

Application Form

Profile

Cara

First Name

Filsinger

Last Name

Middle
Initial

Email Address

Home Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

What Ward do you live in? *

 Ward 1

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Retired

Employer

Job Title

State of Oregon - 31 years

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Salem Public Library Advisory Board: Submitted

Which of the following City of Salem Board or Commission meetings have you attended? *

 None

Interests & Experiences

What do you feel you can contribute as a board or commission member?

I recently retired from 31 years of state employment working for a large regulatory agency and the legislature. My work focused primarily policy development, legislative coordination, and state agency budgeting work. I have great appreciation for the need to manage limited resources within the structure provided by government and elected officials. I am an excellent listener and believe every viewpoint merits consideration when finding solutions.

Upload a Resume

What prompted your interest in applying to serve as a board or commission member?

I was a library kid, now a library grown up, and this board feels like a good place to apply my professional skills to positively improve the library, especially during the upcoming difficult budget times. Since I retired from serving Oregonians through my paid work, I am looking for ways to help my community through volunteer opportunities.

Please explain how your education, professional, personal, or volunteer experience and knowledge qualify you to serve on the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying.

My long state career was in public policy, regulation, and state budgeting, including providing information and advice to senior management for decision making. I believe my professional skills are a perfect match for this advisory board as it provides similar guidance to the council.

List any experience you have with volunteering for the City of Salem or other organizations.

I have volunteered with Foster Parent Night Out, an organization that provides an evening of respite care for foster parents. I am currently on the Salem for Refugees Welcome Home Team that sets up housing for incoming refugee families.

Briefly explain any experience you have working with your neighborhood association or other public bodies or committees.

Though I have not participated in many community level groups in Salem, I have extensive professional experience working with state government, the legislature, and governor-appointed advisory committees (see resume).

Can you commit to attending a minimum of 75 percent of scheduled meetings? (Please refer to the City's website for the meeting schedule. Failure to meet the attendance requirement may result in removal from office.)

Yes No

Please list up to three (3) references whom we could contact to learn more about your qualifications (name/email address or phone number/relationship).

Matt West, former supervisor, 503-507-4997, matt.d.west@dcbs.oregon.gov Cathy Ostrand-Ponsioen, former colleague, 503-510-1772, coponsioen@gmail.com Hasina Wittenberg, professional reference, 503-708-8079, hasina@grsoregon.com

Question applies to Salem Public Library Advisory Board

When did you last visit the Salem Public Library? Tell us about your experience during that visit.

I visit the library weekly, usually to pick up a hold book or to scan the "lucky day" shelf. Most recently I attended the adult craft session on June 8 where we made welcome mats. It is so fun to meet interesting people (and several I knew already) and get your art on. I've been impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication of the library staff who put together these events and make sure everyone is having a good time.

Question applies to Salem Public Library Advisory Board

In your opinion, what role does the Salem Public Library play in making Salem a livable community?

The library provides a safe and welcoming space for every person in Salem. It connects people to resources they might not have in their everyday lives - information, internet access, respect, social connection. It is the only public space in Salem that brings all walks of life to one common place and allows each person to make the experience their own.

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

Gender

Question