for the community to be heard.

I intend to build relationships with our public safety departments to ensure a safe environment for constituents. I will work collaboratively with various county/city departments and the community to address pressing community concerns that affect the quality of life.

I will contribute my extensive knowledge, skills, and experience in public safety to help the committee to continue to bridge the gaps between the community and city departments.

**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.**