

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



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Last Name *

Edsell

First Name *

Austin

Middle Initial

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Date *

11/10/2021

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

Historic Resources Board

Length of Residency in Huntington Beach *

14 years

Occupation *

Accountant

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

Phone Numbers

Personal

Phone Numbers

Business

Type * (?) Number *

cell

Type (?)

Number

Personal Email *

Educational Background *

Cal State Fullerton - BA Business Administration, Accounting Concentration

Professional Licenses and/or Associations *

N/A

Professional Experience *

Public accounting, property management, bookkeeping, operations, volunteer management, customer service

Special Knowledge or Skills *

Problem solving, networking, phone banking, database management

Civic Interests and/or Service Memberships? *

Huntington Beach Citizen's Academy graduate, Chris Epting's History of Huntington Beach class

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? *

The City of Huntington Beach has a rich local history, and I would love the opportunity to serve on the Historic Resource Board to raise public awareness about our city's history and play a part in preserving that history for posterity. I first became interested in our city's history as a Sophomore at Ocean View High School when our AP US History teacher assigned us a project to research and present historical landmarks in Orange County.

During my group's preliminary research, we realized that we would hardly have to leave Huntington Beach's city limits to complete the project. Our historic landmark presentation included the Silo at Seacliff Office Park on Main and Yorktown, the Newland House on Beach, and the site of the former Bolsa Chica Gun club at the Bolsa Chica Conservatory off Warner. I've continued to learn about and appreciate our local history by taking Chris Epting's History of Huntington Beach course through Community Services and watching Chris's excellent Hidden Huntington Beach series.

As the city continues to grow, our community must embrace our past, honor those who came before us and incorporate our history into our current decision-making. My experience facilitating events, coordinating volunteers, and working with others would greatly serve the City of Huntington Beach and the Historic Resources Board.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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.