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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY

**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z
EXPENDITURES**

APPLICANT NAME: Michele Collender

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OCCUPATION: IT Applications Analyst

ARE YOU A CURRENT EMPLOYEE OF OR VOLUNTEER FOR THE COUNTY OR ANY AGENCY

LIKELY TO APPLY FOR MEASURE Z FUNDS? NO YES

IF YES, WHAT AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT? CAO - IT

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

- (1) Jenny Novak - Emergency Services Coordinator PHONE: [REDACTED]
- (2) Swth Kimball - IT Technician II PHONE: [REDACTED]

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? NO YES

ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE OR A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. WHAT IS YOUR FAMILIARITY WITH PUBLIC AGENCY BUDGETING?
2. DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH COUNTY GOVERNMENT.
3. WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES?

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above statements and all attachments are true and correct

DATE: 1/16/19 SIGNATURE: Michele Collender

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:
HUMBOLDT COUNTY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MEASURE Z EXPENDITURES, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

I would like to present my interest in applying to the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures by answering the following questions:

1. I have gained familiarity with public agency budgeting during my time as an employee with the county. In my position as IT Applications Analyst I am involved daily with our current budgeting software and have been involved in implementation of a new budgeting system. This exposure has given me insight into how a budget is structured, managed and tracked. Although I have little experience managing a public agency's budget, I am now more familiar with the outline and function of it.
2. I have been employed with the County of Humboldt for close to a year now. Over this time I have become more involved in local news and become more connected to my community. The county is really the center of local and can be the access point for creating changes out in the community we live in. Over the past year, I have seen how the county government serves its people and provides for the surrounding area. My experience with the county has been that of learning and has made me more aware of the power of being involved.
3. I am interested in serving on the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Measure Z Expenditures to have a say in how our tax dollars are spent. I would hope to be a part of a diverse committee that includes members with varying perspectives. I believe my perspective would be especially valuable as a young female professional in a technical field. I am also hoping to gain from this experience by understanding government processes and services. I would be excited to share my knowledge with those in the community and act as a liaison to the community, bringing other's thoughts and concerns into play as well. I'm hoping to be a representative of my community and the public's interest with a balanced understanding of what needs to get done to meet these demands.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Summary of Qualifications

Languages: Java, Python, HTML, CSS, SQL

Tools: Proficient use of Visual Studio, Eclipse IDE, Android SDK, JUnit, Git, GitHub, Django

Methods: Practiced in Agile Development, Scrum, Pair Programming, Test Driven Development

Experience

IT Applications Analyst I - January 2018 to Present

County of Humboldt - Eureka, CA

- Troubleshoot software issues by working closely with vendor.
- Produce detailed documentation of work through ticketing system.
- Balance a multitude of projects and teams.

Senior Data Integrity Specialist - July 2015 to January 2018

Mathematical Sciences Publishers - Berkeley, CA

- Developed tools in Django to accommodate office needs.
- Submitted daily reports and documented process of decision making.
- Managed a team of four data specialists, working remotely.
- Analyzed proprietary software for functional improvements.
- Submitted SQL queries to promote efficient work patterns.

Assistant Web Developer - June 2013 to August 2013

Eco & Associates, Inc. - Anaheim, CA

- Assisted in the design and implementation of company website.
- Wrote HTML and implemented a WordPress framework.
- Added and curated content, edited photos using Adobe Photoshop.
- Improved style and content with numerous additions to site.

Projects

IP address parsing Django app

- Met weekly with collaborator and worked throughout the week to add functionality.
- Implemented AJAX, jQuery, Python API's.
- Refactored parsing engine to better meet Python design standards.
- Maintained unit testing for parsing engine algorithm.

Secret Cipher Android Mobile App

- Executed project from concept to implementation, using Android SDK and JUnit.
- Completed five iterations and met weekly deadlines.
- Participated in code reviews, both giving feedback and accepting input from team members.
- Pushed code to GitHub multiple times per day.

Education

Mills College, Oakland, CA - *BA in Computer Science*, Aug 2010 to May 2014

GPA: 3.5, Coursework in Operating Systems, Computer Architecture, Software Engineering, Computer Networks, Mobile Application Development, Discrete Mathematics I & II, Data Structures and Algorithms, Programming Languages, and Theory of Algorithms.

Service

Volunteer - February 2015 to July 2015

Garden Grove Regional Library - Garden Grove, CA

- Supervised operations of program and sales of books and media.
- Supported library functions with additional services, especially for children and teens.
- Raised funds for improvement of library facilities and increased educational programs.