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Applications for the Parks and Recreation Commission

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City of Costa Mesa Application for Parks & Recreation Commission Appointment

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Name: Robert "Bob" Banka

Indicate the name of the Commission you are interested in serving on:
Parks and Recreation



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Robert [Bob] Banka has lived in Costa Mesa since 1972

I have owned 6 [six] properties in this city

Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education

And a Masters in Administration

Have 14 years' experience in YMCA as a Director with up to 35 staff

Former UCI Alumni Director

Designed Senior Citizens Facility in Santa Ana in conjunction with architect

Assisted in refreshing "PANTHER" in City Park, [acknowledged in council meeting]

YMCA work was the direction I took after Graduating in 1965 at George Williams College in Chicago I was a volunteer prior to College in recreation areas of City Recreation and YMCA in Canada. Worked and taught literally thousands of youth in swimming, gymnastics and general physical activities. Have coached swimming and diving teams and organized competitive events in this arena.

Have organized adult events in areas of fitness and recreation.

I am particularly interested in keeping the high standards of Parks and Recreation programs in Costa Mesa since this is my home for 44 years and would like to be a part of continuing this level of excellence.

I care about this City and want to do my share.

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Name: Kristina Marie (Krissie) Bogner

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I am a relatively new resident of Costa Mesa, having lived here for 18 months. When we were looking for a home to purchase, we wanted to find one near a park. We have a dog and enjoy the outdoors, so the home we sought-out near Wilson Park seemed perfect for our needs. Having lived near parks my whole life, this was an important amenity. The most important aspect of managing parks is maintaining beauty, safety, and accessibility. We have had quite a few challenges with Wilson Park, which is what initially sparked my interest in becoming more involved in the community.

There has been quite a bit of attention lately on Fairview Park and its importance as a landmark. There is no doubt that it is a beautiful park and it should be welcoming and accessible to ALL Costa Mesans. Furthermore, there are 28 other parks that can be enjoyed by our residents; these open spaces are imperative to the balance of this city. High quality parkways are also a concern as they need to be improved and maintained with drought-tolerant landscaping.

In Costa Mesa, and many other communities, there has been an increase in homelessness and transiency due to many factors including AB109 and Proposition 47. These measures have provided an extra challenge that did not exist to this extent many years ago.

For this reason, the safety aspect of park management is of significant concern. I am currently in the process of training to become a Life Support Mentor through Fresh Beginnings Ministries because whenever I see an issue, I choose to become part of the solution, rather than part of the problem.

In regards to recreation, I have been involved in many city programs for my children and myself over the years. I worked for a short time for the City of Perris as a Cheerleading Coach. My children were involved in a wide array of community activities in the different cities where we lived. For eight years, I was the Head Varsity Cheer Coach at the high school where I teacher.

I have also been an advisor and/or coordinator for many other youth programs including Peer Assistance Leadership, Substance Abuse Prevention and Education, Tobacco Use Prevention, Students Assistance Programs, and several other clubs and activities.

As far as my education, I have a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies with an Emphasis in Health in American Society from Cal State Fullerton. I earned my teaching credential in Health Science and a Masters Degree in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

Currently, I am completing my 19th year as a High School teacher. I also serve on my school's Leadership Team as well as two different curriculum councils at the District level. Prior to my career in education, I worked as an accounting clerk for a National newspaper for six years and for Bank of America for four years.

I think I would be a positive asset to the Parks and Recreation Commission as I have a wide array of experience in many areas and work well with people. I pride myself in that I am a good listener and try to make logical decisions based on facts provided.

I have a sincere desire to help people and to help Costa Mesa be the best it can be by providing and maintaining parks and recreation that is safe, beautiful, and accessible to all.

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Name: Rachel Corell

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I wish to serve on the Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Commission in order to enhance my civic engagement with the City of Costa Mesa. I moved to Costa Mesa in June 2015 and am interested in getting more involved with my local community. As a dog owner, health and wellness supporter, and sports fan, I often use many of the local parks and recreation areas. In addition, I have a great deal of experience in city and civic engagement from my previous time in Los Angeles.

As the former Director of the UCLA Volunteer Center (2011-2015), I worked closely with the Westwood Village Improvement Association (WVIA) on a variety of beautification projects in/around Westwood Village and UCLA, including tree planting and evaluation, park clean-ups, and homeless support services. I also worked intimately with UCLA Recreation on activities and events for students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members, including adaptive recreation programs. In my staff role at UCLA, I reported to the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Government and Community Relations. Through that role, I worked with 15 Los Angeles City Councilmembers, 5 County Supervisors, as well as a handful of state and federal elected officials to create and execute community service projects all over Los Angeles and attended by various elected officials and their teams. This work with local K-12 schools, parks, shelters, beaches, senior centers, veterans facilities, food banks, and other neighborhood centers allowed me to learn and teach others about the cost and need for effective landscaping, tree planting/removal, mulching, and other park and recreation services. I feel my previous volunteer and staff work through UCLA and WVIA will lend itself to me being able to make an immediate impact on the Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Commission.

I am a highly motivated and driven education and non-profit professional who looks to consistently build upon my previous experience in high-level administrative support, volunteer recruitment and retention, business development, fundraising and donor cultivation, academic and student affairs, and event management. As a Senior Analyst at UC Irvine, I have access to a variety of resources and knowledge that will help me in a role on the Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Commission. I feel comfortable that my previous experience will allow me to work with the City Council and various City departments to be an effective leader on issues related to parks and parkways.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have additional questions about my qualifications, please feel free to contact me using the given contact information.

City of Costa Mesa Application for Committee Appointment

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Name: dr. Leah ersoylu

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This is my third time applying for this Commission in the past ~7 years; my professional interest has remained steadfast over the years, while my personal knowledge and usage of the Park & Rec system in the city has only increased. I have been afforded unique perspectives on different parks across these 4 CM neighborhoods in which I have resided; I have also had the opportunity to engage with the excellent recreation programming- from dragging my husband to salsa lessons, to shooting hoops during open gym, to mommy-and-me baby classes and now, having my 5 year old enrolled in gymnastics. I understand the programming offered and have countless ideas for innovation and sharing best practices with the Commission. We are an extremely high-use family of the Park & Rec system here in this city! Most recently, we have settled into what we hope is our 'forever home' in Mesa Verde and I have been able to benefit from the excellent park system in this community; as a member of the Commission, I will focus on ensuring similar infrastructure is in walking distance to all homes in Costa Mesa. I am a resident with a strong interest in serving my community. At this time, I feel that my professional and family obligations will allow me sufficient time to dedicate to serving Costa Mesa. I have been a resident of Costa Mesa for well over 10 years.

Professionally, I own a planning and research firm focused on physical activity programming and park infrastructure. In particular, I have done work Park & Rec in several localities: Santa Ana Park & Recreation Youth & Family Master Plan (2009), physical activity program planning and impact monitoring for City of Ontario Park & Recreation Dept, community park audits for Kaiser Permanente HEAL Collaborative in Anaheim, to name a few. In addition to having taught Public Policy, Urban Politics and American Government at CSULB and UCI, I have given guest lectures to the UCI Masters in Urban Planning students over the years about, among other things, how to create, implement, and measure successful physical activity community based programs. Nationwide, I have given the following invited conference presentations, representative of my career with an unwavering focus on park equity, safety and usage for all.

- “Two steps forward, two steps back: Changing the physical activity environment in Santa Ana, CA.” Presentation at American Public Health Association Conference, Washington, DC, November 7, 2007.
- “Health Policy through Collaboration: Merging Public Health & Public Safety.” Presentation at NALEO Healthy Communities Policy Institute, Seattle, WA, April 28, 2007.
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Please see my attached resume for more information. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Background

Leah is the founder and president of Ersoylu Consulting (www.ersoylu.com), a woman-owned small business (certified DBE/SBE) based in Orange County, CA providing **evaluation and planning services** to community-based **policy and systems change initiatives**. She has over 15 years of experience leading projects in the private, public and non-profit sectors. She has extensive experience in public policy research, policy advocacy program design and evaluation, and project planning and management. Her topical areas of expertise include: **community engagement**, obesity prevention, **public health**, children and family services and place-based planning. She has extensive expertise in qualitative (stakeholder interviews, focus groups, literature reviews) and quantitative (primarily SPSS) research methods. She is competent in Spanish, basic French, and currently learning Turkish.

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science (Emphasis: Public Policy), University of California, Irvine, 2005.

- Dissertation Title: *"Participation and Policy: A Case Study of Environmental Justice Government-Social Movement Interaction."*

M.A. in Social Science, University of California, Irvine, 2001.

B.A. in Environmental & Resource Economics, University of New Hampshire, 1999.

L'Universite de Bourgogne, Dijon France, 1995.

Professional Experience

- President, *Ersoylu Consulting*, Costa Mesa, CA (2007 - present)
- Director of Policy & Civic Engagement, *Latino Health Access*, Santa Ana, CA (2004- 2007)
- Program Manager, *Community Action Partnership of Orange County*, Garden Grove, CA (2002-2004)
- Program Coordinator — Teen Programs, *Boys & Girls Club of Santa Ana*, Santa Ana, CA (2001)

Client Project Highlights — Evaluation & Community Assessments

- ❖ **Kaiser Permanente, Community Health Needs Assessments (Anaheim & Irvine Medical Centers):** Conduct community-wide assessment to inform Kaiser Permanente Service Area's Community Benefit strategies for the next 3 years (2015-2016). Assessment includes extensive secondary data analysis, literature review, key informant interviews and focus groups.
- ❖ **California Convergence (A project of PHI):** Conduct an evaluation of the impact of the statewide coalition on policy and systems change in the areas of healthy food access, physical activity and obesity prevention (2014-2015).
- ❖ **Kaiser Permanente's Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) Initiative, Anaheim & Ontario:** Serve as local evaluation firm to both the Anaheim and Ontario HEAL Zones. Responsible for all evaluation of the local obesity-prevention, policy advocacy and systems-change work including evaluation trainings for dozens of community residents (photo-voice, walk audits and other tools) (2012-ongoing).

- ❖ **Orange County Public Health Department:** Conducted planning and facilitation for the creation of the OCHCA Public Health Services 2014-2016 Strategic Plan. Conducted assessment and planning for the 2014-2016 OC Health Improvement Plan. (2013-14).
- ❖ **California State University, Fullerton:** Serve as external evaluator for three projects: Center for Sustainability (US Dept. of Ed. FIPSE funded, 2010-2012), Enhancing Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Students (US Dept. of Ed. PPOHA funded, 2010-2015 and 2014-2019) and U-ACRE (UD Dept. of Ag. Funded, 2011-2013). Responsible for survey development, process evaluation, impact evaluation, training staff on evaluation tools and plans and overall data and analysis support.
- ❖ **California Center for Public Health Advocacy (CCPHA):** Served as external evaluator on projects related to community mobilization and policy change related to obesity prevention. Responsible for survey, interview analysis, overall evaluation plan creation and monitoring (2008-2009).
- ❖ **Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development (OCCORD):** Crafted community health assessment survey for targeted Santa Ana (2011) and Anaheim (2009) communities and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data for OCCORD report entitled, “In the Shadows of a New City”. Report was used to guide agency advocacy and policy activities.
- ❖ **City of Santa Ana Parks, Recreation & Community Services Agency:** Conducted multi-method community assessment for the Phase 1 *Youth & Family Master Plan* focused on obesity prevention. Analysis included key stakeholder interviews of various public agencies, focus groups, citywide survey of parents and analysis of over 100 nonprofit youth- serving organizations in Santa Ana (2008).

Client Project Highlights — Planning & Project Management

- ❖ **Irvine Health Foundation:** As a partner with Prevention Institute, responsible for crafting a funding strategy targeted at Orange County’s neediest communities. Included stakeholder interviews, secondary data analysis and report writing (2015).
- ❖ **California Department of Public Health, Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Branch:** In partnership with Prevention Institute, developed the 3-Year NEOP Physical Activity Statewide Strategic Plan focused on environmental and systems-level initiatives to improve physical activity opportunities in the state of California (2013-2014).
- ❖ **First 5 Commission of Los Angeles – South Los Angeles (Watts, West Athens, Compton & Broadway-Manchester) Best Start Initiative:** Provided project management and planning services for a diverse place-based community collaborative to develop a 5-year strategic plan. Work included community wide planning and facilitation of meetings with community residents, organizations and F5 LA staff (~20-60 participants), creation of governance structures and processes, focus groups and data analysis to identify systems-change strategies serving the 0-5 population related to health, the built environment and education.
- ❖ **The California Endowment’s Building Healthy Communities Initiative - Long Beach:** Provided project management and planning services for a diverse place-based community collaborative to develop a 10-year strategic plan. Work included community wide planning and facilitation of meetings with community residents, organization staff and city staff (~50-120 participants), key stakeholder interviews, creation of governance structures and processes, focus groups and data analysis to identify systems-change strategies and create logic models related to health, the built environment and economic development.

Client Project Highlights — Policy & Systems Change Advocacy

- ❖ **First 5 Commission of Los Angeles:** Provide policy and advocacy technical assistance, facilitation and training to *Policy Advocacy Fund* grantees (~30 grantee organizations) working on policy and systems change benefit children 0-5 and their families (2009-present).
- ❖ **Long Beach Alliance for Food & Fitness (LBAFF):** Conducted strategic planning process for a multi-stakeholder collaborative focused on policy & systems change related to obesity prevention (2013).

Publications

Leah Ersoylu and Vikki Lassiter. 2015. "Paso a Paso: Commentary on Civic Engagement in the Multi-Method Evaluation of Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities" in *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice (JPHMP)*. (Forthcoming, April 2015).

Leah Ersoylu and Deena Margolis. 2015. "How to Implement a Funder-Supported Advocacy Effort & the Integral Role of Policy Consultants" in *The Foundation Review*. (Forthcoming, March 2015).

Manal Aboelata, Leah Ersoylu and Larry Cohen. 2010. "Building Healthy Places with People and for People: Community Engagement for Healthy and Sustainable Communities" in *Making Healthy Places: A Built Environment for Health, Well-being and Sustainability*.

Leah Ersoylu and Tuba Kobas. 2010. "The New Locomotive for Economic Development: NGOs" in *Itovizyon* (A quarterly publication of the Istanbul, Turkey Chamber of Commerce). April 2010. www.ito.org.tr

Helen Ingram and Leah Fraser. 2006. "Path Dependency and Adroit Innovation: The Case of California Water." in Robert Repetto, ed, *By Fits and Starts: Punctuated Equilibrium and the Dynamics of U.S. Environmental Policy*. Yale University Press.

Helen Ingram and Leah Fraser. 2006. "Changing the Policy Paradigm." in Max Oelschlaeger and Peter Friederici (eds.) *Moving Waters: The Colorado River and the West*. University of Arizona Press.

Leah Fraser. 2004. "Evaluating the Impacts of the Ottawa Treaty." in *Landmines and Human Security: International Politics and War's Hidden Legacy*. Matthew, McDonald and Rutherford (eds.) SUNY Press.

Richard Matthew and Leah Fraser. 2002. "Global Environmental Change and Human Security: Conceptual and Theoretical Issues." *GECHS Program Office Publication*, UCI. www.gechs.uci.edu.

Book Reviews

Leah Fraser. 2004. Review of "Deliberative Democracy and the Environment" by G. Smith (2003), *Environment* (July-August 2004).

Leah Fraser. 2004. Review of "Contested Nature: Promoting International Biodiversity with Social Justice in the Twenty-first Century" by S. Brechin et al. (2003), *Environment* (June 2004).

Leah Fraser. 2003. Review of "Environmental Culture" by Val Plumwood (2001), *Millennium* (2003).

Leah Fraser. 2002. Review of "Faces of Environmental Racism" by Westra and Lawson (2001), *Environment* (November 2002).

Teaching & Research

Lecturer - University of California, Irvine, 2003, 2007-2008.

- Domestic Nonprofit Organizations (service-learning course), Communication Skills for Social Sciences, Environmental Justice (service-learning course).

Lecturer - California State University, Long Beach, CA, 2003-2004, 2005 - 2006.

- The Policymaking Process, Values in Public Policymaking, Introduction to Public Policy, Urban Politics, American Government (service-learning component).

Lecturer - Santa Ana Community College, Santa Ana, CA. 2004 - 2005.

- American Government

Lecturer - Chapman University, Orange, CA, Fall 2004.

- Introduction to American Politics

Research Associate - Global Environmental Change and Human Security Project (GECHS- UCI), 1999-2004.

Representative Presentations & Panels

“R&D for CBOs: How Evaluation and Data Supports Communities” Training given at the 10th Annual CSUF Nonprofit Summer School. Fullerton, CA, August 11, 2015.

“Shhh, Politics: Why Advocacy & Policy Matter to your Nonprofit” Training given at the 10th Annual CSUF Nonprofit Summer School. Fullerton, CA, August 11, 2015.

“Evaluating Outcomes: Moving Your Team from Intent to Impact” A 2-day (12 hour) training offered at OneOC, Santa Ana, CA. Offered Quarterly, since March 2015.

“Check your Nonprofit Pulse: Evaluation in and Era of Limited Resources and Increasing Accountability”, presentation to Nonprofit Collaborative of Southern California Convening. April 16, 2015.

“Consulting to Nonprofit Organizations: Risks & Rewards” presentation to Institute of Management Consultants. March 12, 2015.

“Alphabet Soup: A lively morning dialogue about *Hot Topics* facing nonprofit executives” presentation to Orange County Nonprofit Forum. Irvine, CA, June 12, 2014.

“Active Transportation Forum: Complete Streets & Active Living for Orange County” Moderator. Irvine, CA, October 18, 2013.

“Community-Based Policy Research.” Panel presentation at Connecting Communities: The University and Multi-Ethnic Civic Engagement. A Southern California Regional Symposium, Irvine, CA, February 7, 2008.

“Two steps forward, two steps back: Changing the physical activity environment in Santa Ana, CA.” Panel presentation at American Public Health Association Conference, Washington, DC, November 7, 2007.

“Assessing Policy Development Opportunities.” Invited workshop to UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Obesity Prevention in Public Health Course for County Health Officers, Chapel Hill, NC, September 27, 2007.

“Health Policy through Collaboration: Merging Public Health & Public Safety.” Invited presentation at NALEO Healthy Communities Policy Institute, Seattle, WA, April 28, 2007.

“Nonprofit Lobbying vs. Advocacy.” Panel presentation at Annual Healthy Eating, Active Communities (HEAC) grantee meeting, Monterey, CA, April 26, 2007.

“Active Living by Design: Lessons Learned.” Panel presentation at 6th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy & Livable Communities, Los Angeles, CA, February 8-10, 2007.

“Building Healthy, Active Communities: A Case Study of Santa Ana.” Presentation at 2nd Annual Obesity Forum, CSUF Center for the Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles, Fullerton, CA, April 13, 2006.

“Politics & Policy in Santa Ana”. Invited presentation to Latino Medical Student Association, University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine, Irvine, CA. June 7, 2006.

“Las Politicas de Su Salud.” (The Politics of Your Health), Workshop at 5th Annual Santa Ana Parent Conference, Santa Ana, CA. October 8, 2005.

Earth Day Networks Roundtable Discussion, “Environmental Politics: Changing the Frame.” December 9, 2003, Los Angeles, CA.

“New Models for University- Non-Profit Collaboration in Environmental Health.” Panel presentation for IV Encuentro Fronterizo, Tijuana, BC. May 15-17, 2003.

“Environmental Health and Community Organizations: Case Study in Policy and Community Interactions.” Panel presentation for Greening XII Conference, UC Santa Barbara. January 25, 2003.

“Comparative Social Movements and Environmental Policy Interaction.” Panel presentation at American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA. August 31, 2002.

“Designed to Develop or Dwindle: Environmental Justice and Organic Farming Policy 1980-2000.” Panel presentation at Greening XI Conference, UCLA. January 26, 2002.

“Food Security and Sustainability, A Natural Fit?” Panel presentation at Western Social Science Association. Albuquerque, NM. April 2002.

“Framing Environmentalism: An Inquiry into the Roots of Low Black Environmental Participation”, Panel presentation at Greening X Conference, UCI. January 27, 2001.

Professional Affiliations

- ❖ Member, American Evaluation Association, 2009-present.
- ❖ Member, Exponent Philanthropy’s Foundation and Philanthropy Advisors, 2014-15.
- ❖ Member, National Network of Consultants to Grantmakers, 2013-2016.
- ❖ Member, Orange County Young Executives, 2014-2015.
- ❖ Social Enterprise Alliance, Los Angeles Chapter, 2013-2014.
- ❖ Member, American Public Health Association, 2007.

- ❖ Member, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, 2003 - 2008.
- ❖ Member, American Political Science Association, 2002 - 2008.

Community Service

- *Panel Reviewer*, American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, 2016.
- *Community Advisory Team Member*, Community Health Initiative of Orange County, 2016.
- *Member*, Evaluation Advisory Committee, Building Healthy Communities, Long Beach, 2014.
- *Chair*, The Grain Project, Board of Directors, 2012-2014.
- *Member*, St. Joseph Health Community Partnership Fund, Board of Directors, 2009-present.
- *Member*, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Advisory Committee for Evaluation of Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Initiative, 2010-2014.
- *Member*, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Policy & Practice Advisory Committee for Review of Environmental & Policy Interventions for Childhood Obesity Prevention, 2009-2011.
- *Reviewer*, Health Promotion Practice Journal, 2007-present.
- *Volunteer*, Turkish Women's Initiative, 2008-2010.
- *Member*, Latino Voter Education Foundation, Board of Directors, 2005-2006.
- *Alumni Interviewer*, Phillips Exeter Academy, 2003 - present.

Public Service

- *Advisory Board Member*, CSUF Gianneschi Center for Nonprofit Research, 2016-present.
- *Member*, City of Costa Mesa Walkability & Bike Committee, 2015-present.
- *Member*, City of Costa Mesa Public Services & Housing Committee, 2014-present.
- *Member*, Santa Ana Federal Empowerment Zone, Board of Directors, 2005 - 2007.
- *Chair*, Orange County Bi-national Health Task Force, Subcommittee on Research and Evaluation, 2004 - 2006.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am excited about the opportunity to apply for the opening to serve on the Parks & Recreation Commission. I grew up in Newport Beach and have lived and worked the last 16 years in Costa Mesa. My wife and I have two girls and together we all enjoy our various parks and recreation programs. Over the years we have utilized many recreational offerings from taking our dog to Bark Park to picnics at Tewinkle Park. We enjoy many of the classes and programs the city offers. My girls are currently taking gymnastics and ballet.

I have an undergraduate degree in Agricultural Business and a Master's in Business Administration. I am an entrepreneur at heart and have run my own small business for many years. I have a passion for parks, plants and the general outdoors. Growing up I had my own residential landscape / maintenance company for 5 years and for a period of time in high school worked at Rogers Gardens in Newport Beach. While in college I also studied ornamental horticulture. I still garden heavily today at my home in East Costa Mesa.

I feel my unique background in agricultural business and ornamental horticulture as well as my passion for parks will make me a great addition to the committee. I have a strong desire to give back to the community that has done so much for me and my family. I feel I could work effectively with the fellow committee members, city council, residents and local businesses. I love this city and am committed to seeing it be the best it can be.

I welcome the opportunity to be an active participant in maintaining the excellent parks and recreation opportunities for all residents for many years to come. I also would love to support the new development of Parks and Recreation programs that reflect the changing needs of our youth.

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Name: Robert E. Knapp

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting my application for consideration for an appointment to the vacant seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission. I have been a resident of the City of Costa Mesa since 1989. My wife, Jennifer, and I have raised our two boys, Ryan and Jake, here in our hometown. Over the past 28 years I have been involved as a volunteer, board member and coach in Costa Mesa National LL, AYSO Region 120 and numerous other organizations. I, and my family, have been the direct beneficiaries of the tremendous recreational and community opportunities made available by the City of Costa Mesa. I understand the importance of the programs and facilities that the City provides. I know that they are critical to health and long term development of our community.

In addition, I worked for the City of Costa Mesa in the capacity of Recreation Manager. This experience gave me an even greater appreciation for the overall programs that the City provides. Everything from the ROCKS program, Art in the Parks, Senior Center and the Downtown Recreation Center all serve a need within our community. The overall integration of Recreational programs with the Parks facilities and Staff provide a foundation from which so many other community groups can grow and further serve our residents.

I believe that the management and development of our parks, public areas and open space plans will be key to the growth and overall health of our community. We need to make sure that we are providing services to all areas of our community and to every neighborhood. I hope that I will be given the opportunity to serve and I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Robert E. Knapp

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Name: Terrell E. Koken

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Parks & Recreation Commission



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Issues in this community, including homelessness, park usage, encroachment, sequestration, maintenance, and facilities planned and executed for parks, are, or should be, of concern to every resident. A park should be a place where kids can play freely and without undue interference, whether that interference be from benign, or malignant forces.

When I was a kid I lived two houses away from the neighborhood park. In it there was a baseball field open to all, a large grassy swale where you could run with your dog, trees, hedges, and places for kids to hide. One of our favorite games was hide-and-go-seek. You could get up an impromptu game of catch, or run a footrace, or fly a kite; you could ride your bike across the grass, fly a model airplane, swing on the swing-set, or get a drink from the drinking fountain. In summer, there were recreation counselors who would help you with various crafts; they showed movies on an improvised screen made from a bedsheet, and once in a while put on a fair, with games and prizes. We don't see any of this in Costa Mesa. Our parks here are full of homeless people. There are no recreation counselors and precious few park rangers. You could never play hide-and-go-seek. Your dog must be leashed. The swing-sets are now complicated and expensive kiddie-recreation machines, made from plastic. Where a park was once a community meeting place, now all sense of community is missing. The bathrooms are locked, the baseball diamonds are fenced. There aren't even any hedges or bushes where a ten-year-old who has drunk too much soda pop can surreptitiously go to relieve himself. A pickup game? Impossible. Games are played only under the aegis of sports associations or commercial groups. You'll never see a movie projected on a bedsheet, with family groups spreading a picnic on a blanket to watch during evenings in summer.

A park should be more than an "open space". It should be a place where local people may gather, mingle, talk, and do activities. It should be a place where people of all ages can come for rest, or for exercise; for stimulation, or for contemplation; for interaction, or solitude. It should be as free of regimentation as is possible, but should have activities available for people who cannot create their own.

It is because I believe in these things that I am applying to serve on the parks and recreation commission.

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Name: Julie Mercurio

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I would like to get more involved in the city. I have two children and am dedicated to preserving our open space.
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Name: GARY PARKIN

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I WISH TO SERVE ON THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION.
MY EXPERIENCE AS A MANAGER AND ENGINEER WILL BE HELPFUL TO BOTH THE CITY AND CITIZENS OF COSTA MESA. THE BENEFITS OF THE CITY AND CITIZENS WORKING TOGETHER TO MEET A BALANCE TO IMPROVING OUR CITY NEEDS.

I BELIEVE THAT I HAVE THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO WORK WITH VARIOUS GROUPS.

I HAVE SHOWN THIS WORKING ON THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.

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Name: Elizabeth Dolan Scott

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I am a lifelong Costa Mesa resident. I own and live in a house located on Canyon Park. I also have a very active five year old. Because of these reasons, I want to make sure that Costa Mesa parks are protected and utilized to provide for the current and future needs of Costa Mesa residents. In addition, my son has enjoyed many of the great classes offered by the recreation department, and I want to play a role in the parks and recreation commission to help Costa Mesa provide these great services to its residents.

I believe that my personal experiences would allow me to become an asset to the commission. As a lifelong resident, property owner, and mother, I believe that I have a unique understanding of what services and benefits that Costa Mesa residents are looking for from the parks and recreation department. I likewise believe that my professional skills and qualifications would allow me to become an asset to the commission. I am a real estate attorney, which provides me a unique understanding of land use issues, government and local regulations, and how to work well with others.

I would be thrilled to have the opportunity to volunteer my time on this commission.

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ELIZABETH DOLAN SCOTT, ESQ.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

California Licensed Attorney; December 2005, Bar Number 241376
Admitted in all four California U.S. District Courts, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
U.S. Veterans Affairs Accredited Attorney
Licensed California Real Estate Broker, May 2010, License Number 1296942
Orange County Bar Association Trial Advocacy Program Certificate, 2011

EDUCATION

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES

Juris Doctorate, May 2005

Study Abroad: University of Technology Sydney, Australia (Summer 2003)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology major, Political Science minor, cum laude Spring 2000

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

SCOTT LEGAL, NEWPORT BEACH, CA

2014-2016

Real Estate/ Business Litigation Attorney

- Litigated civil cases in both Federal and State courts
- Reviewed and drafted contracts and title documents
- Resolved real property title disputes
- Litigated unlawful detainer actions on behalf of property owners

HOUSER & ALLISON, IRVINE, CA

2012-2014

Real Estate Litigation Attorney

- Litigated lender liability actions in both Federal and State courts
- Took depositions of homeowner Plaintiffs
- Prepared motions such as for Summary Judgment, Demurrers, Motions to Dismiss
- Prepared and litigated Quiet Title complaints
- Litigated unlawful detainer actions on behalf of commercial clients

TURNER, REYNOLDS, GRECO & O'HARA, IRVINE, CA

2007-2012

Real Estate Litigation/ Probate Attorney

- Represented lenders, trustees and buyers in wrongful foreclosure and title disputes
- Represented real estate brokers in professional liability actions
- Reviewed real property title documents to advise clients as to the status of title
- Litigated business disputes
- Litigated contested probate cases and appeared at routine probate hearings

BREMER, WHYTE, BROWN & O'MEARA, NEWPORT BEACH, CA

2006-2007

Construction Defect Litigation Attorney

- Prepared for and actively participated in trials and other Court hearings
- Took and defended party and expert depositions
- Actively participated in mediations and negotiated settlements on behalf of contractor clients

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Name: Anna Vrska

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I've lived in Costa Mesa for 28 years and wish to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission because I'd like to continue contributing my time and effort to building a strong future for Costa Mesa including plenty of recreation opportunities and protected open space. Over the last several years I've become well informed on issues facing our City, as well as more involved by attending City Council, Commission and other community meetings. Through this involvement, as well as serving on the Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee, I solidified my passion for participation, as well as joy in contributing my skills and experience to the discussions and work at hand.

I'm well versed in the issues and opportunities concerning Costa Mesa's parks. I'm a founding member of Orange Coast River Park Inc., and since 2010 have served the organization as a board member, Vice Chair, as well as, President. Well informed on environmental issues and City policies, I enjoy the long hours of reading and research required of a Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest Regards,
Anna

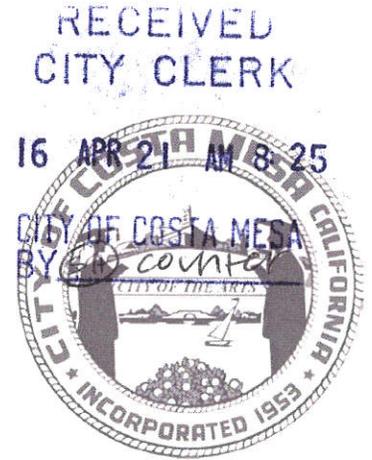
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Name: Robert Werbe

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As a proud resident of Costa Mesa, parent, and local business owner, I feel I have an obligation to contribute back to the community that has provided such an amazing place to raise a family. More specifically, I would like my kids to grow up in the best Costa Mesa possible. Given my experience and skill set, serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee is the best forum for me to provide value to the community

My wife and I have two young kids, and are so appreciative for the local parks and use them almost daily. Our personal favorite park is Harper Park, where my son and I play soccer and fly kites. We see firsthand the condition of the parks, challenges facing them, and the current resident experience.

Beyond being a frequent park user, my wife and own a Costa Mesa based construction company. My professional experience can add value in a few ways:

1. I am faced with the task of managing complex budgets for my projects and my own business. We make decisions everyday on how to best source the requirements of operating a business in this state. Items like the cost of labor, health insurance, workers comp insurance, and managing vendors; no doubt these items make up the bulk of the City's budget as well.
2. As a professional builder and a graduate from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a degree in Construction Management; I understand how projects are built and how much they should cost. I can provide great insight into the costs and delivery of any proposed improvements including any structure, landscaping project, or civil engineering project.

Here is a list of my specific qualifications to make me qualified for this committee:

- Resident of Costa Mesa and frequent patron of the local parks. In fact, I grew up using these same parks and hope to preserve them for perpetuity
- Avid golfer, who regularly plays Costa Mesa County Club and grew up using the facilities there.
- Owner of a Costa Mesa based commercial construction company with experience in all types of construction and engineering projects.
- Parent of two young children for whom my sole motivation is to provide them with the best Costa Mesa for them to grow up in.

Thank you for your consideration as a fellow committee member.

