



**RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**680 REFUGIO VALLEY ROAD, HERCULES, CA 94547**  
**(510) 799-4561 FAX: (510) 799-0395**

## DIRECTOR APPLICATION

To be eligible for appointment to the Board of Directors, you must be a resident of the Rodeo Hercules Fire Protection District and a registered voter of the district (Cal. Health & Safety Code section 13841). Please fill out and return by 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 4, 2022 to Kimberly Corcoran ([corcoran@rhfd.org](mailto:corcoran@rhfd.org)). Attach additional sheets if necessary.

DATE: 3/3/2022

Robyn Mikel

NAME

[REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS

[REDACTED]

PHONE NO.

Hercules

CITY

[REDACTED]

E-MAIL

First H.E.L.P. - Program Assistant

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER

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No. of years residing in District

EDUCATION: California State University, Hayward; BA - Mass Communication/Broadcasting

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Volunteer for Red H.E.L.P. - Non-Profit focusing on firefighter mental wellness advocacy and suicide data collection.

REASON FOR APPLYING: (Please use a separate sheet of necessary)

It would be an honor to serve my community in this capacity.

3/3/2022

DATE

Robyn Mikel

SIGNATURE

**Please answer all questions legibly. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)**

1. **Do you have prior experience serving on the board of a legislative body, whether as an elected or appointed member, or another governing board, specifically a fire district board? Please list such prior experience.**

Current member of the board for First H.E.L.P. a non-profit who's mission statement is: Reducing mental health stigma through education, advocating for benefits for those suffering from post-traumatic stress, acknowledging the service and sacrifice of first responders we lost to suicide, support families after a suicide and bringing awareness to suicide and mental health issues.

Elected into position 09/2021.

2. **Have you worked on any city, county, citizen advisory or District committees or participated in any fire district related activities recently? Please list them.**

NA

3. **Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment related.**

While I work part-time for First H.E.L.P. I am a full time volunteer for Red H.E.L.P., their firefighter focused program. In this volunteer role as Assistant Program Director, I am responsible for community/family outreach, firefighter suicide data reporting, social media/marketing, and fundraising.

4. **Why do you want to be a fire district board member?**

As the widow of a fallen firefighter who served with the Alameda County Fire Department for 14 years I have a high-level understanding of the day-to-day operations of a fire department while still being in-tuned to their served-community's expectations and needs. After losing my husband and father to our now teenaged son I am passionate about advocating for our firefighters health and wellness as a way to not only benefit them but also the public that demand and deserve high-performing first responders.

5. **What do you see as the basic purpose of the fire district?**

Exactly as the mission statement reads; It is the mission of this organization to provide the highest level of service to the community; to mitigate the devastating effects of fires and other disasters; to deliver emergency medical services; and to educate the public and maintain a constant state of readiness. In addition, being able to achieve these goals within an established budget.

**6. What is the role of the governing board in the fulfillment of that purpose?**

Working as a liason between the Fire Chief and community members, the governing board must effectively be the voice of the public while assisting the Chief in management of the department and providing fiscal oversight.

**7. Briefly describe your commitment to the Rodeo-Hercules community and our local fire District.**

I'm a newer resident to the Rodeo-Hercules community, however I've lived in the surrounding area my entire life. Born in Napa and raised in Vallejo, I've only ventured as far as Hayward over the years. I have finally found a home and a community I've grown to love in Hercules. As stated above, it is my mission to give back to our firefighters and where better to do this than in my own community.

**8. What do you see as the strengths of the fire district?**

As one of the few areas in the east bay that can still call itself a true 'bedroom community' we have an opportunity which is unique in the Bay Area...room for growth. Because of this, we can look to some older, more mature fire districts for guidance on strategy and avoidance of any pitfalls.

**9. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the fire district?**

With the continued new builds in Rodeo-Hercules area I see it necessary to make sure our fire department expands in-line with the subsequent population growth.

**10. If you are not selected as a member of the Board of Directors, would you be willing to serve as a member of the Measure O Oversight Committee?**

Yes

No



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Annie Ziff



NAME	HOME ADDRESS
[REDACTED]	Rodeo 94572
PHONE NO.	CITY
[REDACTED]	Retired. Previously 38 yrs Social Security Administration
E-MAIL	OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER
currently 16 yrs.	

No. of years residing in District

**EDUCATION:** HS graduate.  
2 yrs College

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE:**  
Olympian Hills HOA, HOA president 1985/86  
President Measure O Committee

**REASON FOR APPLYING: (Please use a separate sheet of necessary)**

I am a 3rd generation Rodeo Resident and want to give back to my community.

March 3, 2022

Annie Ziff

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SIGNATURE

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1. **Do you have prior experience serving on the board of a legislative body, whether as an elected or appointed member, or another governing board, specifically a fire district board? Please list such prior experience.**

No prior experience until recently, current Chair Measure O committee. Member 3 years.  
Board member Rodeo Citizen Association (RCA) & Build Rodeo Aquatic Center (BRAC)

2. **Have you worked on any city, county, citizen advisory or District committees or participated in any fire district related activities recently? Please list them.**

Measure O committee  
Board member RCA & BRAC

3. **Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment related.**

None other than described above.

4. **Why do you want to be a fire district board member?**

I have been critical of the past direction of the Fire District. I can bring fresh ideas, a new prospective & a renewed enthusiasm in servicing the community through the fire district. I want to work alongside the Chief and firefighters to address the needs of the community and firefighters to better the district for now and the future.

5. **What do you see as the basic purpose of the fire district?**

The board should work with the Chief to review and oversee all aspects of the fire & medical protection for our community. The board should never lose sight that they serve the citizens and should always be aware of the budget & public concerns. The board should provide a conduit between the community & 1st responders. The board should ensure the community's taxes and special assessments stay within Rodeo & Hercules and are used to provide the best services possible.

**6. What is the role of the governing board in the fulfillment of that purpose?**

The board, generally elected by the communities, watch over all aspects of fire and medical services. The board is the 1st line monitors in assuring the citizens receive the best protection possible.

**7. Briefly describe your commitment to the Rodeo-Hercules community and our local fire District.**

I am proudly a 3rd generation resident of Rodeo. My parents and grandparents lived in Rodeo and worked for Union Oil. I also lived in Hercules of about 10 years in mid 1980s/1990s. I want to preserve the small town atmosphere of Rodeo & Hercules by utilizing all current modern conveniences & technology.

**8. What do you see as the strengths of the fire district?**

We are independent and do not answer to any other group or agency that are not intimately familiar with the needs of our citizens. We are part of the community, not a distant contact.

**9. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the fire district?**

The board needs to reconnect with the community and have an open dialog with the citizens, Hercules City Council, government agencies, surrounding communities of Pinole & Crockett, and our employees, the firefighters.

**10. If you are not selected as a member of the Board of Directors, would you be willing to serve as a member of the Measure O Oversight Committee?**

Yes

No