

## ETHICS COMMISSION

**\*One (1) vacancy with term to 9-30-21. (Members are appointed by two-thirds vote of the full Council).**

### Duties

The Ethics Commission, in addition to having jurisdiction over complaints involving any "city official", are to prepare and publish pamphlets and other materials explaining the duties of individuals subject to the code of ethics; review all statements and reports filed with the city; annually review the code of ethics and make appropriate recommendations to the city council; review all public opinions related to the code of ethics that are issued by the city attorney; prepare and disseminate a report listing all campaign contributions and expenditures for each candidate within 30 days following the deadline for filing the last campaign finance reports for each city council election. The commission shall have such meetings as may be necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. The chairperson or any three (3) members may call a meeting provided that reasonable notice is given to each member. The commission shall meet at least once a year. The date of the annual meeting shall be in September. The commission shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

### Composition

Nine members appointed by a two-thirds vote of the full council. Nominations are to be solicited from a wide variety of professional and community organizations in the city, but interested individuals may also submit their names for consideration. Members shall hold office for three-year terms commencing October 1. No holding over is permitted except as expressly provided in the Code of Ethics. The commission shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.

Name	District	Term	Appt. date	End date	Appointing Authority	Position	Status
*Richard (Rick) E. Milby	District 1	2	10/13/2015	9/30/2021	City Council		Resigned
Rev. Claude C. Axel	District 4	1	10/10/2017	9/30/2020	City Council		Active
Mr. Keith Heavilin	District 4	1	10/10/2017	9/30/2020	City Council		Active
Drue Jones	District 2	1	6/23/2015	9/30/2020	City Council	Chair	Active
Edward Sample	District 5	1	9/18/2018	9/30/2021	City Council		Active
Sandra Sanchez	District 5	1	9/18/2018	9/30/2021	City Council		Active
Rob Bailey	District 4	2	10/1/2019	9/30/2022	City Council	Vice-Chair	Active
Richard G. Hood	District 5	2	10/1/2019	9/30/2022	City Council		Active
Craig Rogers	District 4	2	10/1/2019	9/30/2022	City Council		Active

## ETHICS COMMISSION

### Applicants

Name	District
David J Bendett	District 4
Ed Bennett	District 5
Margareta Fratila	District 3
Lauren Stephens	District 4

**Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation****Profile**

David

First Name

J

Middle Initial

Bendett

Last Name

Email Address

4101 Waldron Rd

Street Address

Corpus Christi

City

TX

State

78418

Postal Code

**What district do you live in? \***☒ District 4**Current resident of the city?**☒ Yes ☐ No**If yes, how many years?**

13

Mobile: (361) 728-6053

Primary Phone

Business: (361) 353-4421

Alternate Phone

Coffee Waves // Rock City  
Church

Employer

Owner // Senior Pastor

Job Title

**Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number**

10309 SPID, Suite C1

**Work Address - City**

Corpus Christi

**Work Address - State**

TX

**Work Address - Zip Code**

78418

## Work Phone

361 353 4421

## Work E-mail address

pastordavid@rockcitycorpus.com

## Preferred Mailing Address

☒ Home/Primary Address

## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

ETHICS COMMISSION: Submitted

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## Interests & Experiences

### Are you a registered voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

### Do you currently serve on any other City board, commission or committee at this time? If so, please list:

No

## Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)

Associate of Arts in Public Relations - Miami Dade Community College Bachelor of Science - Oral Roberts University Owner of JROX Coffee Co. (dba Coffee Waves Flour Bluff and Coffee Waves Port Aransas). Senior Pastor of Rock City Church in Flour Bluff Board member on the Flour Bluff Citizen's Council

## Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

I have a deep love for Corpus Christi, and desire to make this great community a better place for us all to live in. I work hard to help families become productive citizens in our community on a daily basis in so many ways. And with that, it's my civil duty to be active in our city government in a greater way. Ensuring healthy legislation is passed and honored is incredibly important to me, as well as protecting those that serve our city in a noble way. The Ethics Commission seems only to be a natural fit for me in the capacity of what I already desire.

## Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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## Demographics

**Gender**

☒ Male

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**Code of Ethics - Rules of Conduct/Conflicts of Interest**

**Do you represent any person or organization in any claim or lawsuit or proceeding involving the City?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Do you, your spouse, your business or your spouse's business have a City contract?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

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I did not answer yes to any of the above questions.

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**Board-specific questions (if applicable)**

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you willing to provide an Annual Report of Financial Information as required by the Code of Ethics?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Verification**

**City Code Requirement - Residency**

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☒ **I Agree**

### **Oath**

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**I swear that all of the statements included in my application and attached documents, if any, are true and correct.**

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☒ **I Agree**

**Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation****Profile**

Mr. Ed Bennett  
Prefix First Name Last Name

[REDACTED]  
Email Address

6513 Miranda Dr.  
Street Address

Corpus Christi TX 78414  
City State Postal Code

**What district do you live in? \***

☒ District 5

**Current resident of the city?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, how many years?**

10

Home: (956) 792-5534 Primary Phone	Home: (956) 874-9325 Alternate Phone
Bennett Consulting Employer	Certified Public Accountant / Certified Fraud Examiner / Regent Del Mar College Job Title

**Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number**

6513 Miranda Dr

**Work Address - City**

Corpus Christi

**Work Address - State**

tx

**Work Address - Zip Code**

78414



## Work Phone

9567925534

## Work E-mail address

ed@southtexasmis.com

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

ETHICS COMMISSION: Submitted

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## Interests & Experiences

### Are you a registered voter?

☒ Yes ☐ No

### Do you currently serve on any other City board, commission or committee at this time? If so, please list:

no

## Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)

BBA, MS Accountancy University of Houston Regent Del Mar College CPA CFE

## Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

My background and experience can be a valuable asset for the ethics commission. I want to raise the ethical standards of the entire area to instill confidence in our taxpayers and businesses.

[Upload a Resume](#)

## Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**No person shall be appointed by the Mayor or Council Members to serve on more than one board, commission, committee or corporation at the same time. If you currently serve as a voting member for a board, commission, committee or corporation are you willing to resign your current seat to serve on another board, commission, committee or corporation?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

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## Demographics

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Ed Bennett, CFE, CPA  
6513 Miranda Dr.  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78414  
(ed@southtexasmis.com)  
(956) 792-5534

## **EXPERIENCE**

**Regent – Del Mar College Corpus Christi, Texas**

**2016 (six-year term)**

**Bennett Consulting/Valley M.I.S./ South Texas M.I.S., LLC**

**1997- Present**

- Management Information Systems consulting company based in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Provided computer network consulting to clients ranging from local area network design to wide area networks linking multiple locations.
- Software conversion – converted clients from either manual or earlier Windows or UNIX based systems to newer Windows based systems. Supervised conversions for several accounting software packages.
- Internal control evaluation. Design control systems to help prevent the loss of assets. Analyzed and flow charted the internal control systems for client with assets in excess of one hundred million dollars. Recommended and supervised the implementation of changes to enhance the company's internal controls system.
- Forensic accounting services to reconstruct and document embezzlement activity.
- Accounting Controllershship responsibilities for small clients. Trained accounting personnel.

**HB Distribution, Inc.**

**1992 – 1997**

- Founded this computer components distribution Company that began operations with four employees in a fifteen hundred square foot warehouse. In the five years of operations, the Company generated ninety million dollars of revenue and employed forty-three people in three locations.
- Setup internal control system and the VAX computer network to support a wide area network linking the San Antonio, Dallas and Houston warehouse operations.
- Negotiated all banking relationships
- Performed all financial planning and forecasting

**Star stream Communications, Inc.**

**1990 – 1992**

- Coordinated the financial reporting for this publically-traded company to consolidate the Polish operation into the United States reporting entity. Replaced entire accounting staff in the United States and met with accountant in Warsaw Poland three times during 1991 to create accurate records that allowed the Company to files accurate financial reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Installed a working internal control system into this operation that did not have segregated accounting duties.

**Entertainment Marketing Incorporated**

1988 - 1990

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

- American Stock Exchange Company. Inc. Magazine's number one fastest growing public Company in 1988.
- Identified internal control weaknesses in this entrepreneurial environment. Convinced the CEO, Through very detailed financial analysis, that the company could not survive without immediate alteration in the direction of its management.
- Designed and implemented the short-term business plan that resulted in complete restructuring of the management.
- Developed banking relationships that resulted in implementing a cash management system that saves the company in excess of \$150,000 per year. Negotiated substantially lower insurance rates.
- Consummated \$20 million asset-based line of credit within fourteen months of my being hired.

**E.R.C. Industries, Inc.**

1986 - 1988

Vice President of Finance and Administration

- Identified areas of potential cost savings and evaluated the impact on the company's operations.
- Designed the financial plan that enabled the company to successfully file for protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code and later emerge as a viable, publicly traded entity.
- Implemented a credit policy and hired the company's first credit manager to monitor the policy.
- Formulated and installed a budgeting system that forecast the company's revenues and expenses, by financial statement line item, for twelve months, including the pro forma balance sheet and cash flow statements.
- Filed initial S-2 and 10-K reports with the S.E.C.

**Strata Bit Corporation**

1985 - 1986

Manager of Financial Accounting (Corporate Controller)

- Reconstructed the financial records of \$23 million international diamond drill bit manufacturer. Identified the control weaknesses, developed appropriate internal control systems and Implemented them.
- Converted the company's accounting system from manual to computerize.
- Installed comprehensive internal control system.

**Equipment Renewal Company**

1982 - 1985

Controller

**Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.**

1979 - 1982

Senior Accountant

- Audited clients including manufacturing companies, mutual funds, health care, and profit sharing plans, and included several publicly-traded companies.

**EDUCATION**

M.S. Accountancy- 1978

University of Houston

B.B.A. – 1977

University of Houston

Certified Public Accountant 1979

(Passed the November 1978 C.P.A. exam)

Certified Fraud Examiner 2019

**Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation****Profile**

Margareta

First Name

Fratila

Last Name

Email Address

3606 TRIPOLI DR.

Street Address

CORPUS CHRISTI

City

TX

State

78415

Postal Code

**What district do you live in? \***☒ District 3**Current resident of the city?**☒ Yes ☐ No**If yes, how many years?**

36

Home: (361) 851-9418

Primary Phone

Home: (361) 739-3029

Alternate Phone

EUROPEAN FLORAL DESIGNS

Employer

OWNER

Job Title

**Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number**

3230 REID DR. #F

**Work Address - City**

CORPUS CHRISTI

**Work Address - State**

TX

**Work Address - Zip Code**

78404

### Work Phone

361-852-0471

### Work E-mail address

[REDACTED]

### Preferred Mailing Address

☒ Home/Primary Address

### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

AIRPORT BOARD: Submitted  
CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH: Submitted  
COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Submitted  
CORPUS CHRISTI BUSINESS AND JOB DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Submitted  
CORPUS CHRISTI CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: Submitted  
CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: Submitted  
CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION DISTRICT: Submitted  
ETHICS COMMISSION: Submitted  
HOUSING AUTHORITY: Submitted  
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY ADVISORY BOARD: Submitted  
NUECES COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT: Submitted  
OIL AND GAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted  
MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Submitted  
ISLAND STRATEGIC ACTION COMMITTEE: Submitted  
CORPUS CHRISTI B CORPORATION: Submitted

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### Interests & Experiences

**Do you currently serve on any other City board, commission or committee at this time? If so, please list:**

NO

### Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)

SEE ATTACHED RESUME Del Mar Instructor

### Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?

[Upload a Resume](#)

### Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?

☒ Yes ☐ No



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## Demographics

### Gender

☒ Female

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## Board-specific questions (if applicable)

Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

**The Convention & Visitors Bureau Board must include representatives from certain categories. Do you qualify for any of the following categories? \***

☒ None of the above

Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**Are you a qualified voter\* residing in the Authority? (Note: Authority includes the following services areas: Nueces County and the municipalities, Bishop, Corpus Christi, Driscoll, Gregory, Banquete, Agua Dulce, San Patricio, Port Aransas and Robstown)**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**Are you transportation disadvantaged meaning elderly, persons with disabilities or low-income individuals?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to ISLAND STRATEGIC ACTION COMMITTEE

**ISAC must include representatives from certain categories. Do you qualify for any of the following categories? \***

☒ Residential Property Owner (Who owns property and resides on Mustang or Padre Island)

Question applies to MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**The Marina Advisory Committee must include representatives from certain categories. Do you qualify for any of the following categories? \***

None Selected

Question applies to NUECES COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT

**(For NCAD) Are you a resident and qualified elector\* of the District (Nueces County)?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to NUECES COUNTY TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT

**(NCAD) Have you resided in the District for at least 2 years?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you willing to provide an Annual Report of Financial Information as required by the Code of Ethics?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**The Commission on Children & Youth must include representatives from certain categories. High school students must be a Junior or Senior at time of appointment. Do you qualify for any of the following categories? \***

☒ Education

Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Name of high school.**

Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Current Grade**

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Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Date of Birth**

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Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

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Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS & COMMUNITY - List up to four school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, community, or special activities which you have participated.**

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Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**AVAILABILITY - What time commitments do you have that might affect your full participation in the Corpus Christi Commission on Children & Youth?**

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Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**GENERAL INFORMATION 1. If you could make a difference for youth in your community, what would you do and how would you do it?**

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Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**2. What do you consider to be the major concerns of youth throughout this community?**

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Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

**3. Why do you want to participate in the Corpus Christi Commission on Children & Youth?**

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Question applies to PLANNING COMMISSION,CORPUS CHRISTI B CORPORATION,CORPUS CHRISTI BUSINESS AND JOB DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**Are you a registered voter?**

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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**Verification**

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MARGARETA FRATILA, MBM, TMF

Master of Science in Horticulture

3606 Tripoli Dr.

Corpus Christi, TX 78415

Office: 361-851-9418

Mobile: 361-739-3029

Email: [REDACTED]

## **Education:**

- Master of Science in Horticulture and Agriculture Degree from Horticulture University of Bucharest, Romania.
- Master of Art Degree in Business Management and Human Resources Development, Webster University, St. Louis MO and Corpus Christi State University
- Corpus Christi State University (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi) work toward Certification in secondary education and high school and MBA program.
  - Life Earth Science
  - Biology, Horticulture
  - French
- Texas Master Florist and Professional Floral Design Commentator, International Bridal Florist Certification.
- Floral Design and Management Certifications at Del Mar College
- Certified Mediator for Nueces County Courthouse
- Official Translator for Nueces County Courthouse
- Deville Business School-Secretarial and Business office filing
- Stephan Ministry trained as a Stephan Leader at Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi, TX.
- Church of Acts- Class of the Prophets, one year class
- Certified preacher, Evangelist, Healer, Missionary
- Real Estate Institute in Corpus Christi, TX enrolled (three classes from completing the requirements to take Real Estate Broker Examination)

## **Honors and Achievements:**

- Recipient of Republican Senatorial Medal of Freedom, 2004
- Life Member of Republican Senatorial Inner Circle and Presidential Round Table

- Member of Texas State Society of Washington D.C.
    - Organized three Texas “Black Tie and Boots” Presidential Inaugural ball
    - Participated in five Presidential Inaugurations
  - Member of Republican Women’s Club
  - Feature and Keynote Speaker at various schools, churches, and organizations such as:
    - Texas Federation of Republican Women
    - Republican Women’s Club, Conroe TX
    - Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Conroe, TX
    - Speaker for elementary schools, three high schools, and other city organizations
  - Corpus Christi Christians Women’s Club, Past Chairman of Events
  - Producer of two television shows on local Channel 10 public Access
  - Weekly Adoration at the Our Lady of Corpus Christi
  - Member of the League of Womens Voter
  - Member of Friday Morning Group
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- Participated in five Republican National and State Conventions
  - Past Director of the three city Boards:
    - Library Board
    - Tree Advisory
    - Landmark commission
  - Candidate for City Council 2014,2016
  - CASA Volunteer

## **Employment History:**

1983-Present Friday February 13, 1983 my dream to open my own business comes true. I became owner and CEO of Margaret’s Greenhouse and European Floral Design. Full Service flower shop, interiorscaping, and landscaping with instruction in Floral design and Horticulture. Teaching Flower Design on premises or in television.

2010-Present. Business Consultant for various small businesses, Medical Offices, Real Estate Investments

2011- Producer of “Flower Talks - The Language of Love” with Margareta and “Bright Star-The Magic Romanian Matchmaker of All.” The shows are produced and aired weekly (so far we have over 160 episodes aired)

Feb 16, 1881 Immigrated to Untied States-became citizen in 1990

Feb 16 1982 arrived in Corpus Christi TX, crossing the Harbor Bridge penniless, but with a big dream that it was accomplished and I am looking forward to help our citizens to accomplish their dreams and live in a safe and pleasant environment.



## **Personal:**

Proud Mother of two children and four grandchildren

Languages spoken: Romanian, French, English, Russian, Latin, German

Dreams and Aspirations

Writer of the book in progress, "A Flight to Freedom," to be followed by a motion picture cast in Romania, Corpus Christi, TX and other world places. When finalized and approved by publisher and producer as being ready I will present it to the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas, where I am a Charter Member, for signing and fundraising for the "Fight to Freedom" section helping with the fundraising for other immigrants who will want to share their life story of struggle and success. The book is a real life motivational story of my own struggles and success as an immigrant, to follow and accomplish my dream in the free world.

<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/652159>

## **Skills and Trades:**

- Sociable and Personable to the Extreme
- Personal Advisor and Counselor
- Fantastic Promoter and Social Events Organizer
- Network "QUEEN" (as I am known)
- Extremely versatile in protocol, good manners and people skills
- Negotiator and peace maker
- Knowledge of people characters and body language
- Proved success in leadership abilities and business management adviser
- My principles and moral values are timeless and endless, therefore I have many followers of my principles, everyday, in every areas of their life.
- Stephen Leader-Stephen Ministry trained to teach God's care for caregivers.

## **Goals and Ambitions:**

To share my diversified knowledge with the people of all races, colors and religions, as long as they comes here in the USA, from all over the word in a purpose to overcome their struggle through education, beliefs, and following their dreams of freedom with hard work and faith. I want to serve the people in Corpus Christi, the city that I love and its citizens where they become my adoptive family.

My message is that KNOWLEDGE IS POWER and each and every American should appreciate and look to this country through the eyes of an immigrant.

MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA, and KEEP IT ALWAYS FREE!!!

# References

By Request



**Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation****Profile**

Lauren

First Name

Stephens

Last Name

Email Address

4443 Ocean Drive

Street Address

247

Suite or Apt

Corpus Christi

City

TX

State

78412

Postal Code

**What district do you live in? \***☒ District 4**Current resident of the city?**☒ Yes ☐ No**If yes, how many years?**

2.5

Business: (361) 585-1515

Primary Phone

Mobile: (361) 688-2131

Alternate Phone

KingdomX

Employer

Owner

Job Title

**Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number**

4443 Ocean Drive

**Work Address - City**

Corpus Christi

**Work Address - State**

TX

**Work Address - Zip Code**

78412

**Work Phone**

3615851515

**Work E-mail address**

info@kingdomx.com

**Preferred Mailing Address**

☒ Home/Primary Address

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

ETHICS COMMISSION: Submitted

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY ADVISORY BOARD: Submitted

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**Interests & Experiences****Are you a registered voter?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Do you currently serve on any other City board, commission or committee at this time? If so, please list:**

No

**Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)**

Attended WITC for Public Administration and Government. I own an internet marketing and web development business. I anticipate being appointed to the South Coast Republican Women's Board as their Marketing/PR Director in January. Will be a precinct chair for the Republican Party in 2020.

**If you applied for multiple boards, which boards are you most interested in serving on, in order of preference? (Limit to top three)**

Museum of Science and History Ethics Committee

**Why are you interested in serving on a City board, commission or committee?**

Previously served on the City of Beloit Wisconsin's Ethics Committee, appointed by the Mayor and City Council. Very interested in being part of our city's government. Very disappointed there are so many vacancies unfilled.

**Are you an ex-Officio member of a City Board, commission or committee?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

No person shall be appointed by the Mayor or Council Members to serve on more than one board, commission, committee or corporation at the same time. If you currently serve as a voting member for a board, commission, committee or corporation are you willing to resign your current seat to serve on another board, commission, committee or corporation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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## Demographics

### Gender

☒ Female

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## Code of Ethics - Rules of Conduct/Conflicts of Interest

Do you represent any person or organization in any claim or lawsuit or proceeding involving the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you, your spouse, your business or your spouse's business have a City contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your employer or your spouse's employer have a City contract?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you involved with any activities or employment that would conflict with the official duties on the City boards for which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you, your spouse, your business or your spouse's business involved in any pending bid, proposal or negotiation in connection with a contract with the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you or your spouse have a pending claim, lawsuit or proceeding against the City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions above, please explain or ask to speak with the City's Legal Department. If you answer "NO" to all questions above, please enter N/A.

I didnt answer yes to anything.

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## Board-specific questions (if applicable)

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you willing to provide an Annual Report of Financial Information as required by the Code of Ethics?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

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## Verification

### City Code Requirement - Residency

As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to City Code of Ordinances, Section 2-65, which states that all members of City boards and commissions, including ad hoc committees, appointed by the City, must be residents of the city. A move outside the city limits of the city by any member shall constitute automatic resignation from the particular board or commission on which such member served.

☒ I Agree

### City Code Requirement - Attendance

As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to City Code of Ordinances, Section 2-61, which provides that absences from more than 25% of regularly scheduled meetings during a term year on the part of any board, commission, or committee member shall result in an automatic termination. An absence shall be deemed unexcused unless excused by the board, commission or committee for good cause no later than its next meeting after the absence.

☒ I Agree

## **Consent for Release of Information**

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**I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this application or in any attachment (e.g. resume or supporting documentation) for appointment it is subject to and must be disclosed under the Texas Public Information Act. I understand that under the Texas Public Information Act, my home address and home telephone number is subject to public disclosure unless I am elected or appointed to the position which I seek. I hereby consent to the release of my home address and home telephone number should it be requested under the Texas Public Information Act prior to my possible appointment or election. I hereby release the City of Corpus Christi, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.**

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☒ **I Agree**

## **Oath**

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**I swear that all of the statements included in my application and attached documents, if any, are true and correct.**

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☒ **I Agree**