

OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Monday, October 24, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.

305 Olympic Valley Road, Community Room, Olympic Valley, CA

Public comments will be accepted by the Board in-person until the close of public comment on each item. Comments may also be submitted to the Board Secretary at info@ovpsd.org or by mail at P.O. Box 2026, Olympic Valley, California 96146. The final mail and e-mail collection will be the day before the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The public will be allowed to speak on any agenda item as it is considered, which may not be taken in the order stated herein. Times, where provided, are approximate only. The District's Board of Directors may take formal action on any item.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Board Secretary at 530-583-4692 at least 48 hours preceding the meeting.

Documents presented for an open session to the governing body after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the District office during normal District business hours and at the meeting.

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance.**
- B. Public Comment / Presentation.** Members of the public may address the board on items not on this agenda for up to three minutes; however, any matter that requires action by the governing body will, unless an emergency exists, be referred to staff for a report and possible action at a subsequent Board meeting.
- C. Board Member Appointment.**
Proposed Action: Review item, accept public comment, and make appointment.
- D. Board Member Oath of Office.**
Proposed Action: Accept public comment and perform the oath of office.
- E. Adjourn**

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OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



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BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

DATE: October 25, 2022

TO: District Board Members

FROM: Jessica Asher, Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Appointment of New Board Member to Fill Vacancy

BACKGROUND: Due to the resignation of Victoria Mercer on August 26, 2022, there is a vacancy on the District's Board of Directors. Ms. Mercer's term is a four-year term beginning in 2020, this appointment shall be from appointment until the next general election in November 2024; as directed by California Government Code 1780 (d)(3):

If the vacancy occurs in the first half of a term of office, but less than 130 days prior to the next general district election, or if the vacancy occurs in the second half of a term of office, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall fill the balance of the unexpired term of office.

The District decided that the Board shall make an appointment pursuant to California Government Code 1780 (d)(1) and followed all noticing requirements.

The remaining members of the district board shall make the appointment pursuant to this subdivision within 60 days after either the date on which the district board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later. The district shall post a notice of the vacancy in three or more conspicuous places in the district at least 15 days before the district board makes the appointment. The district shall notify the county elections official of the appointment no later than 15 days after the appointment.

To be eligible to serve on the Board, an individual must be a registered voter in the District. This requirement is in California Water Code 30500 as follows:

*Each district shall have a board of five directors each of whom, whether elected or appointed, **shall be a voter of the district.***

Voter eligibility is addressed in California Election Codes 321 and 349 as follows:

321. (a) "**Elector**" means any person who . . . **is a resident** of an election precinct in this state on or before the day of an election.

349. (a) "**Residence**" for voting purposes means a person's domicile.
(b) The **domicile** of a person is that place in which his or her habitation is fixed, wherein the person has the intention of remaining, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, the person has the intention of returning. At a given time, **a person may have only one domicile.**

(c) The **residence** of a person is that place in which the person's habitation is fixed for some period of time, but wherein he or she does not have the intention of remaining. At a given time, **a person may have more than one residence.**

If the District does not make an appointment within 60-days of notification of the vacancy, the Placer County Board of Supervisors has 30-days to appoint a replacement. If the Board of Supervisors fails to appoint a new Board Member within that time, the District must hold a special election to fill the vacant position or the County may order the District to call an election per California Government Code 1780 (f)(1).

If the vacancy is not filled by the district board by appointment, or if the district board has not called for an election within 60 days of the date the district board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later, then the city council of the city in which the district is wholly located, or if the district is not wholly located within a city, the board of supervisors of the county representing the larger portion of the district area in which the election to fill the vacancy will be held, may appoint a person to fill the vacancy within 90 days of the date the district board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later, or the city council or board of supervisors may order the district to call an election to fill the vacancy.

DISCUSSION: On September 6, 2022 and October 4, 2022 per Government Code Section 1780(d)(1), the District posted the attached notice of vacancy in three locations within the District boundary. The notice was also sent to the District's Distribution List, posted on the District's website, and published to NextDoor on September 6th. The notice was published in the Sierra Sun on September 9, 2022 although publishing in a newspaper is not required. As done historically, the District intends to fill the vacancy by appointment and requested that eligible persons interested in being considered for appointment apply to the Board Secretary no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 19th, 2022.

The Special Meeting of the Board will include a 15-minute interview of each applicant. The Board President will request that out of respect for each applicant and the process, that the other candidates leave the room during each interview.

The District received applications from four (4) individuals who are interested in being appointed and serving on the OVPSD Board. The applications are attached to this Board Report. The applicants will be interviewed in alphabetical order by last name, at the approximate times below:

- 1:35 p.m. – Kate Frankfurt
- 1:55 p.m. – Ron Gajar
- 2:15 p.m. – Mark Roberts
- 2:35 p.m. – Katrina Smolen
- 2:55 p.m. – Reconvene for Board Appointment

After all applicants have an opportunity to address the Board, a Board member may make a motion to appoint a new member. If that motion is seconded, then a vote will take place. If the motion passes, then that individual is appointed to the Board of Directors. If the motion does not pass, then another motion appointing another individual may be made. If a motion to appoint a new board member passes, the new Director will take the Oath of Office and be seated for the District's Regular Board Meeting on October 25, 2022.

ALTERNATIVES: 1. Make an appointment and administer the Oath of Office.

2. Call for a Special Election.

3. Allow Placer County Board of Supervisors to make an appointment or hold a Special Election.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: A new Board member will be required to attend the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Special Districts Leadership Academy. The cost of training, accommodations and travel is anticipated to be approximately \$1,500. Some additional costs associated with other webinars or trainings are anticipated.

The approximate cost for a special election is roughly \$3 to \$7 per registered voter, so the approximate cost is \$1,800 - \$4,500 for a special election.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Board follow the process outlined above and appoint a Board member at the Special Board Meeting on October 24, 2022.
Potential Motion: I move that the Board appoint _____ as a Director to fill the vacant seat on the Board and request the Board Secretary to administer the Oath of Office.

ATTACHMENTS: Notice of Vacancy and Application Package. Candidates Applications, Statements and Reference letters.

DATE PREPARED: October 21, 2022.



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



September 1, 2022

RE: District Board of Directors Vacancy – Appointment Process

Dear Olympic Valley Residents,

One of the five seats on the District's Board is vacant due to the resignation of Director Victoria Mercer on August 26, 2022. Victoria served Olympic Valley as a Director of the Board since 2019 and has been a dedicated advocate for the Community.

To fill the vacancy, the Board of Directors will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, October 24th at 1:30 P.M., to appoint a new Board Member to serve until the term expires in November 2024.

All registered voters in Olympic Valley interested in being considered for appointment are encouraged to complete an application, available on the District's website, and submit a letter of interest to the Board Secretary no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19th. The application is part of a packet that includes more details about the position and a job description.

The Special Meeting of the Board will include an approximately 15-minute interview of each applicant – the President will request that out of respect for each other and the process, that the other candidates leave the room during each interview. After the interviews are completed, the Board will call all candidates into the room, briefly discuss the interviews, and may make a motion to appoint a new Director. If the motion passes, the new Director will take the Oath of Office and be seated for our Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday October 25th, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

For further information regarding the vacancy, please contact the District's Board Secretary, Jessica Asher at (530) 583-4692 ext. 213.

Sincerely,

Mike Geary, PE
General Manager

Enclosures: Vacancy Notice, Application, and Job Description



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



DISTRICT BOARD VACANCY

This term is from appointment to November 2024

- The Olympic Valley Public Service District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors.
- **Registered voters** within District boundaries are eligible to be appointed to the Board.
- Board members are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests under §87200 of the Political Reform Act within 30 days of assuming office. The Act requires public disclosure of certain investments, interests and incomes that may pose potential conflicts of interest.
- Public officials are required to complete State mandated Ethics training and Anti-Harassment training within one year of taking office, and every two-years for the duration of appointment.
- First term Directors are required to complete the Special District Leadership Academy's *Governance Leadership Conference for Elected and Appointed Directors* provided by the California Special Districts Association.
- Current Director's compensation is \$600 per month for attendance at all regular, special and committee meetings of the Board and all Board-directed outside meetings. A \$6,000 / year health care reimbursement of qualified medical expenses for each Director and eligible family members is also included. Director must complete withholding forms for income tax purposes.
- Board Meetings are typically the last Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. except for November and December which may be earlier due to holidays.
- After applications are submitted, current Directors of the Board may reach out to interested applicants for one-on-one conversations with those interested in the position.
- The General Manager is available for a one-on-one pre-appointment orientation for all interested applicants. Please call the District office to schedule.
- The Board will likely appoint the new Director at the Special Board Meeting on Monday, October 24th, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

Applications are due Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 by 4:00 p.m.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FILING DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m

NAME: _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS: PREFERRED: _____ ALTERNATE: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER IN OLYMPIC VALLEY? _____

BRIEF EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE: _____

ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: _____

OTHER EXPERIENCE WHICH YOU FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF BOARD MEMBERS IN MAKING THIS APPOINTMENT: _____

EDUCATION (INCLUDE HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND/OR UNIVERSITY, & GRADUATE STUDY):

WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE APPOINTED: _____

A LETTER OF INTEREST AND / OR A RESUME CONTAINING OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOARD MEMBERS EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE _____

An original, signed application must be submitted to the Board Secretary by mail or in person – it cannot be submitted online or by email. The District office is located at 305 Olympic Valley Road, Olympic Valley, California. The mailing address is: Post Office Box 2026, Olympic Valley, CA 96146-2026



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



JOB DESCRIPTION BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR

DEFINITION:

Serves as a member of the elected Board of Directors of the Olympic Valley Public Service District. Represents the public and is vested with the duty to oversee District affairs.

DESCRIPTION:

Board members work collectively as a legislative body to accomplish the mission of the District through policymaking and general direction to District management.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:

- Participate in all regular and special Board and Committee Meetings. Board meetings are typically the last Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. except for November and December which may be earlier due to holidays.
- Solicit public opinion.
- Communicate with constituency.
- Represent the District in the community.
- Set District policies, guidelines and priorities.
- Review and approve goals, budgets, plans and programs.
- Review Agendas, Board Packets, reports and other written materials.
- Sign checks at the District office.
- Attend District ceremonies and functions.
- Attend conferences and training, see *Education* section below.
- Work cooperatively with other Directors, management and the public.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Directors must be a registered voter within the boundaries of the Olympic Valley Public Service District and fulfill the duties listed above.

EDUCATION:

- First term Directors are required to attend, and complete the Special District Leadership Academy's *Governance Leadership Conference for Elected and Appointed Directors* provided by the California Special Districts Association.
- Directors may be asked to complete continuing education credits to earn insurance premium savings.
- Completion of state-required training in Ethics and Anti-Harassment every two years.
- Additional training will be available at Director's request and may be suggested based on experience and performance.

KNOWLEDGE:

- Meaning and intent of the Water Code under which the District is organized, the Brown Act (Open Meeting Law), Fair Political Practices Act and District regulatory ordinances.
- Awareness of State and regional environmental law, taxation law and public sector labor law.
- Familiarity with District water and sewer systems, Fire Department operations, and regional treatment facilities.
- Cognizance of maintenance and operations programs and services in the Utility and Fire Departments.
- Intent of District budgets, financial plans and related fiscal matters.
- Content of District Master Plans.
- Procedures for simple parliamentary actions.
- Duties, organization and distribution of District personnel.
- Specialized knowledge is not a prerequisite to assuming office.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Make critical decisions on major issues with long-term implications.
- Communicate in a clear and concise manner.
- Awareness and understanding of public affairs.
- Practice of leadership methods and cooperative teamwork.
- Exercise of good judgment and ethical standards.
- Ability to analyze situations and adopt an effective course of action.

HOURS OF WORK:

Directors work flexible schedules and typically devote 10 to 20 hours per month to official duties. Directors are elected to serve four-year terms.

COMPENSATION:

Current Director's compensation is \$600 per month for attendance at all regular, special and committee meetings of the Board and all Board-directed outside meetings. A \$6,000 / year health care reimbursement of qualified medical expenses for each Director and eligible family members is also included. Actual business and travel expenses in connection with official duties are reimbursed at cost. Director must complete withholding forms for income tax purposes.

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Adopted 10-26-95; Updated 02-26-19; Reviewed 08-30-2022



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to registered voters in the Olympic Valley Public Service District boundaries of a vacancy on the Board of Directors that will be filled by appointment by the current members of the Board. Any registered voter in District boundaries is eligible to serve on the Board. This term will begin upon appointment of the Board and runs until the November 2024 election, at which time the person may run for reelection.

More information, including a job description and application, is available at the District office, 305 Olympic Valley Road, Olympic Valley and on the District's website at www.ovpsd.org. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on October 19th, 2022.

The District will hold a Special Meeting of the Board on Monday, October 24th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. to consider applications for the vacancy. The Board may appoint someone at this meeting.

For further information regarding the vacancy, please contact the District's Board Secretary, Jessica Asher at (530) 583-4692 ext. 213.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FILING DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m

NAME: Kate Frankfurt

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 330 Winding Creek Rd Olympic Valley CA 96146

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 2206, Olympic Valley, CA 96146

EMAIL ADDRESS: frankfurt.kate@gmail.com

PHONE NUMBERS: PREFERRED: 415-265-7861 ALTERNATE: _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER IN OLYMPIC VALLEY? Yes

BRIEF EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE: Local employment includes: Tahoe Truckee Community
Previous: Truckee Donner Land Trust, Gateway mtn center Foundation
Seasonal & part-timers Tahoe Ticket office. (current)

ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: See above. I have worked in and
for the local community since moving here 6 yrs ago.
I have experience w/ fundraising and facilitation and broad and varied
connections throughout the community.

OTHER EXPERIENCE WHICH YOU FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF BOARD
MEMBERS IN MAKING THIS APPOINTMENT: I am an excellent communicator and a
strategic and systemic thinker. I am a parent (NTHS '22) and
a renter in the OV community - a perspective I believe would be
valuable on the OVPUD BOB.

EDUCATION (INCLUDE HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND/OR UNIVERSITY, & GRADUATE STUDY):

MSW - Hunter College School of Social Work, NYC
BA - Kenyon College, Gambier, OH HS Diploma - Hamden Hall
Courtesy Day - Hamden
CT.

WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE APPOINTED: Tahoe. I adore this community, feel proud
and protective of it, and want to see it thrive. Our larger Tahoe
community faces many challenges and I would like to be a part of the
Solution.

A LETTER OF INTEREST AND / OR A RESUME CONTAINING OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT
YOURSELF WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOARD MEMBERS EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION.

DATE: Sept 6 2022 SIGNATURE Kate Frankfurt

An original, signed application must be submitted to the Board Secretary by mail or in person – it cannot be
submitted online or by email. The District office is located at 305 Olympic Valley Road, Olympic Valley,
California. The mailing address is: Post Office Box 2026, Olympic Valley, CA 96146-2026

KATE FRANKFURT, MSW
330 WINDING CREEK RD
OLYMPIC VALLEY, CA 96146
frankfurtkate@gmail.com
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/kate-frankfurt-5815575/>
415.205.7861

September 12, 2022

Dear Olympic Valley Public Service District Directors,

It is my great pleasure to submit my name for consideration for the open Board position recently vacated by Victoria Mercer.

I have been a resident of Olympic Valley since moving to the Tahoe/Truckee area full time 5 years ago with my son, Julian Bennett (NTHS '22). During this time I was the tenant at 662 Victor Place (owned by Sal and Johanna Manfort) for one year and have been the tenant at 330 Winding Creek Rd (owned by Danny and Leanoire Day) for going on 4 years. As some of you may be aware, 330 Winding Creek is the former home of Director Carl Gustafson, and there remain many wonderful signs of Carl around the house ranging from climbing pitons in the beams to old metal signs, a photo of an Indian woman stuck in a knot in a wood plank and a 'growth chart' penned on the wall by the downstairs bathroom.

I consider Olympic Valley my home - not only in the physical sense but spiritually as well. I have been happier living here than anywhere in my adult life. The mountains and the meadow inspire a sense of awe each and every day and I feel protective of not only the land but of the people in this small community - which is both a part of and in many ways uniquely separate from the greater Tahoe region. I am known to my neighbors both on my street and in the surrounding area - am respected and am proud to call longtime locals such as Sherry McConkey, Fred and Barbara Ilfeld, Keoki Flagg, Jean and Andrew Lange, Claudio Bravo and many others among my friends.

Since moving to Tahoe and to the Valley I have worked in service to a number of local organizations ranging from the League to Save Lake Tahoe, Gateway Mountain Center, the Truckee Donner Land Trust and now in my current role as Chief Philanthropy Officer for the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation. I have worked as a Guest Services representative in the ticket office at Palisades for the past 4 seasons as my son participated in the Big Mountain Competition Team, and I will continue for a 5th year this season despite his moving on.

Kate Frankfurt -2

I believe I bring a number of important skills to the OVPD Board of Directors. I am a skilled communicator and bring a balanced approach and open mind to all issues. My background in social work allows me a keen understanding of people and the ways in which decisions large and small can have a systemic impact on their lives, and so on the health and wellbeing of a community. My career has been spent working for non-profit organizations and I have developed a solid and sophisticated understanding of what makes for a strong and well functioning organization and community.

I work collaboratively, am a pragmatic, strategic and systemic thinker and can make hard decisions, always with an eye toward how they will be seen, felt and understood by those most impacted by them. I have the capacity to see issues and conflicts from multiple sides and am able to hold in balance the needs, views and perspectives of those with a 1/8th time share in the Village alongside those who are second homeowners, full time homeowners and those who rent. I believe my status as a renter is a valuable addition to the Board as our local housing crises, with its rent increases and related insecurities, has directly impacted me over the years. Perhaps most importantly I have a good sense of humor!

Through my work and my personal activities I am keenly aware of this fragile environment in which we live. I believe that we have a responsibility as stewards of this unique resource to do all we can to mitigate the impact of development while understanding that the economy of our region is currently based on tourism. It is a delicate balance to be sure - however we have one planet and we must take care of it now and for the future. Over the past year, I have become increasingly well-versed in all things wildfire-related through my role at the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation and its Forest Futures Initiative.

I have gained experience over the years as a Director on a number of boards and currently sit on the board of the Shane McConkey Foundation where I am in my 3rd year of service.

In closing, it would be my great honor to serve on the Olympic Valley PSD Board of Directors. I am known not only to a number of current Directors but also to Mike Geary, Jessica Asher and Chief Alan Riley. I believe these relationships will ease my transition to the role. I am passionate about our community, bring solid and valuable skills and perspective and would like nothing more than to see Olympic Valley and the people who call it home - thrive.

I am happy to answer questions at any time and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards



Kate

Jessica Asher

From: Dee Byrne (PT) <dbyrne@palisadestahoe.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 5:14 PM
To: Jessica Asher
Cc: Jeanette Kerley (PT)
Subject: Kate Frankfurt support for OVPSD BOD

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Jessica,

I support Kate Frankfurt's candidacy for the Olympic Valley Public Service District Board of Directors. Kate is held in high regard by the team at Palisades Tahoe.

Thank you,
Dee

Dee Byrne
President / COO
Palisades Tahoe

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Office: 530.584.6210
Mobile: 970.331.1193
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Executive Assistant: Jeanette Kerley
Email: jkerley@palisadestahoe.com
Office: 530.452.4484



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FILING DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m

NAME: RONALD GAJAR
RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 1652 SANDY WAY, OLYMPIC VALLEY, CA 96146
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 3761
EMAIL ADDRESS: RONGAJAR@GMAIL.COM
PHONE NUMBERS: PREFERRED: 530 386 8308 ALTERNATE: _____
ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER IN OLYMPIC VALLEY? YES
BRIEF EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE: REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL,
BUSINESS OWNER, SKI PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: NAR, CAR, PSIA,
TAHOE SIERRA BOARD OF REALTORS
OTHER EXPERIENCE WHICH YOU FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF BOARD MEMBERS IN MAKING THIS APPOINTMENT: SERVED AS A TREASURER
ON HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
EDUCATION (INCLUDE HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND/OR UNIVERSITY, & GRADUATE STUDY):
UNIVERSITY OF P.J. SAFARIK, KOSICE, SLOVAKIA - DENTISTRY
KOSICE HIGH SCHOOL, SLOVAKIA

WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE APPOINTED: AS A FULL TIME RESIDENT,
HOME & BUSINESS OWNER I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE
IN MAKING DECISIONS.
A LETTER OF INTEREST AND / OR A RESUME CONTAINING OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOARD MEMBERS EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION.

DATE: 10/19/2022 SIGNATURE Ronald Gajar

An original, signed application must be submitted to the Board Secretary by mail or in person – it cannot be submitted online or by email. The District office is located at 305 Olympic Valley Road, Olympic Valley, California. The mailing address is: Post Office Box 2026, Olympic Valley, CA 96146-2026

RONALD GAJAR

1652 Sandy Way, Olympic Valley, CA 96146 · 530-386-8308

RonGajar@gmail.com

Olympic Valley Public Service District
Board of Directors
305 Olympic Valley Road
Olympic Valley, CA 96146

DEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

I am interested in being appointed to the vacant seat of the District's Board of the Olympic Valley Public Service District. I would like to participate in the decision making that affects our community and would do so with honesty and integrity.

Enclosed find my Resume and the Application for membership on the Board of Directors.

I've lived full time in our beautiful Olympic Valley for over 20 years and deeply care about the community, it's issues and the valley's future. I am raising my family here and partially own our local real estate business.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application and resume. I look forward to talking to you and I am available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Ron Gajar

530-386-8308

RonGajar@gmail.com

RONALD GAJAR

1652 Sandy Way, Olympic Valley, CA 96146

RonGajar@gmail.com • 530-386-8308

I live and work in Olympic Valley and care deeply about our community.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2005-PRESENT

REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL, LAWRENCE REALTY

Full time residential real estate professional primarily focused in Olympic Valley. Part owner of Lawrence Realty.

1997 – PRESENT

SKI INSTRUCTOR, LEVEL III CERTIFIED, PALISADES TAHOE

I was a full-time ski instructor until 2004, took a few seasons off and then went back to part time ski instruction in 2007.

2000 – 2004

CARPENTER, DEAN & DAVID CONSTRUCTION, PASCAL CONSTRUCTION

During these years I worked in construction 6 months per year, two years for Jean Claude Pascal and three years for Dean Hall.

PRIOR TO 2000

Various jobs in the service industry.

EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 1992

UNIVERSITY OF P.J. SAFARIK, COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

I graduated with a dental degree but choose not to follow that path. My loving of the mountains and skiing brought me across the world and eventually to Olympic Valley.

JUNE 1987

KOSICE HIGH SCHOOL (COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

- Tahoe Sierra Board of Realtors
- National and California Association of Realtors
- Who's Who in Luxury Real Estate
- PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America)

PAST BOARD POSITIONS

- Board of Directors for Squaw Valley Meadows Condos, Treasurer

PERSONAL

- I moved to United States in 1995, became a US citizen and registered voter in 2018.
- I speak fluent Slovak and Czech.
- I stay current on local, national and world news.
- I married Chiara Lawrence Gajar in 2002
- Son: Toby Gajar, born 2004, Freshman at UCLA
- Daughter: Stella Gajar, born 2007, Sophomore at North Tahoe High School
- I enjoy skiing, hiking, biking, boating, and travelling.



Olympic Valley Public Service District
Board of Directors
305 Olympic Valley Road
Olympic Valley, CA 96146

10/20/2022

Dear Directors of the Board,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Ron Gajar to fill the vacant position on the Board of Directors at Olympic Valley Public Service District. I have known and worked with Ron for over 20 years. During that time, I have gotten to know Ron quite well and can absolutely vouch for his character and abilities.

It has been and continues to be a pleasure to have Ron on our team here at Palisades Tahoe. He takes great pride in the quality of his work and shows initiative to exceed expectations, regardless of the assignment. His pleasant and positive attitude make nearly any situation fun and interesting. We are quick to ask for his help when we need someone to host our most important VIPs. Ron is honest, dependable, and incredibly hardworking.

His background as a professional ski instructor has embedded in Ron a lifelong love of learning which manifests in a willingness to graciously accept feedback and work to improve his performance. With unflagging motivation, Ron will bring a wealth of knowledge and skills to the Board, but even more importantly, the ability to follow through on his commitments. I know he would be an excellent fit for your organization. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the below number.

Best Wishes,
El Furtney

Elianne Furtney

Managing Director, Ski & Snowboard School

P.O. Box 2007 1901 Chamonix Place Olympic Valley, CA 96146
office (530) 452 716 mobile (530) 386 3826 efurtney@palisadestahoe.com



Olympic Valley Public Service District
Board of Directors
305 Olympic Valley Road
Olympic Valley, CA 96146

October 20, 2022

Dear Board of Directors,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Ron Gajar. I know Ron on many levels as he works with me in our family-owned business, Lawrence Realty; he is married to my daughter, Chiara; and together with their children, they are neighbors, living across the street. Ron is very detail oriented, is both technologically and mechanically capable, and cares deeply about his family and our community.

Whether at work or at home, Ron dives deeply into projects, willing to research or teach himself what is needed to be successful. He enjoys this process, likes learning and cares about the outcome of his efforts.

Ron's background in construction makes him not only handy around the office and at home, but also adds to his knowledge and understanding of systems, buildings, and homes. He contributes useful insight and perspective when talking with clients and contractors about properties and their projects.

Olympic Valley is where Ron chose to settle down and start a family. Much like myself, the beauty of this valley and power of the mountains spoke loudly to Ron when he first arrived here. Ron enjoys skiing, hiking, and biking all around our mountains and the broader Lake Tahoe area. He is observant and aware of his surroundings; noticing signage, projects and the people involved.

I believe Ron would be a great addition to the Board of Directors. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Roland C. "Larry" Lawrence
CEO/Managing Broker of Lawrence Realty
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FILING DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m

NAME: MARK ROBERTS

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 1559 SANDY WAY, OV, CA 96146

MAILING ADDRESS: BOX 2953, OV CA 96146

EMAIL ADDRESS: mark@blueshirtgroup.com

PHONE NUMBERS: PREFERRED: 415.710.6950 ALTERNATE: N/A

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER IN OLYMPIC VALLEY? YES

BRIEF EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE: Blueshirt Capital Advisors - Managing Partner,
Springboard Biodiesel, Founder/Chairman, Bear Stearns, S, MD

ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: Truckee River United - Treasurer / BOO

OTHER EXPERIENCE WHICH YOU FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF BOARD MEMBERS IN MAKING THIS APPOINTMENT: _____

Strong background in finance and entrepreneurship + passion for climate issues.

EDUCATION (INCLUDE HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND/OR UNIVERSITY, & GRADUATE STUDY):

Groton School / DUKE - BA / NYU - MBA

WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE APPOINTED: Love the valley and have a
passion for intelligent/efficient stewardship of community resources

A LETTER OF INTEREST AND / OR A RESUME CONTAINING OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOARD MEMBERS EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION.

DATE: 9/7/2022 SIGNATURE [Signature]

An original, signed application must be submitted to the Board Secretary by mail or in person – it cannot be submitted online or by email. The District office is located at 305 Olympic Valley Road, Olympic Valley, California. The mailing address is: Post Office Box 2026, Olympic Valley, CA 96146-2026

TO: Board of Directors of OVPSD

FROM: Mark Roberts

DATE: 10.7.22

RE: Supplemental Information regarding application to fill open Board seat

I am writing to reiterate my strong interest in filling the open seat on the board of directors of the Olympic Valley Public Service District.

I am a full-time resident of the Valley – 1559 Sandy Way – and am very interested in helping the Board think through near and long-term resource management issues that will continue to impact all of us.

My wife and I have raised 3 children in Tahoe – all skiers (2 now at college, youngest a 10th grader at NTHS), and I truly believe that Olympic Valley is an outstanding place to live.

I have a strong background in finance – 15 years of investment banking experience – and I have run a small clean-tech business for 14 years, so I understand how to manage multiple constituencies that don't always have similar interests. I currently work as a managing partner for Blueshirt Capital Advisors, assisting high growth private companies, as they think through the best onramp to the US public capital markets. In this capacity, I have been fortunate to work with a number of very capable innovators who have helped reinforce the value of listening and being willing to adapt and/or improvise as the situation changes.

I have served on two CA community boards: Nord Country Day School Board, where I was the Treasurer for 2 years, and Truckee River United Futbol Club, where I also served as the Treasurer for 5 years. I am familiar with the cadence of a local board – the importance of engaging with the community, being transparent and managing scarce resources while building a bigger organization.

I have also had the opportunity to speak with some of the staff of OVPSD and several current board members, which has further reinforced my respect for the organization and my enthusiasm for the potential position.

Finally, I am an avid skier, hiker and biker and view Olympic Valley as an unparalleled community that needs local support and commitment to maintain and sustain its world-class offerings.

Mark J. Roberts

1559 Sandy Way, Olympic Valley, CA 96146 | 415.710.6950 – cell
mark@blueshirtgroup.com

Summary Experience: Over 25 years of senior management experience combining both financial and operational expertise in large and small companies. History of rapid adaptability, sustained focus and client-centric insight. Demonstrated ability to provide valuable strategic advice and maximize resources.

Experience:

Blueshirt Capital Advisors

2016 – Present

Managing Partner of leading IPO/Capital Markets advisory firm. Hands on leadership position advising diverse management teams on how best to navigate the entire private-to-public process – combining sell-side and buy-side strategies to optimize both private company valuation and life as a public company

Springboard Biodiesel LLC

2008 – Present

Founder/Chairman of clean-tech manufacturing company. After 7 years as CEO, I now serve as chairman and focus on strategy and finance as it continues to design, manufacture and sell leadership products that help proliferate small-scale biodiesel production and accelerate biodiesel adoption throughout the US and abroad.

Thomas Weisel Partners Inc, San Francisco, CA.

2004 –2007

Partner, Co-Head of Software, Media, Internet & Telecom Corporate Finance Group. Responsible for sourcing and executing Private Placement, IPOs, Follow-ons, Convertibles and M&A transactions. Co-Headed 25 person group with \$35MM revenue goal.

Bear Stearns & Co, Inc, San Francisco, CA.

1998 –2004

Senior Managing Director – Head of Global Semiconductor and Storage Corporate Finance Teams. Spearheaded a green-field build of the Firm's West Coast Technology Banking Group. Leading revenue generator in West Coast technology office. Managed a 20 person team in diverse group of technology subsectors. Executed Private Placement, IPOs, Follow-ons, Convertibles, High Yield issues and M&A transactions. Lead-banker on over \$90MM of transaction fees in 6 years.

Robertson Stephens, San Francisco, CA.

1997 –1998

Vice President – Head of Semiconductor Capital Equipment banking. Supervised the calling and execution of all deals in the Capital Equipment space. Substantially elevated the firm's profile in an emerging technology sector.

Lehman Brothers Inc., San Francisco, CA.

1992 – 1997

Vice President / Associate – Performed extensive analytical work around public and private market valuations; led drafting sessions in IPO, Follow-on and Convert transactions; prepared proprietary positioning pieces for M&A searches, and organized the firm's West Coast recruiting efforts at the corporate finance associate and analyst levels.

Education:

New York University Leonard N. Sloan School of Business, New York, NY

MBA, Corporate Finance and International Business, 1990 - 1992

- Winner of the Tohoku Electric Business Fellowship (drafted a paper on Japanese Utility Environmental and Sustainability efforts throughout the country) – Summer 1991

Duke University, Durham, NC

- BA – Political Science, 1986
- Four year varsity starter for Duke Lacrosse Team / Co-Captain 1985-86

Interests: Family (wife and three children) clean-tech solutions, skiing, trail running, camping and library building

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FILING DEADLINE: Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m

NAME: Katrina D. Smolen

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 510 Forest Glen, Olympic Valley, CA 96146

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3196, Olympic Valley, CA 96146

EMAIL ADDRESS: hydrorestoration@yahoo.com

PHONE NUMBERS: PREFERRED: 775-772-9764

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER IN OLYMPIC VALLEY? yes

BRIEF EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

Professional Hydrologist, Regulatory Consultant: Hydro Restoration 2004-2022,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2003-2004) Desert Research Institute (2000-2003)

ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: Executive Director, Friends of Squaw Creek (2005-2022); Trout Unlimited Truckee Chapter, Secretary (2017-2022), Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission, Vice-Chair (2006-2010) Silver-Creek HOA (2005-2015); Boy Scouts of America (2014-2019); Reno Pops Orchestra; American Institute of Hydrology (Professional Hydrologist #11-H-3017); California Association of Storm Water Quality (Trainer of Record (QSD/QSP #22320);

OTHER EXPERIENCE WHICH YOU FEEL WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF BOARD MEMBERS IN MAKING THIS APPOINTMENT: I am an active and engaged community member with many relationships with constituents. I have secured over \$2 million in Grant writing for Friends of Squaw Creek and facilitated landowner collaboration and mediation as an environmental consultant for 20 years. I have in-depth knowledge of CEQA, NEPA and California Water Code.

EDUCATION (INCLUDE HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND/OR UNIVERSITY, & GRADUATE STUDY):

M.S.L. McGeorge School of Law, Water and Environmental Law.

M.S. Hydrology, University of Nevada, Reno ;

BA Geology & Biology with a Concentration in Environmental Science, Bryn Mawr College

WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE APPOINTED: To better serve the watershed in which I live, work, and play, To contribute my expertise, and to collaborate with the District to serve the constituents.

A LETTER OF INTEREST AND / OR A RESUME CONTAINING OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BOARD MEMBERS EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION.

DATE: 10/18/2022 SIGNATURE 

An original, signed application must be submitted to the Board Secretary by mail or in person – it cannot be submitted online or by email. The District office is located at 305 Olympic Valley Road, Olympic Valley, California. The mailing address is: Post Office Box 2026, Olympic Valley, CA 96146-2026

KATRINA D. SMOLEN

P.O. BOX 3196, OLYMPIC VALLEY, CA 96146

Directors of the Board
c/o Jessica Asher
Olympic Valley Public Service District
305 Olympic Valley Road
Olympic Valley, CA 96146

October 18, 2022

RE: APPOINTMENT for DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD

Dear Mr. Geary and Directors of the Board of the Olympic Valley Public Service District,

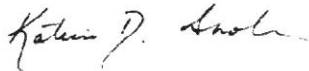
Thank you for meeting with me. Please accept my application for appointment to the Board of the Olympic Valley Public Service District. I have the education and expertise to understand and provide meaningful contribution to discussions and decision making to fulfill the OVPSD Strategic Plan in setting policy and guidelines to continue to provide the integral services of drinking and wastewater, fire, garbage, and parks.

My company Hydro Restoration is a woman owned Placer County Small Business Enterprise that provides environmental consulting on local, state, and federal regulation. I navigate complex watershed and regulatory regime with an unbiased scientific approach of the highest ethical principles. As the Executive Director of Friends of Olympic Creek, I am committed to facilitating a common watershed vision and collaboration amongst landowners.

During my tenure on the board of the Silver-creek Tahoe Improvement Association, I managed the Public Water System, maintaining monitoring and compliance with Placer County and the U.S.F.S. I previously served as a Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commissioner and am presently on the board of the Trout Unlimited Truckee River Chapter.

Please feel free to reach me at 775-772-9764 or contact me via email at hydrorestoration@yahoo.com further discuss my ability to fulfill this position. I look forward to collaborating with you if appointed to the Olympic Valley Public Service District.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katrina D. Smolen

HYDRO RESTORATION WATERSHED SCIENCE AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

KATRINA D. SMOLEN

PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGIST (P.H): *AIH-11-H-3017*
 QUALIFIED STORMWATER DEVELOPER/PRACTITIONER: #22320
 TRAINER OF RECORD -CALIFORNIA STORMWATER QUALITY ASSOCIATION
 CALIFORNIA RAPID ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY (CRAM) PRACTITIONER

M.S. Law	University of the Pacific, McGeorge Law School, Water and Environmental Law	2022
M.S. Hydrology	University of Nevada, Reno and Desert Research Institute	May 2004
	<i>Trout Creek Stream Restoration and Wildlife Enhancement Project Water Quality Monitoring (In-Situ Turbidity as a Surrogate for Suspended Sediment; Soil Nutrient Speciation and Flux and Groundwater Surface Water Interaction before and after Stream Restoration) South Lake Tahoe, CA</i> Advisor: Dr. Roger Jacobson, Vice-President, Desert Research Institute	
B.A. Geology & Biology	Bryn Mawr College <i>Geology & Biology, with an Environmental Science Concentration</i>	May 2000
	<i>Geomorphology of Increasing Impervious Surface: A Look at Land Use and Watershed Policy. (Caltrans, PDOT, AND NDOT BMP USES)</i> Advisor: Dr. M.L. Crawford, Chair, Geology Department, Bryn Mawr College Review by: Dr. Tom Dunne, University of California, Santa Barbara In partnership with E.P.A. Perkiomen Task Force, Total Suspended Sediment Study & Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.	
	<i>The Vertical Distribution of Primary Productivity (chlorophyll-a) and Photosynthetic Efficiency Levels in Temperate, Subtropical, and Tropical Waters of the Northwest</i> Advisor: Dr. Gorka Sancho, Chief Scientist, SSV Westward #159, Boston University	

EMPLOYMENT

Hydro Restoration, Principal	Environmental Regulation and Watershed Management	2004-2022
Marcus Bole and Associates	Senior Associate, Project Manager	2004-2022
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Regulatory Project Manager	2003-2004
Huffman and Carpenter, Inc.	Hydrologist and Tribal Regulatory Specialist	2002-2003
Desert Research Institute	Research Assistant	2000-2003

LEADERSHIP

2017-current	Executive Director, Friends of Squaw Creek
2012-current	CASQA Trainer of Record, California Construction General Permit Qualified SWPPP QSP/QSD
2018-current	Secretary, Board of Directors, Truckee Chapter #103, Trout Unlimited
2018-current	Scoutmaster, North Tahoe Troop 266, Sierra District, Nevada Area Council
2013-2015	Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Creekside Charter Management
2008-2014	Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Silver Creek- Tahoe Improvement Association
2004-2014	Squaw Valley Lower Watershed Restoration Technical Advisory Committee
2006-2012	Vice –Chair, Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission
2005-2008	California Bay Delta Authority – Fish Mercury Project- Steering Committee, Peer Review
2005-2006	U.S. Geological Survey – Mercury Methylation Study – Peer Review Committee
2001-2005	Steering Committee, Young Water Action Team (NGO), The Netherlands –North American Representative
2004	Coordinator of World Water Monitoring Day - UNICEF, UNWES,
2003	World Water Forum 3 – Kyoto, Japan, Youth Delegate Forum Speaker
2003	UN World Summit-Johannesburg, South Africa, Youth Delegate at Ministerial Dialogue
2003	Project Team Leader -Haiti- Groundwater Well Repair-
2004	Sacramento River Watershed Program – Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report – Peer Review
2001	Haiti -Groundwater well Repair Team

Jessica Asher

From: Janean Foote <t_jfoote@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Jessica Asher
Subject: Recommendation for board seat

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To All Concerned:

I would like to give my support to applicant Katrina Smolen for the board seat that has become vacant. Her education background in Hydrology I find very impressive along with her community work with the Friends Of Squaw Creek.

The fact she's raising a young family in Olympic Valley provides us with confidence she'll truly be committed in making sure our Valley remains a beautiful place to raise children.

Sincerely,
Janean Foote

Jessica Asher

From: Janean Foote <t_jfoote@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2022 1:34 PM
To: Jessica Asher
Subject: Patti Guilford's Board Seat Recommendation

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To All Board Members:

I'm supporting the application of Katrina Smolen for the vacant board seat.
Her extensive background in Hydrology will definitely be an asset to the board.

Sincerely,
Patti Guilford
(530) 412-2075

10/17/2022

From: Friends of S***w Creek

To: Olympic Valley Public Service District

Re: Letter of Recommendation to endorse Katrina Smolen as director

Greetings to the OVPSD,

The Board of Directors of the Friends of S***w Creek wish to wholeheartedly endorse Katrina Smolen for the open position on your board of directors.

Kat has assisted the FOSC since 2005, for over 15 years! She became our Executive Director in 2017. She has been of invaluable assistance to our organization, including helping to secure and implement over \$2M in grants that significantly improved our watershed and creek.

Kat has amazing enthusiasm and is incredibly generous in giving back to the community. She receives no salary from us. She and her family have totally embraced our valley.

We strongly urge the existing BOD to appoint Katrina Smolen to the OVPSD Board. You have an incredible organization and are critical to so many aspects of our lives in Olympic Valley. Kat will be a valuable asset in continuing your mission to providing excellent services to our community.

By unanimous support from our entire FOSC board, please select Katrina Smolen to the open seat on your OVPSD board of directors.

Respectfully,

FSC BOD

Ed Heneveld, chairman



Andrew Lange, community member at large



Andrew Branagh, Sierra Family Meadows

Russell Poulsen, Poulsen Commercial



Michael Gross, Palisades Tahoe



Shawn Kennedy, Resort At S***w Creek



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