



Contra
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Please return completed applications to:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1025 Escobar Street, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553
or email to: ClerkofTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

First Name

Marjorie

Last Name

McWee

Home Address - Street

City

Walnut Creek

Zip Code

94598

Phone (best number to reach you)

Email

Resident of Supervisorial District:

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EDUCATION

Check appropriate box if you possess one of the following:

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

Colleges or Universities Attended	Course of Study/Major	Degree Awarded	
Scripps college, Claremont CA	Managerial Psychology; Humanities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
University of Southern California	Masters of Business Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
University of California, Berkeley Extension	Project Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Other Training Completed:

Operations and Project Management (Six Sigma; Project Management Institute); Fine Art

Board, Committee or Commission Name

County Connection Advisory Committee

Seat Name

Committee Member

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

No Yes If yes, how many? Meetings since original appointment

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

Please see attached response "A"

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

Please see attached response "B"

I am including my resume with this application:

Please check one: Yes No

I would like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which I may be qualified.

Please check one: Yes No

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

Please check one:

Yes

No

List any volunteer and community experience, including any boards on which you have served.

Please see attached response "C"

Do you have a familial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed below or Resolution no. 2011/55)

Please check one:

Yes

No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the county, such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

Please check one:

Yes

No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

I am a property tax payer

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 publicly accessible. I understand and agree that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

5/4/2021

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Questions about this application? Contact the Clerk of the Board at (925) 655-2000 or by email at ClerkofTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain 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.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2011/55, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors member in any of the following relationships: mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, granddaughter, great-grandfather, great-grandmother, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, great-grandson, great-granddaughter, first-cousin, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, stepdaughter, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, spouse's grandmother, spouse's grandfather, spouse's granddaughter, and spouses' grandson, registered domestic partner, relatives of a registered domestic partner as listed above.
8. A person will not be eligible to serve if the person shares a financial interest as defined in Government Code §87103 with a Board of Supervisors Member.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION--Continued

Committee Name: County Connection Advisory Committee

Applicant: Marjorie Mc Wee

- Response "A" to *Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission:*

How do we help a diverse populace decide when it will be safe to ride public transit again? As the community moves towards recovering economically, how will the transit systems operate and financially sustain themselves? In the next year, these strategic questions will undoubtedly be top of mind for the County Connection Board and its management. We all know there will be many other strategic questions as we work together to imagine and build our future. Agencies like County Connections have a governance structure that includes advisory/citizen input. That perspective is critical to informing decisions.

In serving a second term, my hope is that the advisory committee can influence these conversations. This would be worthwhile for me, especially if the committee has impact on strategic approaches as the agency moves forward post-pandemic. As stakeholders, we should inform the Board as it determines how best to deliver this vital service to our area.

As members of society, riders from all walks of life depend on transit services for commuting, accessing medical care, shopping, attending school, exchanging in commerce, or otherwise participating in the community. What is the societal and economic impact if bus routes and service headways can't be financially sustained? How does that influence ridership? What if service levels remain at its pandemic lows?

A few years ago, I found myself suddenly and fully reliant on transit. Unwilling to stay at home, I dove headfirst into using transit as an active wheelchair user. Soon I became well-versed in the County Connection's fixed route system and paratransit systems. I rode public transit daily within Contra Costa and the greater Bay Area to meetings, appointments, and for commerce. Through my intermodal journeys, I quickly became aware of the merits and pitfalls of bus ridership within our county.

It was easy to imagine the plight of other passengers. As a rider, I was able to observe the sociological aspects of other passengers and see how their ages, station in life, demographics, and basic logistics impacted their experience. Often, I would see the impact of accessibility issues, service disruptions or long journeys on individuals, their few alternatives, and their ultimate powerlessness at improving the bus system. These experiences have helped inform my effectiveness as a stakeholder voice.

I served my first term on the advisory committee to be that voice, giving intentional and constructive feedback to the County Connections management. Since then, I have worked with the management to provide insights and perspective as they improve and plan paratransit services. This included participating as a member of the advisory task force that collaborated on the Contra Costa County Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan. I have also served a concurrent term on the BART Accessibility

Task Force and was recently appointed to the Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee under the county transportation authority. As I serve, I work to be a voice for diverse groups of riders and the factors which influence many riders' accessibility (e.g., mobility constraints, issues of aging, veterans, inability to see or hear well, PTSD/psych/neuro/cognitive challenges, homelessness, or simply traveling to off-route destinations).

My goal with continuing to serve is to continue to be an influencer as the County Connection's Board and management embark on the hard work of rebuilding while making future critical strategic decisions which will impact all riders.

I would like to be a part of the advisory committee as it helps define how best to support County Connections' future.

- Response "B" to *Describe your qualifications for this appointment:*

I have outlined my qualifications from a disabled rider's perspective, but I also bring a wide-range of professional experience.

I am currently retired but will bring to the committee a well-rounded business background where I was a consultant and manager of operations, facilities management, strategic planning, business analysis, finance planning, budgeting, corporate governance, human resources/benefits, risk management, IT, program/project management, and business process improvement.

My professional background also helps me realize and appreciate that there are many stakeholders, constituents, and microeconomic factors involved at the planning and governance level where important decisions are made around strategy, policies, routes, the system's microeconomics, funding, budgets, and fare structures. Now that COVID has disrupted our world and transit systems, I appreciate that these challenges are mounting rather than becoming less complex.

- Response "C" to *List any volunteer and community experience, including any boards on which you have served:*

In addition to serving on the County Connection Advisory Committee, in 2021 I have been also serving on:

- BART Accessibility Task Force (2019 to date)
- County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee as part of Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (2021 to date)
- Steering Committee for the Smith Kettlewell Eye Research Institute's Adults with CVI program (2020 to date)
- Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan Technical Advisory committee (2019 to 2021)

Prior experience includes:

- Citizen Advisory Committee for city of Walnut Creek planning process for a district
- Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church (WCPC) Session (i.e. governing board) Ex Officio member while on staff;
- De Officio member on a foundation board of trustees for WCPC
- Co-chair of multiple operational committees for finance, buildings and grounds, human resources while on staff as Exec. Dir. of Administration for WCPC
- Countrywood HOA Board Member
- Vice President of Board for the Contra Costa County Guide Dogs Raisers
- Grass roots advocate with commuter group during the Pleasant Hill Bart transit village ideation process.