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Riverside City Council, Mayor and Clerk of the Board
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Letter of Interest for Consideration of Appointment to Vacant Ward 7 Seat

Dear City Council Members, Mayor Bailey and Ms. Nichol:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my name in consideration for appointment to the vacant Ward 7 seat. I have been a resident of Riverside since 1978, living in Wards 6 and 7. Our family has a long history in Ward 7 with our immediate family living in Ward 7 for the past 15.5 years while my in-laws moved here in 1958. Our four children are graduates of high schools in Ward 7. Our grandchildren attend public schools in Riverside and participate in public school and community sports.

Long Time Community Leader

I have been privileged to give back to my community over the past 30 years beginning when our children were students in the Alvord Unified School District where I served as an active member of the PTA and one of the first parent members appointed to a school site council. My volunteer commitment to our Community continued with my appointment to the first Riverside Community Police Review Commission and now by serving on the Ethics Board. I have also served on the Riverside County Emergency Medical Care Committee as an appointee of Bob Buster to represent the emergency medical needs of District 1 which includes Ward 7.

I continued voluntary service through my recent involvement with La Sierra Little League when I served on the Board as Safety Officer focused on ensuring the health and safety of the children participating in baseball. Each of these entities serves to enhance and improve the health and safety of residents and visitors to our City and to permit citizens an avenue for involvement to address quality and improvement of services when indicated.

Professional Experience

I continue to focus on helping others professionally as a Registered Nurse. I have worked in a public health role as the first Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Director responsible for improving prehospital emergency medical services and hospital access for ill and injured people. I currently practice as a Nurse Practitioner, an educator and serve on both a State and Federal disaster team. I have worked in healthcare, emergency medical services and fire services. I have also been involved in the education of EMTs, Paramedics, Dispatchers, Law Enforcement Personnel, Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants. These experiences have provided me with insight into the educational and safety needs of employees and the public. I have a passion for the medically underserved, the homeless, and the disenfranchised. I am a firm believer in treating others as I want myself or my family and friends to be treated.

My professional work experience (most within the City of Riverside) in both the public and private sectors includes negotiating contracts (with private entities as well as State and Federal agencies), grant writing, personnel arbitration, assisting with the development and implementation of local ordinances and State and local regulations as well as management of budgets ranging from a few hundred thousand dollars to multi-million dollars. These opportunities have made me conscientious of the need for establishing and maintaining public trust and to treat all resources (human and fiscal) with respect as well as to manage and address governmental issues with transparency.

Achievements

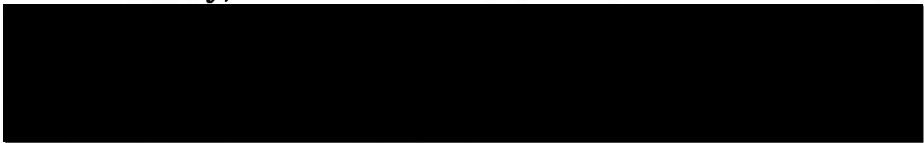
One of the most significant achievements of my professional career was the opportunity to work with paid and volunteer firefighters to secure over \$400,000 in grant funding to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) when the County budget was stretched very thin. These AEDs were needed for squads and engines to expedite the care of heart attack victims in rural and urban settings. This is an example of the "can-do" attitude that I bring to all my responsibilities and that I will bring to the residents of Ward 7.

Commitment to Ward 7 and the City Council Position

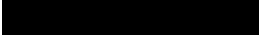
I have much to offer the City of Riverside and my neighbors within Ward 7 based upon my experiences, my passions, my educational background and my focus on getting the job done. Working with exceptional teams and leading by example has blessed me with many personal and professional successes.

I realize that the City Council wants a commitment that an applicant will not run for the vacant seat in 2019. While I can appreciate the perspective of some City Council members, I cannot make a promise to not run for election as I believe that consistency is important for the City and particularly for Ward 7. I look forward to in participating in a public forum on Tuesday August 29. Thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,


Gloria Mattson Huerta

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