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December 3, 2014

To: Los Altos Hills Fire District Commission

From: Janice Carr, 24285 Summerhill Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024

Commissioner Duffy Price approached me in March of this year suggesting that I apply for membership on the Commission to represent the unincorporated area of the Fire District.

I would be pleased to serve on the commission. I have lived in the unincorporated area for 44 years and have appreciated the many services provided for Los Altos Hills County Fire District residents.

My background includes being a member of the first LAHCFD CERT class in 2008, and completion of CERT Supervisor training this year. In addition, I am a ham radio operator.

I am retired from a faculty position at Foothill College where, in addition to teaching mathematics, my experiences include coordinator of tenure committees, director of the Honors Institute, advisor to several student clubs, developer and director of the Academically Talented Youth Program, member of the Sustainability and Buildings and Grounds committees, and editor of the college's Sustainability Master Plan.

Thank you for considering my interest in serving on the Commission. If I can be of service by representing my neighbors in the unincorporated area I will be happy to do so.

I have submitted my online application.

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Board of Directors
Los Altos Hills County Fire District
P.O.Box 1766
Los Altos, CA 94023-1766

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Dear Fire Commissioners

I would like to submit my name for appointment to fill the current vacancy for Commissioner on the Los Altos Hills County Fire District.

As many of you know, I have previously served nearly two 4-year terms as a Fire Commissioner. I was initially appointed to fill the late Dan Alexander's seat, being unanimously endorsed for this position by the Los Altos Hills City Council. I finished out Dan's Term and was subsequently re-appointed for a full 4-year term. At that time I was not re-appointed because the Los Altos Hills City Council asked that the opening be filled by a City Councilman.

During my tenure, I was an active participant and instrumental in helping the District achieve a number of goals – the major ones may be summarized as

- I designed the overall outline of the District's web-site, and subsequently provided the bulk of the photographic images and detailed text to the vendor, to enable the latter to implement the website smoothly and quickly.

- I chaired a sub-committee to streamline and document the process involved in and around the annual weed-abatement effort. This involved coordinating and clarifying some key process points between various parties, and then flow-charting the sequence and timing of interactions between County Fire, County Agriculture Dept, County Administration, LAHCFD, and the Public.

- I was instrumental in helping create a number of brochures as well as a trifold information pamphlet to educate our residents on aspects of the Fire District including both text and photographs

- I was an active participant in the effort to establish contingency succession planning for staff, in particular the creation of job descriptions of staff members.

- I created the first draft of a Strategic Planning Document (5-year Horizon) for the district addressing each of the major operational components involved in running the district. Unfortunately, because I was not re-appointed, this document never progressed beyond the first draft. (I still think it is important for the district to establish an agreed-upon 5-year vision so that planning can be done proactively with an integrated view covering all major operational aspects rather than piecemeal and in reactive mode)

- I served as Vice-President and subsequently President of LAHCFD, each for one year.

These are just the most prominent activities during my time on the board.

Serving on the commission was very gratifying for me, and I believe I made a solid contribution to the work of The Board. I would very much like the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the Board once again.

Yours sincerely

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Board Members
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December 4, 2014

Dear Board Members,

I am interested in becoming a Fire District Commissioner. I have lived in Los Altos Hills for 25 years. I have been a volunteer in many neighborhood groups over the years and last year my wife and I received a LA/LAH Community Service Volunteer Award. Over the years I have served on many Town ad hoc and standing committees including the ad hoc Sewer, Infrastructure, PHWD Rate Review, Westwind Community Barn and Fire District Review Committees. I am now in my second term as Chair of the FIC Committee and have been on this committee for six years. I also led a successful neighborhood program to annex 51 properties into Los Altos Hills and build the sewer main on Ravensbury Avenue.

Since February 2012 I have attended almost every Fire District Commission meeting. As you know, I have spent considerable time reviewing the budgeting and financial operations of the Fire District and have an excellent understanding of its finances, budgeting, accounting and operations. I prepared a representative annual budget document for the District, made a presentation on budget variances, served as a public member of the Auditor Selection Committee assisting in the RFP preparation and response evaluation leading to the selection of a new auditor and participated in this year's midyear budget review.

My work with the LAHCFD and PHWD has provided me insight into their operations. My extensive work with the Town provides for a clear understanding of how these three organizations need to work more closely together in addressing common issues such as roads, trees, water and emergency preparedness. The Fire District has a number of key issues before it including a strategic review, fire department contract renewal, financial reserve analysis as well as accomplishing its mission with lower financial resources, having spent down funds by over $10 million dollars in the last five years. I believe I can help the District enhance its management practices, develop a master plan and professionally address the matters that come before it as well as work with the other commissioners and fire department professionals to assess and improve emergency preparedness.

I am a former president of three Bay Area companies and prior to those positions I was the vice president of operations for two other companies involved in consumer, medical and computer products. My degree is in industrial engineering and operations research and I started my career designing and building nuclear power plants as part of a project manager's team. I believe my operations, finance and managerial training and experience along with my extensive knowledge of these organizations and long residency will enable me to make a valuable contribution to the Fire District and represent the interests of its constituents.

Additional information can be provided upon request.

Thank you for your consideration.

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November 29, 2014

Board Members
Los Altos Hills County Fire District
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RE: Commission Vacancy Application

Dear Board Members,

I am interested in your upcoming vacancy for a resident of the Town of Los Altos Hills. I have been a resident here since May 2009, but a county resident for many years before then.

In my on-line application, I listed my extensive background on boards (including as an elected board member of the Cupertino Union School District), as well as my motivation to participate in the community. My interest in the Fire District Commission in particular is based on my interest in proper landscape care (former garden columnist for the Contra Costa Times and current board member of the Santa Clara chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers) and smart fire prevention. I am an enthusiastic participant in the Brush Chipping program, and having read minutes of past meetings, am very interested in your work. In addition, my wife's grandmother's house was destroyed in the October 1991 Oakland fire, so I am quite aware of the dangers of great fires and the hazards of eucalyptus trees in particular.

Based on my past board memberships, I hope you would find me to be an effective board member. As an engineer with a business background, I have an analytical and thoughtful problem-solving approach, and I'm always willing to put in the effort to understand issues. Just as importantly, I understand the importance of a collaborative relationship with fellow board members and how to approach decisions with a team attitude that extends also to professional staff and the general public. The timing of this appointment fits in perfectly with my interest in extending to new ventures, as I will be termed out on the West Valley Community Services board as of June 2015.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George K. Tyson

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Jeanne Evilsizer

From: Melvin Vaughn <c4scab@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 29, 2014 6:01 PM
To: jeannefire@cruzers.net
Subject: Re: Commissioner Vacancy

Hi Jeanne,
I have continued interest in remaining as a Los Altos Hills Fire Commissioner serving the unincorporated area of Los Altos Hills.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Melvin Vaughn
c4scab@aol.com

December 5th, 2014

Dave Stewart
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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to express my interest in being selected to serve in the Los Altos Hills (incorporated area) Board seat opening January 1, 2015.

I would like to serve on the Los Altos Hills County Fire District (LAHCFD) Commission to contribute to the efforts of the commission in advancing fire safety in Los Altos Hills and the unincorporated area served by the LAHCFD. I'm interested in Wildland-Urban Interface fire hazards unique to the hills, and mitigation strategies including fire-break open space and home construction techniques to minimize the spread of wildfire. My special interest is post-earthquake emergency response capabilities of the fire department, including fire suppression, rescue, communication and coordination with other responding entities, including local government and non-government organizations.

I bring 28 years experience managing product development in computer and consumer products companies to the commission. My deep background in computers, software and networking has given me an excellent grasp of both the benefits and challenges of information technology. In prior jobs, I have managed nationally distributed databases, thousands of computers, and high bandwidth networks distributing both data and live video feeds to corporate clients such as Ford Motor. In these massive deployments it was necessary to ensure that the technology did not overwhelm the users.

As an executive I have experience with long-term strategy, multimillion dollar financial planning, complex project oversight and implementation, manufacturing and personnel

issues. Working in both highly successful and financially struggling companies has given me an appreciation and understanding of how to spend carefully, watch over budgets and schedules, and get good value for money spent.

I have also served as a Supervisor in the LAHCFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, active in CERT since 2010. I co-chair the information technology group within LAHCFD CERT, focused on post-disaster information gathering to provide prioritized, actionable information from scattered reports. Recently we have worked with Fire Department and Los Altos Hills town government to implement a high performance, Internet based communication system between the Ark and the Los Altos Hills Emergency Operations Center.

I am also an Associate Member of the Los Altos Hills Emergency Communications Committee, a group of hams who provide emergency communication services to the Town and Santa Clara County.

No other obligations should interfere with my attendance at regularly scheduled meetings. I am employed full time at Tesla in Palo Alto, so my availability during business hours is limited, but I am also close enough to get to the fire station quickly if necessary.

I've been a homeowner and resident of Los Altos Hills since 1991, and a resident of Santa Clara County since 1977. I've benefited from a number of LAHCFD programs: brush chipping, water main and hydrant improvements, personal emergency preparedness and CERT. I would like to contribute to the Los Altos Hills County Fire District, and providing my technical and financial expertise would be a good way to do so.

Sincerely,

Dave Stewart

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Town

County of Santa Clara
Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Lynn Regadanz
Clerk of the Board

Application for Advisory Appointment

New! The County of Santa Clara provides reimbursement to appointed Commissioners for child care expenses during the time spent performing their official County duties. For additional information please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 408-299-5001.

Applicant must be resident of Santa Clara County.

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Title:		Submit Date:	
Mr.		12/04/2014	
*Last Name:	Middle Name:		*First Name:
Kratz	A		Franz

*Address:		*Home Phone	
27789 Via Ventana		(650) 941-1946	
City:	State:	Zip:	Business Phone:
Los Altos Hills	Calif	94022	(650) 852-7058
E-Mail Address:		Fax No:	
a_kratz@sbcglobal.net		(650) 852-6458	

How long have you been a resident of the County of Santa Clara? Years 40 Months

*In which supervisorial district do you live? District 5

Don't know which district you live in? Use our online District Lookup Application

*Are you currently an appointed member of a Santa Clara County Board/Commission/Committee? No

If yes, which one(s)

*Are you a County employee? No

If yes, in which department

Occupation

Education (check all that apply)

High School	College Degree	Master Degree	Doctoral Degree
Yes	Yes	No	No

Other working on masters degree in Information Tech.

*On which Advisory Board, Commission or Committee would you like to serve?
Los Altos Hills County Fire District

Why do you want to become a member of a County Board or Commission?
I am a long time resident of Los Altos Hills, and I am interested in city government, policy and serving the community that I live in. Interests in LAH city trails. Interests in city planning for a safer community. Interests in community events to bring families together.

Please list your qualifications thought applicable for appointment.
Upstanding citizen of the community of LAH for over 40 years. Back ground in business and worked for over 31 years in the aerospace industry. Volunteer with CERT 3 years and became a C.E.R.T. Supervisor 2 years of service.

Are there any interests or activities that you wish to bring to attention of the Board of Supervisors?
Volunteer with Help One Child, agency for helping foster kids.
Volunteer as a Adult Singles leader for Menlo Park Pres church.

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?
I would arrange for making the time with my work obligations.

This space is provided for any additional information you may have about yourself or the position being sought.

Attended Evergreen College, Criminal Justice Training, for community service working as a reserve Peace Officer. Interests in law and city government.
Education: Business management, Mech. Engineering, and Information Technology.

Please provide three references:

Reference 1 Name: Mike Sanders
Address Line 1:
Address Line 2:
Phone: (650) 922-1055

Reference 2 Name: Duffy Price
Address Line 1:
Address Line 2:
Phone: (650) 948-0596

Reference 3 Name: Gary Waldeck
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Application expires 2 years from date submitted.
*How did you learn about this vacancy?
County Website