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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY

HOUSING TRUST FUND AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

APPLICANT NAME: Fhyre Phoenix

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OCCUPATION: Retired from Human Services

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) Paul Pitino, Arcata City Councilperson PHONE:

(2) David Furney, Arcata Playhouse PHONE:

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? _____ NO ☒ YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON
THE **HOUSING TRUST FUND AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: December 20, 2018 SIGNATURE: Fhyre Phoenix

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:
HUMBOLDT COUNTY Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

Resume for Fhyre Phoenix

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Education and Awards

Master's Degree in Human Service Administration, School of Human Services, Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts. 1990. GPA 3.85

Bachelor's Degree in Human Services, School of Human Services, New Hampshire College, Yale Campus, New Haven, Connecticut. 1988.

Completed, Cascadia Leadership Training Series. Sponsored by the Humboldt Area Foundation, Humboldt County, California, 2001.

Recipient, Citation of gratitude from the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, for "your countless contributions toward the betterment of life for all the people of Bristol and Connecticut and in particular your concern and dedication to those who need our assistance the most." 1992.

Recipient, Judith E. Osborne Award for Outstanding Service to the School of Human Services, New Hampshire College, 1988.

Career and Community Experience

Small Business Owner: Arcata Handyman and House Painting Services. Advertise for and review jobs, give time and cost estimates, hire and manage employees, estimate and purchase materials, supervise work and solve problems. 2003-2015. Now retired.

Live-In Caretaker, Arcata Presbyterian Church. Arcata, CA. 2014-2015.

Invited homeless individuals to take overnight shelter in the back of my covered pick-up truck during the winter. Supplied a bed, water and food. Housed a total of 15 individuals for a total of 47 nights. 2014-2015.

Box Office Manager, Arcata Playhouse. Oversaw ticket sales; coordinated all volunteers during the several-week make-over of the physical theater. 2011-2012.

Acted (seven characters) in the play 'The Laramie Project' as part of a Humboldt County LGBTQA public awareness and fundraising series. 2009.

Co-Curator, The Open Heart Art Show: Cultivating Love and Forgiveness, and honoring Heroes of Social Justice. 2008.

Recorded and distributed the DVD titled '*Growing Food Security in Humboldt County.*' Received a grant to purchase fruit trees and pay homeless individuals to plant them in a community garden in Eureka. 2008.

Taught employment readiness and life skills at the Multiple Assistance Center to chronically homeless people in Eureka, California. 2006-2007.

Creator of "The Artists' Challenge" an annual fundraising event for the Ink People Center for the Arts in Eureka, California. Raised five figures annually to support local artists and the Ink People. 2003-2007.

Raised \$2.5 million through grant-writing, fund-raising and public speaking for a variety of non-profit organizations. 1985-2007.

Class Instructor at the Multiple Assistance Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Eureka. Taught employment readiness and life skills to chronically homeless adults. 2006-2007.

Editor and Publisher, *Humboldt Exposure*, a monthly, 28-page newspaper that re-printed progressive political and environmental news and articles from around the world. 2004-2005.

Creator and Organizer, Humboldt Community Currency Project. Engaged one hundred Humboldt residents in using alternative paper currency. 2003-2004.

Director of Project and Fund Development, Supervisor, Vocational Counselor, St. Vincent de Paul, Eureka. Raised \$317,000, supervised 34 employees via a jobs program for chronically homeless adults. 2001-2003.

Co-chaired the City of Arcata's 'Committee on Democracy and Corporations.' Our work led to a city-wide cap on chain restaurants. 2002.

Created and Managed "Winter Market," to support artists, farmers and musicians. Raised \$3,500 for a variety of local projects. 2001-2002.

Executive Director, Arcata House, Arcata, California. Provided housing to homeless families. Worked closely with the City of Arcata. 2000 – 2001.

Co-created Win-Win Solutions. Provided housing for a group-home for developmentally disabled adults. 2000.

Manager, Heartwood Massage School, Garberville, California. Managed the Maintenance, House-Healing and Landscape crews, supervising 18 employees. 1999.

Board President of the Mountain People's Food Co-op, Nederland, Colorado. Transitioned the board of directors from voting to understanding and successfully using the Quaker consensus decision-making process. 1998.

Helped organize "THE PEOPLES' SUMMIT," an alternative Economic Summit in Denver, Colorado. Taught workshops in Foundation Research, Grant Writing, and Using Community Currency. 1997.

Taught workshops about the use and design of Community Currency in Colorado, Massachusetts and California. 1997.

Organized the campaign to stop the California Department of Transportation from spraying herbicides along county roads in Humboldt County. We were successful. 1997.

Grantwriter, Town of Nederland, Colorado. Raised funds to purchase and plant 500 trees, to test every toilet in town for leaks and enough repair kits to repair any leaks found. Also, successfully solicited and received police-grade bicycles and helmets from the Schwinn Bicycle Co. for the Nederland Sheriff's Department. 1995.

Facilities Manager, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Boulder, Colorado. Managed and upgraded the parish's elementary school, high school, parish center and church. 1993-1994.

Creator of Boulder County Community Currency. Engaged 175 people in using alternative, paper currency. Helped to spawn dozens of jobs. 1993-1994.

Executive Director, Regional Affordable Housing Corporation in Bennington, Vermont. Purchased run-down properties from slumlords, acquired grant funding to re-habilitate the buildings, put the land under the buildings into a land trust, converted the apartments into condos, then sold the completely refurbished, three-bedroom units to low-income families for \$40,000 per unit. 1991-1992.

Team Leader, teaching 'Family Life and Sex Education' through the public school system in Bristol, Connecticut to educate fifth graders and their parents. This was a school-board-sponsored, after-school, voluntary program with an 85% attendance rate. Worked as a team leader. The program was so successful that the program was expanded to an in-school K-12 program. 1986-1990.

Executive Director, Bristol Emergency Shelter and Housing Coalition, Bristol, Connecticut. Raised \$1.9 million to support the annual budget of this 15-bed shelter and to build and operate a 15-bed transitional housing facility for single men. Supervised 14 staff and served a total of 1,250 clients. 1985-1990.

Founder of the "Save the Hoppers" Campaign. Through a year-long public relations campaign, we saved a 201-acre forest from being clear-cut and converted to a golf course. 1988.

Served on the board of directors for the Connecticut Coalition for the Homeless, helping to lay the groundwork to increase state funding for homeless shelters 25-fold over a six-year period. In this capacity, I served on advisory committees for the Connecticut State Department of Human Services and the Connecticut State Department of Housing. 1986-1987.

Co-Founder and Secretary for Citizens Against Referendum-1 (CARE-1), a campaign to preserve abortion rights for women. We were successful in derailing the beginning of a national campaign to take rights away from women. 1985.

Organized a non-binding public referendum in Bristol, Connecticut to support a U.S./U.S.S.R. nuclear weapons freeze. Conducted an extensive public education campaign. We won the referendum by 84% to 16%. 1984.

Team Leader, Protective Emergency Response Team (Dr. PERT). Bristol Hospital, Bristol, Connecticut. Our team defused potentially violent situations with mental health patients. 1981-1984.

Founded and co-directed the Bristol Peace Coalition. Organized workshops, vigils and other events to include and educate the public. 1979-1984.

Note: I am applying for a volunteer position on the Housing Trust because I have been homeless three times in my life, totaling seven years. These episodes took place when I was 17-18 years old, 42-47 years old, and 52-53 years old. I slept on various beaches, in the Arcata Community Forest, in my vehicle (when I had one), in an unheated shed at 8,200 feet altitude in the dead of winter, in a church, in strangers' cars when hitch-hiking across the country, and in several couch-surfing and house-sitting situations. There were times when I simply had no place to sleep at all.

So, I have seven years' experience being homeless and, ironically, seven years' experience being the executive director of two homeless shelters.