

Application Form

Profile

Office Use Only:

Ward 3

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted
Charter Review Committee : Appointed

Ms./Mr.

Ms.

Malissa

First Name

H.

Middle Initial

McKeith

Last Name

[Redacted]
Home Address

[Redacted]
Suite or Apt

Riverside

City

CA

State

[Redacted]
Postal Code

Mobile: [Redacted]

Primary Phone

Business: [Redacted]

Alternate Phone

[Redacted]
Email Address

Citizens United for Resourcea
and the Environment (volunteer)

Employer

President

Job Title

Business Address

Business Phone

Length of residence in City of Riverside

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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.
Applications may be screened on the basis of information submitted with this form.
You are welcome to provide a resume and/or letters of endorsement.

Interests & Experiences

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

I served as an alternate on the recent Charter Comm. and chaired the subcommittee addressing whether an elected/appointed Inspector General or Public Advocate is appropriate for Riverside I am familiar with what issues require further research and discussion before any decision can be made by council and/or the electorate. Council has identified the IG and mayoral governance issues as the focus of the new Charter Commission. My recent work on these issues will avoid duplication of effort and provide a foundation for further analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of any recommended changes. Any significant change in the City's governance deserves extensive critical thinking and public debate at a level that could not be easily accomplished previously because of the many issues before Charter. A concentrated effort is necessary as recognized by the City Council on July 21, 2020.

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

I am a licensed attorney experienced in constitutional and municipal law. I also have served on numerous commissions to assist in solving complicated public policy issues. I have no agenda in terms of the outcome of the proposed Charter except to ensure that there is respectful, civil and open debate in anticipation of its adoption, and that its intent and language clearly reflects the will of the public.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

UCLA BA 1980 Political Science University of San Francisco JD 1983 (with honors) UCR Hazardous Waste Management Cert

OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

30 years practicing in major US law firms ultimately managing the real estate and municipal law departments. Participated in many high profile, impact litigations involving sensitive political issues particularly natural resources and land use planning. . Currently volunteer on a wide range of civic and environmental issues. I regularly participate in City meetings including strategic planning and contribute time and resources to various non-profits and community activities.

PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:

State Bar of California (former Governor) Licensed Real Estate Broker Robert Redford Conservancy Citizens United for Resources and the Environment, Inc. (CURE) Urban Water Institute

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

Several Gubernatorial appointments including the Colorado River Board and Base Closure commission; California Women Lawyers; American Lung Assoc of California, Urban Water Institute, Riverside Chamber of Commerce. CURE also is a member of the RFSA, has supported Grow Riverside since its inception and works closely with the Ag Water committee.

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 *

*A Statement of Economic Interests is required. Any information listed on this application is a matter of public record and will be disclosed upon request.

Under existing California law, a member of a board or commission may not make, participate in making, or attempt to influence a governmental decision if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision could have a material financial effect on that member, the member's immediate family, or any of his or her financial interests. There is also a special category of conflicts of interest which strictly forbids members and/or their employers from having financial interests in city contracts. Careful consideration should be given to this issue and applicants are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office if they have any questions.

NOTICE REGARDING INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Under existing California law, no member of City boards or commissions may simultaneously hold two public offices that are incompatible. (California Government Code Section 1099)

Offices are incompatible if one of the offices has supervisory, auditory or removal power over the other, if there would be any significant clash of duties or loyalties between the offices, or if public policy considerations make it improper for one person to hold both offices.

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.

Please call the City Clerk's Office at 826-5557 or visit RiversideCA.gov/city_clerk for more information. City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 3900 Main Street, 7th floor, Riverside, CA 92522

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Upload a Resume

Additional document(s)

How did you learn about the Board and Commission vacancies?

Referred by

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

Yes No

MALISSA HATHAWAY MCKEITH

MALISSA HATHAWAY MCKEITH is an accomplished international environmental lawyer, policy influencer and civic advocate in California. She is the president of Citizens United for Resources and the Environment (CURE), a public non-profit her family founded over 20 years ago to address accountability in government decision making affecting natural resource and land use planning (www.curegroup.org) She also is a licensed real estate broker. Her legal career included chairing the real estate departments of several national firms including Baker & McKenzie, Loeb & Loeb and Lewis Brisbois, and she has represented numerous Fortune 500 and private sector companies with environmental compliance and remediation, transfers and development of Brownfield properties, and permitting of large infrastructure energy and water projects. Malissa also worked for several judges including Justice Stanley Mosk of the California Supreme Court. She is a strong advocate for the independence of the judiciary, access to the courts, and the critical importance of transparency in government decision making.

Malissa has spent decades working in Washington D.C. with the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, State, Environmental Protection Agency and Pentagon on complicated environmental matters. She has a particular expertise in negotiations at the U.S./Mexico border on infrastructure development and water transfers.

Malissa is on the Board of the Robert Redford Conservancy, the Partnership for Conservation, and the Urban Water Institute. She is a visiting lecturer at Pitzer College. She is a former Governor of the State Bar of California, and the Governor's appointee to the Colorado River Board, Fish & Game Commission, and Military Base Reuse Commission. Malissa is active in her community on a wide range of political and civic issues and served most recently on Riverside's Charter Commission.

She can be reached at [REDACTED]