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BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

MAIL OR DELIVER TO:
Contra Costa County
CLERK OF THE BOARD
651 Pine Street, Rm. 106
Martinez, California 94553-1292
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK
(Each Position Requires a Separate Application)

BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION NAME AND SEAT TITLE YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

Sustainability Commission

PRINT EXACT NAME OF BOARD, COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION

PRINT EXACT SEAT NAME (if applicable)

1. Name: Despota Nick Anthony
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

2. Address: Richmond CA 94805
(No.) (Street) (Apt.) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

3. Phones: _____
(Home No.) (Work No.) (Cell No.)

4. Email Address: _____

5. EDUCATION: Check appropriate box if you possess one of the following:

High School Diploma G.E.D. Certificate California High School Proficiency Certificate

Give Highest Grade or Educational Level Achieved: Master of Fine Arts (MFA)

Names of colleges / universities attended	Course of Study / Major	Degree Awarded Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Units Completed		Degree Type	Date Degree Awarded
			Semester	Quarter		
A) School of Art Institute of Chicago	Video, art history	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	4		1977	MFA
B) School of Art Institute of Chicago	Photography	Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	6		1975	BFA
C) Illinois Institute of Technology	Design, Architecture	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8			
D) Other schools / training completed: UC Berkeley Extension	Course Studied Professional Sequence in Web Design	Hours Completed Classroom hours est: 288 hrs. (36 hrs/course x 8)	Certificate Awarded: Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			

6. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SECTION COMPLETELY. List experience that relates to the qualifications needed to serve on the local appointive body. Begin with your most recent experience. A resume or other supporting documentation may be attached but it may not be used as a substitute for completing this section.

<p>A) Dates (Month, Day, Year) From <u> </u> To <u> </u> 2004 2014 Total: Yrs. <u> </u> Mos. <u> </u> 10 yrs. <u> </u> Hrs. per week <u>30</u> . Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Title Web designer Employer's Name and Address Lumina Media Productions 633 Kern Street Richmond CA 94805 I was the owner of this business.</p>	<p>Duties Performed Web design services for commercial, non-profit and educational organizations. For samples, visit: http://lumina-media.com/gallery.htm</p>
<p>B) Dates (Month, Day, Year) From <u> </u> To <u> </u> 1999 2004 Total: Yrs. <u> </u> Mos. <u> </u> 4 yrs 8 mos. Hrs. per week <u>40</u> . Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Title Instructional designer Employer's Name and Address InfoUse 57 Post Street, #711 San Francisco, CA 94104 email: sustoddard@gmail.com</p>	<p>Duties Performed Video programs, CD-ROMs and web sites for public health education, including anti-tobacco, and employment incentives for youth with disabilities. Responsible for writing, video production, and graphic design.</p>
<p>C) Dates (Month, Day, Year) From <u> </u> To <u> </u> 1995 1998 Total: Yrs. <u> </u> Mos. <u> </u> 3 yrs. <u> </u> Hrs. per week <u>40</u> . Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Title Video Producer/writer (freelance) Employer's Name and Address Freelance. Clients included McGraw-Hill, Scott-Foresman - Addison -Wesley, and others. Contacts at these publishing corporations are no longer employed there.</p>	<p>Duties Performed Wrote and produced educational videos for elementary and high school social studies curricula.</p>
<p>D) Dates (Month, Day, Year) From <u> </u> To <u> </u> 1985 2004 Total: Yrs. <u> </u> Mos. <u> </u> 19 yrs. <u> </u> Hrs. per week <u>20</u> . Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Title Video producer/writer Employer's Name and Address Video for numerous clients, including Pacific Gas & Electric, Kaiser Permanente, Contra Costa County Health Services, Alameda County Health Services, and many more.</p>	<p>Duties Performed Wrote video programs for public or internal use. Hired crews, edited programs.</p>

7. How did you learn about this vacancy?

CCC Homepage Walk-In Newspaper Advertisement District Supervisor Other

8. Do you have a Familial or Financial Relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please see Board Resolution no. 2011/55, attached): No Yes

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

9. Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relations? No Yes

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publically accessible. I understand and agree that misstatements / omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a Board, Committee, or Commission in Contra Costa County.

Sign Name: MICHAEL JOHNSON

Date: 12-6-2016

Important Information

1. This application is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Gov. Code §6250-6270).
2. Send the completed paper application to the Office of the Clerk of the Board at: 651 Pine Street, Room 106, Martinez, CA 94553.
3. A résumé or other relevant information may be submitted with this application.
4. All members are required to take the following training: 1) The Brown Act, 2) The Better Government Ordinance, and 3) Ethics Training.
5. Members of boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: 1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and 2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
6. Advisory body meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
7. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two days per month.
8. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.

Nick Despota
Richmond, CA 94805

Web designer and Instructional designer
Retired since 2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Web design**
- Lumina Media Production, 2004-2014.**
Clients included the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Education, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women, Karl Weigl Foundation.
More at <http://lumina-media.com/gallery.htm>
- Instructional design**
- InfoUse, Berkeley, CA. 1999-2004.**
Video programs, CD-ROMs and web sites for public health education, including anti-tobacco, and employment incentives for youth with disabilities. Responsible for writing, video production, graphic design.
- McGraw-Hill, New York. 1998.**
Producer of the videodisc for 4th grade California social studies, *Adventures in Time & Place*. Supervised writing, research and production.
- Scott • Foresman – Addison • Wesley, Glenview, IL. 1997.**
Writer. Video programs for an 8th grade history curriculum, *Why We Remember*.
- Jennings & Keefe, Corte Madera, CA. 1995.**
Writer. Video programs for Holt, Rinehart, & Winston's *World History & Cultures*, a multimedia curriculum for high schools.
- Decision Development Corp., San Ramon, CA 1993-95.**
Video Design Manager for award-winning multimedia curricula, *Science 2000* and *Social Science 2000* (K-8th). Responsible for video production, photo research management, budget supervision.
- Video production**
- Contra Costa Health Services, Martinez, CA. 1985-2004.**
Video producer/writer. Programs for professional and lay audiences that present public health and prevention strategies, including *The Spectrum of Prevention* (2004).
- Pacific Gas & Electric Company, 1983-1993.**
Producer/writer for monthly news programs. Employee safety and emergency preparedness programs for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant operations.
- Alameda County Health Services, 1992.**
Producer/writer. *A Vital Opportunity* motivated and trained dentists to make referrals for counseling and testing to patients at risk for HIV infection.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Environmental advocacy

Citizens Climate Lobby, Alameda Chapter. Since October 2016. Online communications for local chapter. National organization committed to establishing a price on carbon.

Sunflower Alliance. 2013-2016. Web design, writing, and email communications for Bay Area environmental organization that resists expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure and works for climate justice.

Community participation

Early Childhood Mental Health Program. 2003-2015

Member of Board of Directors of organization that serves needs of children from birth to 6 years and their families.

Richmond Public Library Foundation 2004-2011.

Member of Board of Directors of organization dedicated to raising funds in support of the City's Public Library.

Richmond Public Library Commissioner. 2002-2007.

Blue Ribbon Committee on Community-Involved Policing.

City of Richmond. 2002. Chairman of committee charged with making policy recommendations for establishing community policing.

EDUCATION

UC Berkeley Extension, 2001-2002.

Professional Sequence in Web Design.

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1971-1977.

MFA, concentration in video production and art history.

BFA, concentration in photography and design.

Illinois Institute of Technology, 1966-1971.

Architecture and design.

REFERENCES

David Stern, Ph.D.

Professor of Education

UC Berkeley

510.387-9844 (cell)

Julie Freestone

Former PIO for Contra Costa County Health Services Dept.

826 32nd Street

Richmond, CA 94804

510-237-9323



December 5, 2016

Contra Costa County
Clerk of the Board
651 Pine Street, Room 106
Martinez, CA 94553

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

I am pleased to submit my application for appointment to the Sustainability Commission. Included with this letter are the application form and my résumé.

With each passing year, my education, professional career and civic involvement converge ever closer. An example: while a photography student at Chicago's Art Institute, way back in 1972, I crafted a slide show that examined the burden that excess packaging imposes on our environment, the *Wrap-Up Rip-Off*.

Speaking of photography, the clearest lens through which you can see what I can offer to the Commission is communications design. Through posters and flyers, video, interactive CDs, web sites and email campaigns, I have created tools that instruct, educate and engage. Throughout, I have sought to apply my skills to promote health, safety and environmental protection.

A majority of the public now believes that climate change is caused by human activity, and that it poses a serious threat. Most residents, therefore, will not consider the goals of the County's Climate Action Plan to be unjustified or unreasonable. But the *manner* in which its programs and goals are communicated—the choice and quality of media, the frequency of messaging, their targeting to diverse groups—these factors will affect the success of program adoption by the public. This is where I can lend a hand.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns. Note that I will be out of the country from December 14 to January 15. I do check e-mail daily.

Sincerely,


Nick Despota

Richmond CA 94805

CC: Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia
Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, Contra Costa County