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Headwaters Fund Board Member Application

Instructions

Individuals interested in serving as a Headwater Fund Board Member must complete this application form. Please be concise.

For additional questions regarding board membership, please email COB@co.humboldt.ca.us or call 707-445-7745.

To learn more about the Headwaters Fund, please visit: gohumco.com/157/Headwaters-Fund

Please note that your application is subject to the California Public Records Act and disclosure requirements.

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What would you like to accomplish on the Headwaters Fund Board?	Utilizing my experience in economic, community and organizational development I would like to participate in funding collaborative projects that benefit multiple communities in Humboldt County. Funding projects that come forward that coagulate a variety of funding sources into a single project often provides meaningful outcomes for the most people. Help to make sound investment decisions that bear the greatest returns in order to ensure longevity of the Headwaters Fund.
Employment and Experience	For over forty years I have served tribal and the greater communities of Humboldt and Mendocino Counties by developing organizational structures that can withstand time, and other challenges caused by political and employee turnover. For twenty-two years I served as the Tribal Administrator for the Gudiville Indian Rancheria in Ukiah California where I helped to draft for approval of the membership a permanent tribal constitution, create a charter school, develop a Section 17 Federal Corporation to oversee all economic development activities, including serving on the Corporate Board for eighteen years. Currently, I serve as the Chief Operating Officer for the Hoopa Valley Tribe, I have served in this capacity since May of 2021. I oversee the operations of the Tribe and its 66 departments and entities and anywhere from 450 to 600 employees depending on the season. During my tenure I guided the development of the Denoto Holding Corporation, a Section 17 Federal Corporation that is in the process of operationalization and most recently we have completed the recruitment of a well qualified Chief Executive Officer. This Corporation will have the responsibility for overseeing all economic development activities on behalf of the Tribe and will be extremely focused on the development of companies that can feed the federal pipeline of 8 (a) contracting procurements under the US Small Business Administration.
Previous Board (Or Comparable) Experience	From 1991-1995 I served two terms (4 years) on the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council. I served many years as a Board Member for the Hoopa Valley Housing Authority, the Hoopa Tribal Education Board, Black Oak Development Corporation, and the California Nations Economic Opportunity Fund an emerging Community Development Finance Institution. Most recently, I am serving on the Voting Member Block, Tribal Planning Table and the Equity Council for Redwood Region RISE, for California Jobs First Collaborative.
Vision	My Vision for the Headwaters Fund Board is fostering a forward-looking organization that is keenly focused on the incubation and implementation of economic development

projects that create high paying jobs and other economic opportunities for the citizens of Humboldt County

Collaboration	Create trust with fellow board members and be a team player who communicates effectively to reach consensus.
Contributions	Budget development, analysis and management are strong suits for me, I believe I can be of benefit to the Board in these disciplines. Analyzing and vetting project proposals and business ideas are also in my wheelhouse, including proforma review, business plan analysis, determining viability through thorough review and any associated research requirements.
Your Role on the Headwaters Board	I would strive to be a team player and to listen well, educate myself about any current issues, commit the necessary time to do good work and to communicate with fellow board members.
Time Commitment	I can easily commit to at least 10 hours per month, but I can accommodate whatever is necessary into my schedule.

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