

**Application Form****Profile****Office Use Only:**☒ Ward 1**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Board of Public Utilities: Appointed

Ms.

Ms./Mr.

Jennifer

First Name

C.

Middle Initial

O'Farrell

Last Name

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Riverside

City

CA

State

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Email Address

Employer

Job Title

Business Address

Business Phone

Length of residence in City of Riverside

**Are you a registered voter of the City of Riverside?**☒ Yes ☐ No**Have you ever been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude?**☐ Yes ☒ No**Do you have adequate time to serve?**☒ Yes ☐ No

\*Eligibility requirements per City Charter Article VIII Section 805.  
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You are welcome to provide a resume and/or letters of endorsement.

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**Interests & Experiences**

**WHY YOU WANT TO SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION:**

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**EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE PERTAINING TO AREA(S) OF INTEREST:**

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

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**OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

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**PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:**

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**CIVIC OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS, OR PREVIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:**

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COMMISSION ON AGING  
AIRPORT COMMISSION \*  
BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION  
CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD \*  
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES  
BOARD OF ETHICS  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES \*  
METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION \*  
PLANNING COMMISSION \*  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES \*  
TRANSPORTATION BOARD \*

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**BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION:**

If applying for the Budget Engagement Commission, please complete and return a supplemental application. The budget Engagement Commission consists of nine resident members and nine business members advising the Mayor and City Council on spending and policy priorities based on information received through quarterly financial and performance reports including revenues from transaction and use tax, work with City staff to maximize public engagement on municipal budgetary issues, and provide input on performance measures and reporting programs.

**CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD/COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES:**

If applying for membership on the Cultural Heritage Board or the Commission on Disabilities, please complete and return a supplemental application.

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:**

So far as is reasonably possible, the Human Relations Commission shall include representation in the fields of education, medicine, health and welfare, law, real estate, industry, business, finance, law enforcement, and labor. The diversity of the Commission is important to achieving its stated objective.

**Please state your field of endeavor as it applies to the Human Relations Commission:**

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**COMMISSION ON AGING:**

Members must be at least 55 years old and not be a paid representative of an elder service.

## NOTICE REGARDING INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

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**Do you currently hold a position as an appointed or elected member of a governmental board, commission, committee, or other body?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If “Yes”, please state position:**

Members of boards and commissions are covered by Workers’ Compensation insurance while serving. If appointed, completion of a LiveScan background screening is required prior to commencement of service.

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Upload a Resume

Additional document(s)

**How did you learn about the Board and Commission vacancies?**

None Selected

**Are you interested in being contacted by the Registrar of Voters to volunteer as a poll worker?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

## Demographics

The following information will be detached from your application and used for research and statistical purposes only.

**BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS APPLIED FOR:**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

APPLICATION DATE:

[REDACTED]

Female or Male?



# BOARDS AND COM

WARD: 1 Voter Registration: yes  
Interviewed: 2/17/15 BPU  
Term Dates: 3/1/15-3/1/19 BPU  
Reactivated: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD(S) OR COMMISSION(S) APPLYING FOR:

**RECEIVED**

(210 Characters Max)

Board of Public Utilities

NOV 14 2014

☐ Mr.

☒ Ms.

City of Riverside  
City Clerk's Office

O'Farrell

Jennifer

C

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

M.I.

HOME ADDRESS

ZIP

PHONE

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire

Executive Director

EMPLOYER

JOB TITLE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

BUSINESS ADDRESS

ZIP

BUSINESS PHONE

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN CITY OF RIVERSIDE	*ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE	*HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OF MORAL TURPITUDE?	DO YOU HAVE ADEQUATE TIME TO SERVE?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> MONTHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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WHY YOU WANT TO SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION:

(474 Characters Max)

EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE PERTAINING TO AREA(S) OF INTEREST:

(474 Characters Max)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

(474 Characters Max)

OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

(474 Characters Max)

## PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:

(190 Characters Max)

## CIVIC OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS, OR PREVIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:

- AIRPORT COMMISSION\*
- COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
- COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
- CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD\*
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
- HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD
- BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES\*
- MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING
- METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD
- PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION\*
- PLANNING COMMISSION\*
- BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES\*
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Note: Board and Commission Chairs may be called upon to serve as members of an adjudicating body to review complaints alleging violations of the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct by elected officials or members of boards and commissions.

## COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? ☐ Yes ☒ No

CPRC applicants must undergo a limited background check by the Police Department prior to serving on the Commission due to the sensitivity and confidentiality of the materials you will review that have certain legal restrictions. The background check consists of the following:

Completion of a Background Personal Information form; live scan fingerprint process through the FBI and Department of Justice, a local police records check, a records check of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), and a DMV records check that includes vehicles registered to the applicant. The purpose of the DMV records check is due to liability issues since Commissioners occasionally drive their personal vehicles to public outreach events. The background check takes approximately two weeks to complete.

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES:

It is the policy of the City of Riverside to promote the full integration and participation of persons with disabilities into all areas of economic, political, and community life. In order to adequately represent the needs of residents with disabilities, the following criteria applies:

- Members should consist of both persons with and without disabilities.
- Members should represent a cross-section of the City's disability groups and include persons with professional experience representing or supporting persons with disabilities.

How would your experience or qualifications help the Commission on Disabilities meet its membership goals? (255 Characters Max)

If applying for membership on the Commission on Disabilities, please complete and return a Supplemental Application.

## CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD:

If applying for membership on the Cultural Heritage Board, please complete and return a Supplemental Application.

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

The Commission shall consist of fifteen members in accordance with the Municipal Code. So far as is reasonably possible, the Commission shall include representation in the following fields: education, medicine, health and welfare, law, real estate, industry, business, finance, law enforcement, and labor. Further, the diversity of the Commission is important to achieving its stated objective.

Please state your field of endeavor as it applies to the Human Relations Commission: Health and Welfare

## MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING:

Members must be at least 55 years old and not be a paid representative of an elder service.

Are you age 55 or older?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Are you a paid representative of an elder service?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 11/14/2014

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE.

How did you learn about the Board and Commission vacancies?

☐ Newspaper ☐ Utility Bill Insert ☒ Web site

☒ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Referral from Justin Scott Coe

Are you interested in being contacted by the Registrar of Voters to volunteer as a poll worker?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**WHY YOU WANT TO SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION: (474 Characters Max)**

As a customer and community member, I value the unique asset it is for a city to have the foresight in its past to own create our own public utilities and the wisdom to seek sustainability for decades to come. In my role as a mom, a wife, a friend and an Executive Director for children facing adversity, I desire to see a strong utilities company that continues to push for sustainable and reusable methods in order to serve all people in our city for future generations.

During my service and time on the Green Accountability Performance Committee was insightful on the mission, plans and the significant steps RPU is taking to not only educate the community on "going more green" but reexamining its internal operations to meet greater and higher standards.

To serve on the utilities board would allow me to offer my specific insight as a millennial, through the eyes of a young family, and as a service provider working with families that make under \$30,000 a year. For that I am committed to assisting RPU provide the highest quality water and electric services at the lowest possible rates to benefit the community.

**EXPERIENCE OR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE PERTAINING TO AREA (S) OF INTEREST: (474 Characters Max)**

Experience with public utilities, outside of being a customer, lies with the two years I served as a member of the Green Accountability Performance (GAP) Committee. I was deeply impressed with the plan's 38 goals/objectives and even more impressed with the accomplishment of each. The outcomes of the Green Action Plan reinforced the mission, plans and the significant steps RPU is taking to not only educate the community on "going more green" but reexamining its internal operations to meet greater and higher standards.

What I offer is my personal experience that has been developed from conferences, books, and other non-governmental organizations that are asking the difficult questions surrounding food scarcity, consumption, awareness and education to the increasing indigenous population of Latinos, reusable resources.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: (474 Characters Max)**

Received a Bachelors of Arts degree from California Baptist University in Social Science/History. Under Jim Erikson, a Philanthropy Certificate from the School of Business at La Sierra University.

**OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE: (474 Characters Max)**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire – Executive Director, June 2014- Current

To serve as the lead strategist for fund development, community liasion, and program development. As Exexutive Director I am responsbe for the creation and execution of a multi-year plan for increasing awareness, children served, and financial support.



Operation SafeHouse- Anti-Human Trafficking Director, Aug. 2010- June 2014

As director, I ensured the coordination of services tailored to the characteristics and circumstances of victims of trafficking, train service providers, coordinate collaborative groups, co-chair with Riverside County Sheriff Offices, case manage, educate the community and co-facilitate the Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.

The Arc of Riverside County's NineZero Project- Program Coordinator, 2007- June 2010

As the Program Coordinator, I worked with school districts, health clinics, hospitals, County Department of Public Health, women in treatment centers, agencies serving or working with teens, pregnancy, IDD clients. I trained and facilitated students, clubs, service groups, colleges, and teachers in a peer taught curriculum (FASTRAC), managed website social networking groups, engaged in community partnerships, created information materials, and promotional materials.

Consultant/Contract Positions 2009-10

- ❖ Green Institute for Village Empowerment (GIVE) – Consultant - June 2010- August 2010  
GIVES' focus is on education and empowerment of the individual and the public about the benefits of a creating a sustainable future.
- ❖ Riverside Community Health Foundation – Educate and train RUSD/AUSD/JUSD students in Peer Counseling techniques around the concepts of health, the reproductive system, violence, anger, and communication.
- ❖ City of Corona 2009-10 - Implement self-authored curriculum, *Food: What's On Your Fork*, to k-6 graders.
- ❖ The Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center - Community relations and grant writing.

**PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS: (190 Characters Max)**

Not applicable.

**CIVIC OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS, OR PREVIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE APPOINTMENTS:**

I have served on the following boards: President of the YWCA of Riverside County, Secretary and Civic Involvement Chair and one of the Founding Board Members of The Pick Group, the Riverside Community Health Foundation.

In addition, I have served in the following committees/councils: Riverside Chamber of Commerce's Business and Education Partnership Council, Riverside's Youth Opportunity Center Partnership, Challenges of Youth Collaborative, City of Riverside's Green Action Plan Committee, 5 years as a RUSD North High School Mentor, Path of Life Advisory Committee, a member of the Riverside Food Cooperative, and Steering committee of The Riverside Citrus Classic.

Accomplishments include being a 2010 graduate of Riverside Chamber of Commerce Leadership Riverside Class, 2010 Women of Distinction by Senator Bill Emmerson, 2012 Attorney General's Award of Citizen Appreciation, and 2013 and 2014 Soroptimist International Ruby Award recipient, 2013 Woman of the Year from the Riverside County Commission on Women, 2014 Soroptimist International Golden West Region Award Winner, 2014 NAACP Community Service Freedom Award Recipient, 2014 HOPE Collaborative Advocate of the Year Award Recipient, 2014 YWCA's Emerging Leader Award, 2014 Human Relations Commission Riverside Heroes Award with spouse Damien O'Farrell.

**How would your experience or qualifications help the Commission on Disabilities meet its membership goals? (255 Characters Max)**

Diversity whether ethnic, community group, disability, SES, and education offer viewpoints that give insight that allows for the collective to have the ability to make clear and wise decisions. For three years I worked at the Arc of Riverside County under the leadership of Jim Stream who created the initiative the Value of One. The Value of One is the affirmation that all people, with and without disabilities, have inherent value. With that knowledge and belief, individuals with all types of disabilities should have representation if they so desire on the Boards and Commissions as well as those with professional experience representing or supporting persons with disabilities.