

COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

One (1) vacancy with term ending 2-1-2025. (The Committee for Persons with Disabilities recommends the new appointment of Kristina Arellano).

Duties

The Committee for Persons with Disabilities provides a program to encourage, assist and enable persons with disabilities to participate in the social and economic life of the City; to achieve maximum personal independence; to become gainfully employed; and to enjoy fully and use all public and private facilities available within the community.

Composition

Nine (9) residents of the city who shall be appointed by the City Council. The membership of the committee shall be composed of individuals with disabilities and representatives of agencies and organizations functioning within the committee's area who are interested in the provision of services to persons with disabilities and others who are interested in the abilities and specific needs of persons with disabilities, subject to Council approval. The Human Relations Administrator, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Building Official shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members. The Chairperson of the Committee for Persons with Disabilities shall serve as an ex-officio voting member of the Human Relations Commission.

Creation / Authority

Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 23, Code of Ordinances; Ord. No. 024364 (2/13/01)

Meets

1st Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.,
City Hall City Council Chambers

Member Size

9

Term length / limit

2 years / 6 years

Liaison

Nora Vargas

Name	District	Term	Appt. date	End date	Appointing Authority	Position	Status
Kelsey M. Dahlbeck	District 2	1	2/28/2023	2/1/2025	City Council		Resigned
Imelda M. Trevino	District 5	1	2/8/2022	2/1/2024	City Council		Active
Angela Brengman	District 2	Partial	7/19/2022	2/1/2024	City Council		Active
Melanie R. Gomez	District 2	3	7/17/2018	2/1/2024	City Council	Vice-Chair	Active
Susan Depoliti Tower	District 2	Partial	5/9/2023	2/1/2024	City Council		Active
Sandra L. Flores	District 2	1	2/28/2023	2/1/2025	City Council		Active
Olivia Allan	District 4	1	2/8/2022	2/1/2025	City Council		Active
Jennifer Scott	District 2	2	3/30/2021	2/1/2025	City Council	Chair	Active
Ashley P Voggt PhD	District 4	1	2/28/2023	2/1/2025	City Council		Active
Human Relations Administrator		N/A	N/A	N/A		Ex-Officio, Non-voting	Active
Building Official		N/A	N/A	N/A		Ex-Officio, Non-voting	Active
Parks and Recreation Director		N/A	N/A	N/A		Ex-Officio, Non-voting	Active

COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Applicants

Name	District	Status
Kristina A. Arellano	District 3	Applied
Sonya M. Durrwachter	District 1	Applied
Michelle Jones	District 4	Applied
Rachel M. Pittman	District 4	Applied
Bernice Rubio	District 2	Applied

Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation

Profile

Kristina
First Name

A
Middle Initial

Arellano
Last Name

[Redacted]
Email Address

[Redacted]
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?

29

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Self
Employer

Freelance ASL-English
Interpreter
Job Title

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

2918 Besterio Dr.

Work Address - City

Corpus Christi

Work Address - State

TX

Work Address - Zip Code

78415

Work Phone

3615109353

Work E-mail address

[REDACTED]

Preferred Mailing Address

Home/Primary Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Submitted

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)

MA-Interpretation Studies and Communication Equity (2019) - St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN BA-Sociology (2004) - TAMUCC AA-Sociology (2002) - Del Mar College AAS - Interpreter for the Deaf (2001) - Del Mar College ASL-English Certified Interpreter (Texas BEI: Master & National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: NIC). Initially earned interpreter certification in 2001. Board of Trustee for Corpus Christi Area Council for the Deaf (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center, 5151 McArdle Rd.) Since 2002, instructor in the HS setting until 2012, then began with Del Mar College as adjunct in 2016. Full time faculty with DMC from 2019 until May 19, 2023. I will be transitioning back to interpreting work full time after this semester.

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

N/A

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

Accessibility for all citizens is a human right and I hope to be part of the changes our City can make to provide that accessibility to all individuals. I believe our City can become a model for other cities to follow with regards to accessibility for citizens.

[Upload a Resume](#)

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

Yes No

Are you a current candidate in an election for a non-city public office?

Yes No

Do you currently serve as an elected official for a non-city public office?

Yes No

Will you seek re-election to the non-city public office? If not in a non-city public office, please enter N/A

N/A

Demographics

Gender

Female

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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N/A

Board-specific questions (if applicable)

Verification

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Oath

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Professional Interpreting Experience

Texas BEI – Certified: Master

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: NIC

- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center: Community/Educational Interpreter, Jan. 2012 to Feb. 2016, Full-time; Community Interpreter, Fall 2018 to Present, Part-time
 - Served as a mentor to students both during their internships and beyond to encourage and assist in becoming certified.
 - Lead Interpreter for DHHC’s group of interpreters working in Laredo ISD schools, Sept. to May 2015.
 - Helped Deaf Education teachers with scheduling and ensured all interpreters submitted time sheets and invoices in a timely manner. Covered (as much as possible) for interpreters who had schedule conflicts arise. Kept the team informed of school district events and assisted in training interpreters for the STAAR (state-mandated testing).
- Sorenson Communications: VRS, VRI, and Community Interpreter, Dec. 2012 to Present, Part-time
 - Attended several workshops offered by Sorenson to continue improving skills and overall mental and physical well-being.
 - Enrolled in Sorenson’s Language Mentorship Program (LMP) and was paired with Mr. Anthony Natale for a 6-week period to assistance with use of space while interpreting.
- Aspen Camp for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing: Summer 2011 – 6 weeks, Full-time volunteer
 - One of two certified, full-time interpreters who lived on site to work with deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing staff and campers.
 - Helped organize schedule for interpreters to make sure all activities were covered.
 - Interpreted activities and events both at Aspen Camp and on trips to surrounding towns.
- Bay Area Communications Interpreting Agency: 2001-2002, Part-time
 - Educational interpreting at the community college level.
 - Submitted invoices in a timely manner.
- Del Mar College Interpreter Training Program Internship: Spring 2001, Part-time
 - Educational interpreting with Texas BEI certified interpreters as mentors. This 96-hour internship included a week-long assignment at the Texas School for the Deaf for students who were mainstreamed to an Austin area high school.

General Interpreting Qualifications & Continuing Education

Communicates effectively in American Sign Language, English, and signed English, both written and verbally. Knowledgeable about Deaf culture, the NAD-RID interpreter’s Code of Professional Conduct and adheres to those ethical standards. Able to work well and relate to a myriad of individuals: professionals, students, staff, parents, and guardians. Able to work well under pressure, independently, and consistently maintain confidentiality. Also keeps personal appearance professional. Able to maintain required CEUs including Project CLIMB (Cultivating Legal Interpreters from Minority Backgrounds) and “Foundations” training with Betty Colonomos.

Related Experience – Teaching Experience

Certified Texas Educator: Secondary (6-12) American Sign Language

Effective Date: 08/10/2005 valid through 10/31/2023

- Del Mar College: Instructor, Fall 2019 to Present, Full-time; Adjunct Instructor, Fall 2016 to Spring 2019, Part-time
 - Taught lecture and skills classes in person and online for students pursuing Certificates of Deaf Studies, Associate in Arts Degrees, and Associate in Applied Science Degrees in Interpreting for the Deaf
 - Classes Taught:
 - Introduction to the Interpreting Profession
 - Intralingual Skills Development for Interpreters
 - Interpreting I
 - Interpreting II
 - Interpreting III
 - Visual/Gestural Communications
 - Introduction to the Deaf Community
 - Interpreting Internship
- American Sign Language Teacher at Flour Bluff High School from August 2002 to May 2012
 - Taught ASL 1, 2, and 3 and co-sponsored an ASL Club in which students were highly involved in the Corpus Christi Deaf Community

Teaching Qualifications

Created new and followed inherited course materials and teaching methods that received an excellent response from students. Successfully taught diverse groups of students and was able to modify according to IEP and 504 accommodations. Skilled in evaluating needs and developing student-focused teaching strategies, materials (using many forms of technology), and lesson plans. Proficient in motivating, involving, and leading students to achieve classroom goals. Provided a well-balanced educational experience, which included a real-world perspective to learning and exposure to topics such as multiculturalism in Deaf and hearing communities, diversity, power, privilege, oppression, as well as opportunities for extracurricular activities in the local Deaf Community. Worked effectively to resolve personality conflicts amongst students and maintained high levels of respect and student discipline. Able to maintain required CEUs.

Education

- May 2019 – Received M.A. Interpretation Studies and Communication Equity from St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN
- August 2004 – Received B.A. Sociology from Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
 - 3.897 GPA – Magna Cum Laude – 4 semesters on Dean’s List – Member of Alpha Kappa Delta: Sociology Honor Society
- May 2002 – Received A.A. Sociology from Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX
 - 3.85 GPA – 6 semesters on Dean’s List – Member of Phi Theta Kappa Academic Honor Society
- May 2001 – Received A.A.S. Interpreter for the Deaf from Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

Other Certifications/Affiliations

- Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: Certified Member
 - National Association of the Deaf: Regular Member
- Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf: Certified Member
 - Texas Association of the Deaf: Regular Member
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center: Board of Trustees Member

Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation

Profile

Dr. Sonya M Durrwachter
 Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted]
 Email Address

[Redacted]
 Street Address

Corpus Christi TX 78410
 City State Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

District 1

Current resident of the city?

Yes No

If yes, how many years?

27, 21 of those consecutive

[Redacted]
 Primary Phone

[Redacted]
 Alternate Phone

Calallen ISD Director of Special Education
 Employer Job Title

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

4205 Wildcat Dr.

Work Address - City

Corpus Christi

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78410

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I am currently the Special Education Director at Calallen ISD and a Lecturer/Adjunct in the College of Education and Human Performance, Department of Teacher & Bilingual Education at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. I am also a board member for Family Counseling Service.

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

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

I desire to give back to the community in which I live while assisting and empowering individuals with disabilities to participate fully as citizens of Corpus Christi.

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I didn't see a spot to indicate this but my husband is employed as a Fire Captain with CCFD.

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I Agree

SONYA M. DURRWACHTER

14513 Spaulding Dr. * Corpus Christi, TX 78410 * (361) 726-2149

SUMMARY STATEMENT

I am an educational leader with twenty-one years of experience in the field of special education. I am a versatile professional with experience in the general and special education classroom, as a campus assessment staff leader, and as a district leader. I have experience overseeing and managing staff on multiple campuses while ensuring adherence to federal and state requirements. I have experience planning and executing staff development in the areas of special education, leadership, and McKinney-Vento.

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University - Kingsville Kingsville, Texas
Ed.D. in Educational Leadership December 2017
Dissertation: Educational Diagnostician Shortage: Perceptions of Educational Diagnosticians and Special Education Directors on Recruitment and Retention

Stephen F. Austin Nacogdoches, Texas
Principal Certification 2011-2012

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, Texas
MS in Special Education – December 2007
Diagnostician Certification

Education Service Center – 2 Corpus Christi, Texas
Teacher Certification Program 2002-2003

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, Texas
AACSB Accredited May 2000
BBA in Accounting with a minor in Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Calallen ISD Corpus Christi, Texas
Director of Special Education August 2013 – Present
McKinney Vento & Foster Care Liaison January 2016 – Present

- o Direct and manage special education program to meet students' needs while ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal requirements.
- o Plan, allocate, and maintain the necessary resources for the special education program.
- o Responsible for annual federal and state/local budget for special education.
- o Obtain additional grant funding through the Evaluation Capacity Grant.
- o Manage the special education referral process.
- o Supervise and monitor the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) process.
- o Serve as a resource for staff, teachers, parents, and students for the special education program including providing professional development to the campuses.
- o Evaluate assessment staff members.
- o Evaluate campus administrator (using T-PESS).
- o Participate in the recruitment and retention of special education staff.
- o Ensure compliance with state and federal requirements for students who are homeless, unaccompanied minors, and in foster care.
- o Review and revise Special Education Operating Procedures.

- o Streamline paperwork and procedures to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements and facilitate smoother transitions between general education and special education and between campuses.
- o Review and revise paperwork and procedures for McKinney-Vento to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements.
- o Present on Special Education and McKinney-Vento topics districtwide to all staff.
- o Ensure that students are appropriately identified for McKinney-Vento eligibility.

Special Education Coordinator August 2010 – August 2013

- o Monitor compliance with local, state, and federal requirements.
- o Review and request necessary resources for the special education program.
- o Manage the special education referral process.
- o Monitor the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) process.
- o Serve as a resource for staff, teachers, parents, and students for the special education program including providing professional development to the campuses.

Educational Diagnostician August 2008 – July 2010

- Calallen Middle School Educational Diagnostician (August 2008 – June 2010)
- Calallen East Primary School Educational Diagnostician (August 2009 – June 2010)
 - o Conduct initial evaluations and reevaluations within state timelines and determine student eligibility according to federal and state regulations.
 - o Conduct classroom observations and interviews.
 - o Coordinate admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee meetings and ensure they are run in compliance with local, state, and federal requirements.
 - o Serve as a resource for staff, teachers, parents, and students for the special education program including providing professional development to the campuses.

Texas A&M University – Kingsville

Kingsville, Texas

Lecturer/Adjunct

August 2022-Present

- o Instruct students in various courses in the College of Education and Human Performance, Department of Teacher & Bilingual Education
 - o Fall 2022
 - EDSE 5366 – Individual Psychological and Educational Testing
 - o Spring 2023
 - EDSE 5361 – Educational and Psychological Measurement and Evaluation
 - EDSE 5367 – Assessment of Individuals with Severe Disabilities
- o Evaluate and grade student coursework, assignments, and papers in accordance with school policy; provide effective feedback to students.

Tuloso – Midway ISD

Corpus Christi, Texas

Teacher

July 2002 – May 2008

- High School Math Resource Teacher (July 2004 – May 2008)
- Speech & Debate Coach & Teacher (July 2005 – May 2008)
- Assistant High School Girls Soccer Coach (November 2006 – March 2008)
- Middle School Life Skills Teacher (July 2002 – May 2004)
 - Attendance Committee Member (2005 – 2008)
 - Site Based Committee Member (2005 – 2008)
 - Senior Class Sponsor (2006 – 2007)
- o Plan, prepare, and deliver lesson plans to facilitate active learning.
- o Instruct and monitor students.
- o Use technology to support learning and differentiated instruction.
- o Manage student behavior by establishing and enforcing rules and procedures in accordance with the rules and disciplinary policies of the school.

- o Provide appropriate feedback to students.
- o Maintain accurate and complete records of students' progress for both the report card and the progress/objective monitoring.
- o Update all records accurately and completely as required.
- o Participate in department, school, district, special education, and parent meetings.
- o Provide a variety of learning materials for use in educational activities.
- o Serve as a case manager for special education students including monitoring students' grades in all classes, serving as a resource for other teachers, contacting parents, and participating in ARD meetings.

Kelly Services

Substitute Teacher – Tulooso Midway ISD

Corpus Christi, Texas
April 2002 – May 2002

- Substitute Teacher for all campuses

Belukus Marketing, Inc

Accountant

Bryan, Texas
June 2000 – March 2002

- Developed accounting system for three sister companies
- Accounts Payable / Receivable
- Payroll
- Account and bank reconciliation
- Manage multiple bank accounts
- Process foreign funds payments
- Develop cost formulas to assist in pricing of merchandise

HONORS ORGANIZATIONS

- Golden Key International Honour Society (lifetime)
- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (lifetime)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Classroom Teacher
 - Mathematics (Grades 4-8)
 - Generic Special Education (Grades PK-12)
 - English as a Second Language Supplemental (Grades PK-12)
 - All Level Health (Grades EC-12)
 - All-Level Physical Education (Grades PK-12)
 - Secondary Speech Communications (Grades 6-12)
 - Secondary Business Administration (Grades 6-12)
- Educational Diagnostician (Grades EC-12)
- Principal (Grades EC-12)
- Crisis Prevention Institute Instructor
- Texas Principal Evaluation & Support System (T-PESS)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Council for Exceptional Children
- Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education
- Texas Educational Diagnosticians' Association

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Grace United Methodist Church

- Safety Policy Administrator
- Sunday School Teacher
- Governing Council

Corpus Christi, TX
2020-Present
2012-2013 & 2015-2021
2015-2019

Family Counseling Services

- Board of Directors

Corpus Christi, TX
2020-Present

TRAININGS PRESENTED

- Numerous presentations conducted at Calallen ISD on special education and McKinney Vento topics; List available upon request

TRAININGS/CONTINUING EDUCATION

List available upon request

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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Profile

Michelle

First Name

Jones

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

Corpus Christi

City

TX

State

78418

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

What district do you live in? *

District 4

Current resident of the City of Corpus Christi?

Yes No

If yes, how many years?

20

Self Employed @ Peaceful
Heart Massage

Employer

Massage & Aquatics Therapist

Job Title

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

3738 Nahid Court

Work Address - City

Corpus Christi

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TX

Work Address - Zip Code

78418

Preferred Mailing Address

Home/Primary Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Are you a Nueces County registered voter?

Yes No

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

No

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See Resume

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

Only applying for one

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

As a parent of a person with disabilities, a business owner who focuses on people with disabilities, and the founder/board president of a nonprofit that serves individuals with disabilities I believe I have a lot to offer the committee in terms of knowledge and experience. As a member I would hope to leverage that knowledge and experience to help make Corpus Christi the most accessible and inclusive city in America!

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

Are you a current candidate in an election for a non-city public office?

Yes No

Michelle Jones

Do you currently serve as an elected official for a non-city public office?

Yes No

Will you seek re-election to the non-city public office? If not in a non-city public office, please enter N/A

N/A

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I Agree

MICHELLE JONES, LMT

3738 Nahid Court - Corpus Christi, TX 78418

 - 361.834.6545

EDUCATION

- Hands On Approach School of Massage and Spa: Licensed Massage Therapist (LMT) - 2012
- Mott Community College: Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) - 1992

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Peaceful Heart Massage: 2012 to Present
 - Self Employed: Provides contract massage and aquatics therapy to individuals with disabilities through the Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) Program under the Texas Department of Health and Human Services
- Valley Independent Living (ValL): 2010 to 2012
 - Advocate/Relocation Specialist: *See below for job description*
- Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL): 2002 to 2010
 - Advocate/Relations Specialist: Provided education on community program options for people with disabilities seeking independent living arrangements. Implemented decision making by (1) conducting assessments, (2) developing transition plans, (3) coordinating non-medicare services, (4) locating suitable housing, (5) assisting with the application for public benefits, and (6) coordinating logistics of move in
 - CBAD Coordinator: *See below for program description*

TRAINING/CERTIFICATON

- Texas Partners in Policymaking: 2003
 - Leadership training program organized by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD). It is designed to empower adults with developmental disabilities (DD) and family members

of people with DD to become effective advocates for policy change.

- Coastal Bend Advocacy Development (CBAD) : 2002
 - o Educational opportunity for individuals with disabilities and their allies. Session topics include barriers faced by individuals with disabilities that include housing, transportation, education and employment. Current policy and legislative issues are explored and opportunities to advocate as individuals and peers are part of the CBAD experience.

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Wings of Texas, President & Founder: 2014 to Present
 - o A 501c3 nonprofit organization that works to help individuals with disabilities access community events throughout the Coastal Bend. Primary programs include adaptive running, cycling, and bowling. Organization also hosts annual events (Spirit of the ADA Community Advocacy Awards; Captains Ball Special Needs Dance; Hero's Challenge physical mobility 1k; Teddy Bear Ride to Driscoll Children's Hospital; etc) aimed at supporting the disabilities community and making the Coastal Bend a more inclusive place to live, work, play, and learn!
- Flour Bluff Special Olympics Booster Club, President & founder: 2012-2015
 - o Program nested within Special Olympics Texas to raise restricted funds for the support of the Flour Bluff Special Olympics program
- Special Olympics Texas - South Texas Area, Coach: 2012-2014
 - o Special Olympics is the world's largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities providing year-round training and activities to 5 million participants and Unified Sports partners in 172 countries

AWARDS/ACCOLADES

- KRIS 6 News Angel of the Month: October 2023
- Spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act Parent Advocate Award: 2003

Application for a City Board, Commission, Committee or Corporation

Profile

MRS RACHEL M PITTMAN
 Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[REDACTED]
 Email Address

[REDACTED]
 Street Address

CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418
 City State Postal Code

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

What district do you live in? *

District 4

Current resident of the City of Corpus Christi?

Yes No

If yes, how many years?

5

Reemp DSD Inc OWNER/PRESIDENT
 Employer Job Title

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

13941 KETCH ST

Work Address - City

CORPUS CHRISTI

Work Address - State

TX

Work Address - Zip Code

78418

Work Phone

3614298587

Work E-mail address

REEMPDSO@GMAIL.COM

Preferred Mailing Address

Home/Primary Address

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Are you a Nueces County registered voter?

Yes No

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

N/A

Education, Professional and/or Community Activity (Present)

BACHELOR DEGREES IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP FROM COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY. OWNER REEMP DSD INC IN CORPUS CHRISTI TX

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

WATERSHORE AND BEACH ADVISORY PADRE ISLES MANAGEMENT CONVENTION AND VISITORS PARKS AND REC COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

LIVING ON THE ISLAND, WE ARE HEAVILY INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT IS MY INTENT TO CONTINUE THAT ENDEAVOUR TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BETTER FOR EVERYONE. JOINING A BOARD, ALLOWS ME ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK AND TO HELP CONTINUE MAKING OUR CITY EVEN BETTER FOR EVERYONE.

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

Yes No

Are you a current candidate in an election for a non-city public office?

Yes No

Do you currently serve as an elected official for a non-city public office?

Yes No

Will you seek re-election to the non-city public office? If not in a non-city public office, please enter N/A

N/A

Demographics

Gender

Female

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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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

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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.

N/A

Board-specific questions (if applicable)

Question applies to WATERSHORE AND BEACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Watershore & Beach Advisory Committee must include members representing certain categories. Do you qualify for any of the following categories? *

None of the above

Question applies to CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Commission on Children & Youth preferred representatives for adult membership 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? *

Adult At-Large

Verification

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I Agree

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I Agree

Consent for Release of Information

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Oath

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

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Bernice

First Name

Rubio

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

Corpus Christi

City

TX

State

78411

Postal Code

What district do you live in? *

District 2

Current resident of the city?

Yes No

If yes, how many years?

63

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Corpus Christi Independent
School District

Employer

Teacher- Vocational Training
Teacher

Job Title

Work Address - Street Address and Suite Number

4402 Castenon

Work Address - City

Corpus Christi

Work Address - State

Texas

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78415

Work Phone

361-878-7960

Work E-mail address

bsrubio@ccisd.us

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Committee for Special Needs -disabilities Housing

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committee

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