

Application Form

Profile

Virginia

First Name

Barker

Last Name

Middle Initial

Email Address

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Salem

City

OR

State

97301

Postal Code

What Ward do you live in? *

☒ Ward 5

Home:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

None

Employer

Job Title

Retired

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizen Budget Committee: Submitted

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

- ☒ Citizen Budget Committee
- ☒ Salem Planning Commission

Interests & Experiences

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

Having worked in the public sector for the State of Oregon for over 17 years, I understand the budget process of public entities. I have a degree in Accounting and Industrial Management-Information Systems. I am currently and have been for several years the Treasurer for my church which involves developing and monitoring the annual budget. My strong financial background is very well suited to serving as a member of the Citizen Budget Committee

Upload a Resume

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

Having retired, I am able to commit more time to volunteer activities. Because of my strong financial background, I determined the Citizen Budget Committee would be a good fit for me. I have a desire to help to make the City of Salem all that it can be.

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.

I have a degree in Accounting and Industrial Management-Information Systems. I have 17+ years of experience in the public sector working as a Data Administrator, Accountant, and Financial Analyst with the State of Oregon. I understand the public budgeting process. I have been actively involved in the Lansing Neighborhood Association since 2001, and served as Secretary for 16 years. I am currently serving as Treasurer for my church and am responsible for helping create the annual budget as well as monitoring it throughout the year.

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

Board Member-Lansing Neighborhood Association (16 years as Secretary) SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) Reading program volunteer in the elementary school system Volunteer with Oregon Department of Justice, Consumer Protection hotline Active member of Capital Baptist Church (work with preschoolers, youth, and choir member, Church Treasurer) CaPES (Community & Partners of East Salem) Washington Elementary School - movie night snacks & Field Day volunteer President of Insurance Women of Klamath Falls

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

I have been an active member of the Lansing Neighborhood Association since 2001 and have served on the Board since 2002 and as Secretary for 16 years. I have prepared testimony for City Council and the Planning Commission. I was a Steering Committee member for the development of the Lansing/NESCA Neighborhood Plan in 2016-2017 and worked extensively with Planning Staff in this project.

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).

Joe Bonawitz - Oregon Department of Transportation - [REDACTED] - Former Manager of mine John Lipton - Pastor Capital Baptist Church - [REDACTED] - Pastor/Friend Karen Rice - Former Board Member and founding member of Lansing Neighborhood Association - [REDACTED]

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

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female