

Profile

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What Supervisory District do you live in? *

☒ District 5 Supervisor Lynda Hopkins

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Airport Land Use Commission: Submitted

Please describe your relevant experience/expertise that you believe would make you a valuable member of this body.

I have, in my private professional career, had many projects within Sonoma County and Santa Rosa City Limits that have required review for permit applications, planning commission hearings, City Council review, Planning and Land Use matters for the expansion of residential facilities and other health care related projects. I have become familiar with the local land use designations as well as navigating the different considerations for a variety of projects and their impacts on local zoning, planning, and environmental. Additionally, I am a private pilot with an interest in the airport and the airport community as well as a Sonoma County resident with interests in making the right considerations for matters that pertain to this commission. I am the Founder/Owner of a company in Santa Rosa, Pura Vida Recovery Services, that provides Substance Abuse and Mental Health treatment to folks in need. Innately, my work has required me to navigate local municipalities and processes.

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

What interests you most about this agency? What skills or experience would you bring to best support the work of this agency?

Airport and Land Use for the considerations of development in and around the airport.

Please Agree with the Following Statement

You agree that the following information provided above is truthful.

☒ I Agree

Demographics

Gender

☒ Male

Occupation

CEO

Highest Level of Education. Select one of the following *

☒ High school diploma or GED

Primary Language

English

Experience

Please list two local references below. Please provide their phone number and email address below.

Art Hayssen - [REDACTED] Alex Wignall - [REDACTED]

Community Service Experience

Recovery Transportation Systems - <http://www.recoverytransportationsystems.org> Board Member - Active Since 2022 Development Committee Member - Active since 2019 Sonoma County PI/CPC - Public Information/Community of Professionals Committee DUI Program Liaison 2023 - Current

Education

Casa Grande High School - 2006 Santa Rosa Junior College - 2009

Employment

Self Employed - CEO Pura Vida Recovery Services 2015 - Current

Commitment

Application Form

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Gary

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I have worked as staff for ALUC for 5 years and helped develop the current Sonoma County Comprehensive Airport Land Use Plan. I have also worked as a planner with Permit Sonoma and have experience with all aspects of land use regulation in Sonoma County.

Interests & Experiences

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I have 10 years experience working with Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones) doing mapping, photography, and remote sensing. This requires a comprehensive knowledge of FAA regulations as well as understanding safe operation of aircraft in developed areas. As a planner, I am familiar with all aspects of land use regulation and the public process associated with development.

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☒ I Agree

Demographics

Gender

☒ Male

Occupation

Retired

Highest Level of Education. Select one of the following *

☒ College/University degree

Primary Language

English

Experience

Please list two local references below. Please provide their phone number and email address below.

Victoria Duggan

Brian Keefer

Gary Helfrich

Community Service Experience

Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District 1995-Present Board President, Director Camp Meeker Volunteer Fire Department 1990-2012 Director, Fire Department Captain

Education

Sonoma State University Land Use Planning and Environmental Law Bachelor of Arts

Employment

Permit Sonoma Planner III, Comprehensive Planning Section Policy development - Local Coastal Plan, Vacation Rental Program Update, Highway 1 Gleason Beach realignment project.

Commitment