



Application for Appointment to fill Board Vacancy

[Instructions: Please fill in all applicable information, then read the "Board Member Qualifications and Expectations" section and sign at the bottom. All applicants please attach a letter describing their experience, qualifications and reason they wish to seek this appointment. Please mail all documents to the District address below or email scanned documents to the Districts email address.]

NAME Shaheen Jorgensen

PRIMARY PHYSICAL RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) _____

PHONE 8 - EMAIL _____ ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER IN

MONTEREY COUNTY? Yes

Board Member Qualifications and Expectations

District Information:

1. Spreckels Memorial District is one of forty two Independent Special Districts of Monterey County. The purpose of the district is to manage Spreckels Veteran's Memorial Building and Spreckels Memorial Park under CA Military and Veterans Code, Sections 1170-1259, et seq.

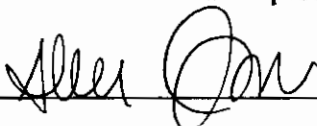
Spreckels Memorial District • P.O. Box 7266 • Spreckels, CA 93962
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2. Oversight of the District is by an elected Board of Directors, of which there are five positions. Three board positions must be reserved for military veterans. Directors serve terms of four years and are subject to reelection on the odd numbered years. Terms are staggered to have two or three board positions up for reelection every two years. According to the CA Military and Veteran's Code, three of the five board positions must be reserved for military veterans. If no veterans apply, the board may choose to appoint a non-veteran to the position.
3. SMD is funded by a property tax benefit assessment of \$95 per parcel, totaling \$32,600 per year, and a share of the 1% property tax, totaling \$155,600. The district also receives \$15,000-\$20,000 per year in rental income from the Memorial Building.
4. District staff consists of a part-time General Manager/Board Clerk, Full Time Facilities Manager and Part Time District Utility Worker.

Applicant Qualifications and Expectations:

1. Directors for SMD are constitutional elected officials and are required to file the Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests with Monterey County on a yearly basis.
2. Directors must be registered voters and their primary physical residence must be within district boundaries shown on the District map.
3. Regular SMD board meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm at the Memorial Building meeting room. Board members are expected to attend these and any Special Meetings called by the Board President. Meetings are held in accordance with the Brown Act for open governmental meetings.
4. This is an unpaid position.

I have read and understand the information provided above.

Applicant Signature 

Applicant Printed Name Shaheen Jorgensen

Date 01/20/2023

Spreckels Veterans Memorial District Open Board Member Position Application Letter

Shaheen Jorgensen

01/20/2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting this letter of interest in filling the vacant Board Member position and offer the following reasons for my interest in serving this community.

I was born and raised in Monterey County, and moved to Spreckels in 1999, purchasing my home in 2000 from the daughters of the original owners who purchased it from Mr. Spreckels in the 1930's. My husband and I have put a lot of sweat and love into this home, restoring it as best we could to make it a wonderful place to live. We have come to appreciate this community more and more and have no desire to leave.

I worked for the Monterey County Sheriff's Office for almost 35 years (and husband Rick for 30 years) as a Deputy Sheriff/ Detective, retiring in 2021. I had considered applying for the Spreckels Community Services District in 2020 but was diagnosed with cancer and that became my full-time job. I am currently cancer free and healthy again and am ready to do what I can to contribute to my community.

In my career at the Sheriff's Office, I became adept at organization, overseeing complex tasks, and dealing with the public and other county, state, and federal government agencies. I ran the department's youth Explorer Program (sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America) in the 1990's, and served on many department collateral duty units to include being a Crisis Negotiator for 10 years. I have experience writing legal process documents, Bloodborne Pathogen policies, and overseeing Bloodborne pathogen training, First Aid / CPR training, and creating Occupational Exposure checklist packets for employees.

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Of course personal safety, and the protection of others and property (that includes liability identification) was always forefront in my daily duties. It was also required in my duties to evaluate community needs and deficits and to assist with solving those problems whenever possible. Creativity and out of the box thinking was a must, and I believe that will translate directly to this position. I have a deep understanding of Letter of Law, and Spirit of the Law, and how important that difference can be in the discharge of duties.

A safe, healthy, and happy community fosters pride in ownership (and better rental care), better individual participation, better revenue opportunities by virtue of desired location, and hopefully better long-term sustainability without straining the time and resources of the Board(s). That is what I would like to work towards affecting as a Board Member for this community.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaheen Jorgensen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "J".

Shaheen Jorgensen