

Application Form

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

I have read the disclaimer above and understand my application is subject to Florida's Public Records Law.

☒ I Agree

Profile

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Retired

Employer

Occupation

Education:

Refer to Attachment

Professional Organizations:

Refer to Attachment

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Tourist Development Council: Submitted

What position(s) are you applying for?

Interests & Experiences

Are you currently serving or have you ever served on an Alachua County advisory board?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list board(s):

Economic Development Advisory Committee

Please list any civic and professional accomplishments/honors, training or experience related to this appointment:

Refer to Attachment

What Contributions do you feel you could make if you were selected to this board?

Refer to Attachment

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Upload a Resume

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

Date of Birth

Are you over the age of 60? (Required for some boards)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you a resident of Alachua County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you are an Alachua County resident, how long have you lived in the county?

16 months

Supplemental Questions

Some of the boards and committees appointed by the County Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please Agree with the Following Statement

Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Guidelines for Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees".

☒ I Agree

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I understand that this completed application is the property of Alachua County and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct.

☒ I Agree

Name: Diane V. Bendekovic

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Recently I retired and made the move to the Gainesville area to be closer to my family. In my former hometown of Plantation, Florida(Broward County) my history is one of decades as an educator, a volunteer, and elective official. Even though I am new to the community "giving back to my community" is part of my DNA. So it is only natural for me to continue volunteering.

Brief Resume:

In considering me for the Tourist Development Council's position here is snapshot of my public service and volunteering background through the decades which will provide more insight on my qualifications for the position.

Serving as a Strong Mayor for the City of Plantation meant my position was not only an elective position, but also CEO/City Manager of the city. Under my direction there were fourteen directors with approximately 600 full time employers and 200 part time employees. The recent budget under my leadership was the Fiscal Year 2019 was \$224,702,861 which included the General Fund of \$109,000,420.9. Standard & Poor's S&P) and Moody's national credit rating agencies commended Plantation's strong management and financial practices; strong local economy and development activities; positive efforts in restoration of available reserves; and responsible investments of available cash. During my Administration operating capital was restored, city's infrastructure addressed, a General Obligation Bond purchased, city's reserves replenished, and during my tenure property values increased approximately 27%.

Serving for 18 years in the public sector as a Council member (10 years) and Mayor (8 years) have provided me with a wide-range of experience in marketing, planning and zoning, economic development, infrastructure, communications, contract negotiations, and budgeting. In addition I have worked with federal, state, and county legislators on bill passages. In addition, I had the opportunity to assist/oversaw in the decision making process on comprehensive land plans, conceptual plans, ordinances, building codes, municipal policies, and procedures.

In addition, I was appointed and served on the Broward County Tourist Development Council for four years. The Council was responsible for making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for the effective operation of the special projects or uses of the tourist development tax revenue. We continuously review all expenditures of revenue from the Tourist Development Trust Fund to insure compliance with Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes. During my tenure I became well versed in the allocation of the tax revenues and the necessity of monitoring the bed tax.

- **Degree:** Florida Atlantic University - B.A.
Certification: Biology, Middle School Science, ESOL, Elementary Education, and Reading K-12

• **Employment:** **Retired: Elected Official - 2001-2018**

2011-2018 - Mayor - City of Plantation

2001-20011 - City of Plantation Council

2002-2003 - President of Plantation Council

2003-2004 - Pro Tem of Plantation Council

Retired: School Board of Broward County Educator - 34 Years

School **Positions:** Classroom: Third Grade, Fourth Grade At Risk, Middle Science, and Middle School At Risk

Administration: Reading Resource Specialist

Teacher of the Year: Twice: Middle School and Elementary School

Upon request an Administrative Vitae is available.